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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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1 - Mr. Rozamus
1 - Mr. Ridgeway

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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This is to advise you of past electronic surveillances that we had installed for the purpose of securing intelligence data concerning the late Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

King had been in close association with individuals having a Communist Party background during his rise to prominence in the civil rights field. Among such individuals was his principal advisor Stanley Levison, a communist whose membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established.

Another close advisor of King, had been a member of the Communist Party and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League, a communist front organization.

Another of King's close advisors, was a member of the Young Communist League in the early 1940's.

In order to determine the subversive influence in racial matters, the following microphone and wiretap coverage was placed in effect which provided coverage on the activities of King and the SCLC.

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 Date of Declassification Indefinite 10/27/77

Installed	Discontinued	Type	Location
11/8/63	4/30/65	Wiretap	563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia
1/5/64	1/8/64	Microphone	Willard Hotel, Washington
1/27/64	1/27/64	Microphone	Shroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2/18/64	2/20/64	Microphone	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii
2/20/64	2/21/64	Microphone	Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
2/22/64	2/24/64	Microphone	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
3/19/64	3/20/64	Microphone	Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
4/23/64	4/24/64	Microphone	Senator Hotel, Sacramento, California
4/24/64	4/26/64	Wiretap	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
7/7/64	7/9/64	Wiretap	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California

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<u>Installed</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/7/64	7/9/64	Microphone	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
8/14/64	9/8/64	Wiretap	125 East 72nd Street, New York, New York
8/22/64	8/27/64	Wiretap	Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey
9/28/64	10/2/64	Microphone	Nanger Hotel, Savannah, Georgia
1/8/65	1/11/65	Microphone	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, New York
1/28/65	1/31/65	Microphone	Americana Hotel, New York, New York
3/29/65	3/31/65	Microphone	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, New York
5/12/65	5/13/65	Microphone	Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, New York, New York
10/14/65	10/15/65	Microphone	Astor Hotel, New York, New York
10/28/65	10/30/65	Microphone	New York Hilton Hotel, New York, New York
11/29/65	11/30/65	Microphone	Americana Hotel, New York, New York

In addition to the above coverage of King, the following coverage was afforded the SCLC.

<u>Installed</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/24/63	1/24/64	Wiretap	New York Office
11/8/63	6/21/66	Wiretap	Atlanta Headquarters
7/13/64	7/31/64	Wiretap	New York Office

All of the above wiretap surveillances were authorized under the signature of the then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy who on 10/10/63 authorized the coverage of King's residence and other future address to which he may move, and the New York Office SCLC. He also authorized wiretap coverage of King and the Atlanta headquarters of SCLC on 10/21/63. These authorizations were given during the administration of President John F. Kennedy.

Attorney General Kennedy did not sign any microphone surveillance requests. Microphone surveillances were authorized by Bureau officials acting on general authority relating to the Attorney General.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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