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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
(100-149194)

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup>MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

COMINFIL SCLC  
(OO: ATLANTA)

RePHairtel to Director, FBI, dated 4/29/69,  
captioned as above and requesting NY to locate JAMES BEVEL.

The Bureau has instructed PH to interview Rev.  
JAMES BEVEL of SCLC for information in his possession regard-  
ing his statement in "The New York Times", on 3/18/69, that  
a letter was turned over to Memphis Police on approximately  
4/3/68, which contained information that MARTIN LUTHER KING  
was to be assassinated.

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(2-44-3886) (MURKIN)  
(2-100-438794)
- 2-Atlanta (SCLC)
- 3-Philadelphia  
(1-44-1368) (MURKIN)  
(1-100-47194)  
(1-157-2979) (JAMES BEVEL)
- 2-Memphis (44-1987) (MURKIN)
- 3-New York  
(1-44-1609) (MURKIN)  
(1-100-149194) (SCLC)  
(1-100-157946) (JAMES BEVEL)

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By airtel dated 4/29/69, PH stated that PH 897-R stated that RAYMOND (LNU) said that BEVEL had been in NY for three weeks.

A lead was set out for NY to locate JAMES BEVEL, and if in a hospital, attempt to determine the reason for hospitalization.

The New York Operation of the SCLC is concerned with fund-raising, and is under the overall supervision of [REDACTED]. NY has maintained close contact with [REDACTED] a source close to [REDACTED] in an effort to obtain information that JAMES BEVEL is hospitalized in NY. This source has provided no information indicating that BEVEL is in the NY area.

There are over 100 hospitals in the Greater New York area with no central repository of information concerning patients. NY does not plan to canvass hospitals in view of the lack of definite information about BEVEL being hospitalized in NY.

No further action is being taken by NY as to BEVEL.

May 15, 1969

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**AIRTEL**

**To: SACs, New York (44-1609)  
Philadelphia (44-1368)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5750**  
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**MURKIN**

**EX-100**

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 5-13-69.

New York and Philadelphia should maintain contact with appropriate sources to determine the whereabouts of Reverend James Bevel in order that he may be interviewed regarding his statement in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69.

If it is determined that Bevel is in a hospital or institution, the Bureau should be advised as to complete circumstances of such confinement, including opinion of doctors and authorities as to advisability of interviewing Bevel before any such interview with Bevel is conducted.

Keep Bureau advised of results of contact with appropriate sources.

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- 1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info)

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An article appeared in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69, quoting Reverend James Bevel that there was definitely a conspiracy to murder King a couple of days before King arrived in Memphis on 4-3-69, (King murdered 4-4-69). Based on this we instructed our Philadelphia Office to locate and interview Bevel concerning his statements.

Philadelphia advised that they received information that Bevel may be confined to a hospital in New York as a mental patient. We instructed New York to locate hospital or institution and determine complete circumstances of confinement and not to interview Bevel unless specifically advised by the Bureau.

New York has maintained close contact with a highly confidential source in order to determine if James Bevel is hospitalized in New York. The source has provided no information indicating that Bevel is in the New York area. New York advised that there are over 100 hospitals in New York and they do not plan to canvass same in view of the lack of definite information that Bevel is hospitalized. Philadelphia and New York being instructed to maintain contact with appropriate sources for purpose of interviewing Bevel.