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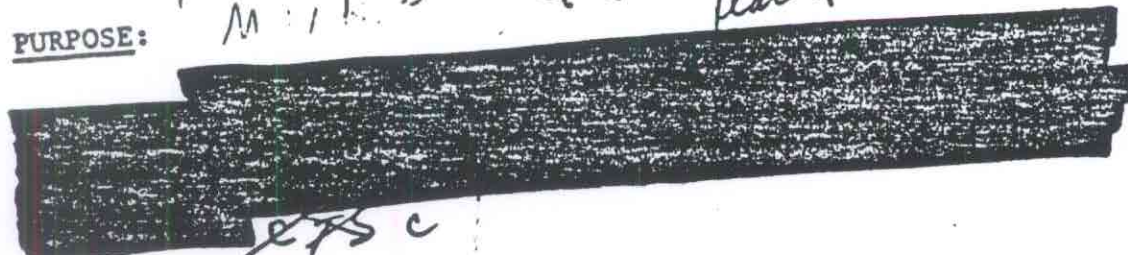
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TO : R. J. Gallagher

FROM : J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PURPOSE:



### SYNOPSIS:

The Department's Task Force requested the above-mentioned briefing which was afforded Senator Frank Church and selected members of the Senate Select Committee (SSC) on 11/5/75. Task Force leader believed the briefing would provide valuable information bearing on our basis to investigate King. Briefing provided to five members of the Task Force on 9/2/76 by Bureau representatives. Mr. Leavitt stressed importance of security involving the informant operation and that, in accordance with personal agreement, the informants have been told that the briefing was to occur. Task Force leader Fred Folsom stated his group needed to know only general aspects of informant operations relating to association of King and Stanley David Levison, which served as the basis to investigate King. Folsom agreed to allow the FBI to review any Task Force written report bearing on contents of the briefing. Task Force was given overview of informant operation, significant historical development of the CPUSA, information from the informant regarding Levison and his association with King, and pertinent current aspects of the operation. Task Force personnel asked numerous questions regarding the informant operation, but their main interest, which prolonged the session, concerned our investigation of King, influence of Levison upon him and communist influence on King and the Civil Rights movement.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information.

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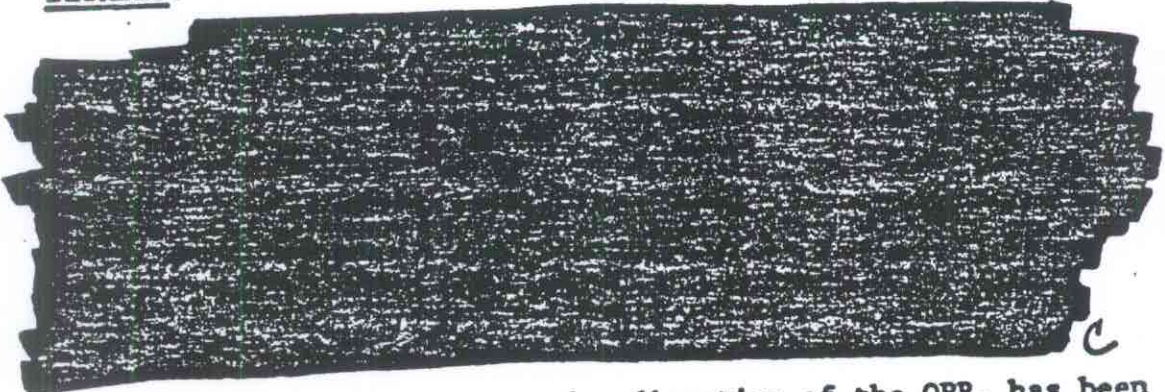
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DETAILS:



This Task Force, under direction of the OPR, has been ordered by the Attorney General to conduct a review of our investigation of King. The Task Force leader, Fred Folsom, believed the briefing would provide valuable background information bearing on initiation of the King investigation and that absence of such a briefing would leave a void in his group's review. U

The briefing was conducted on 9/2/76 in the conference room of the Intelligence Division, between approximately 2:40 p. through 5:00 p.m. Task Force members present were Folsom, William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, and James Kieckhefer. Bureau representatives were T.W. Leavitt, D. Ryan, and M.J. Steinbeck of the Intelligence Division, and S.F. Phillips and J.T. Aldhizer of the General Investigative Division. U

Mr. Leavitt began the briefing by stressing the importance of protecting the informants involved and that material in the briefing was to be provided on a need to know basis only.

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He indicated that, in accordance with a previous personal agreement with the informants, they had been advised that the briefing was to occur. Mr. Folsom advised that his group, as an "arm" of the Attorney General, had a need to know but only in a "general" sense wherein information from the informant operation concerned King, Levison and the basis on which investigation of King was initiated <sup>u</sup>

Mr. Folsom agreed to allow the FBI to review any Task Force written document or report bearing on contents of what was to be furnished during the briefing. <sup>u</sup>

SA Ryan gave an overview of the informant operation and discussed significant historical developments within the CPUSA. Phillips discussed basis for the King investigation and the relationship between Levison and King. Steinbeck concluded with pertinent current aspects of the operation. <sup>u</sup>

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