

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DORA MC DONALD, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s former secretary, was interviewed today at SCLC headquarters, Auburn, Ave. by SAs ARTHUR L. MURTAGH and JOHN M. PALFI.

Miss MC DONALD was asked to furnish any information that she might have related to the recent death of Dr. KING and also to make contact with other SCLC people who were in Memphis with Dr. KING and make arrangements to set up interviews with the interviewing Agents should any of them feel that they could furnish any information concerning this matter.

Miss MC DONALD expressed her appreciation in the Bureau's intensive interest in this matter and said she would cooperate in any manner possible.

Miss MC DONALD said there was one item which she thought might be pertinent but that she got this information secondhand.

She said that JULIUS GRIFFIN, a former SCLC employee who is now working in Detroit, called her from Detroit the day before Dr. KING's death and advised her that he had information that six members of an organization known as Breakthrough were en route from Detroit to Memphis. GRIFFIN told MC DONALD he did not know whether the six men were armed or not.

Miss MC DONALD said that Breakthrough is an extreme Nazi or neo-Nazi white racist organization in Detroit and that about two weeks before the death of Dr. KING, some representative of this group harassed Dr. KING while he was making a speech at Groce Point, Mich., just outside of Detroit.

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Miss MC DONALD said that GRIFFIN came to Atlanta following the death of Dr. KING and he has been helping out in SCLC work since that time but that she believes he plans to return to Detroit, Miss MC DONALD did not have a current address for GRIFFIN in Detroit but stated that GRIFFIN is out of town today on a retreat and that she believes he may return to Detroit this evening. She stated she would advise the interviewing Agents of his whereabouts as soon as she could determine them.

Miss MC DONALD also advised that all of the SCLC officials who were with Dr. KING in Memphis at the time of his death are now out of town today on a retreat but that they are expected back tomorrow. Miss MC DONALD stated that she would stay in close contact with the interviewing Agents and cooperate completely in assisting the Bureau.