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Confidential informants of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past recently supplied the following information. U

Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and some of his representatives have been negotiating with "The Saturday Evening Post" concerning the publication of an article in that magazine which will carry King as the author. Such an article was written by Clarence Jones and submitted to the "Post" for publication in King's name. The article reportedly will deal with such matters as the Poverty Bill elections, riots and the so-called "backlash." U

Jones is General Counsel of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, a fund-raising adjunct of the SCLC. Jones is a frequent advisor to King and in the mid-1950's held a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League, an organization which has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 104

Recently, a number of King's associates, including attorneys representing him, have been negotiating with the "Post" in an effort to have a portion of the article which had been submitted for publication changed. The "Post," however, has indicated a reluctance to make the requested change. It is reported that the article contains some criticism of other civil rights groups and leaders and that inasmuch as King recently received the Nobel Peace Prize, the article should not be critical but instead should try to unite all civil rights movements. It has also been indicated that King does not want to go too far in the article in condemning civil disobedience because if Senator Barry Goldwater is elected President, King may call for sit-ins and other forms of protest. There is concern in the King camp that the article, if published as originally submitted, would cause certain difficulties in the civil rights movement. U

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Although it was originally expected that the King article would be published before the November 3, 1964, election, this was not accomplished. The October 31, 1964, issue of the "Post" contains an announcement of articles "Coming Soon in the 'Post.'" Listed is "The Negro Movement Cannot be Stopped" by Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King, Jr.

This information is also being furnished to the Honorable Bill D. Moyers, Special Assistant to the President.

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NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because most of the information reported is from highly sensitive sources in the racial field such as [redacted] and [redacted]. They are of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of this information could expose the informants and thus possibly be injurious to the national defense. Separate dissemination being made to the military intelligence agencies and Secret Service. U

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