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# FBI Sources Cited to Block

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A Norfolk, Va., city councilman, leading an effort to block a proposed memorial there to Dr. Martin Luther King, is citing derogatory material about the civil rights leader that he says comes largely from FBI sources.

Although Senate investigators said Tuesday that the FBI put out similar information about King in a massive effort to discredit him prior to his death in 1968, Councilman Claude J. Staylor said yesterday he doubted the validity of the Senate charges and planned to continue his opposition to the memorial.

"What's going on in the Senate is not new to many law enforcement officers," said Staylor, who was Norfolk chief of police from 1967 to 1974. He said the Senate

disclosures represented a continuation of efforts by "liberal and certain left-wing elements" to discredit the FBI and its late director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Norfolk Vice Mayor Joseph A. Jordan Jr.—the only black on Norfolk's seven-member City Council—inadvertently triggered Staylor's anger Oct. 28 when he asked the city to consider a memorial to King as part of a redevelopment project being planned for a predominantly black business district. Over Staylor's objections, the Council voted, 5 to 2, for a study of Jordan's proposal.

Staylor's comments have enraged Norfolk's black community—one-third of the city—and led to plans for a mass rally there Nov. 30 in King's memory. Staylor yesterday blamed the dissension on "rabble-rousers" within Norfolk's black community and said "I haven't heard one

complaint from one substantial black member of the community."

In statements at Council meetings and elsewhere, Staylor has charged that King was an "associate" of known Communists and "caused too much trouble" to law enforcement officers through his civil rights demonstrations.

"I cannot accept and you cannot make me accept him," Staylor said yesterday, promising to continue his opposition to any city sponsorship of a King memorial.

His statements and disclosures by the Senate investigators were seen by black community leaders in Norfolk as deepening the already bitter controversy.

"It has caused our community to become more determined in our effort to defend the name of Dr. Martin Luther King," said Rev. Levi E. Willis.

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# Norfolk Statue of Dr. King

After the King memorial tentatively was suggested, Staylor immediately launched into an attack on the proposal and appeared to relent only last week when the vice mayor told the Council he would not seek any public funds for a statue for King. "I don't oppose a private statue," Staylor said then.

Staylor said yesterday he would oppose any effort to have the city donate land for a King memorial, a step that Willis said yesterday is the object of petitions being circulated in the city. Willis said he hopes that there will be about 10,000 names on the petitions when they are presented to the Council at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday night.

In a lengthy letter defending his stand, published last week by The Virginian-Pilot, a Norfolk newspaper, Staylor cited

statements attributed to Hoover and statements by FBI informants as the basis for his charges.

An FBI spokesman said he did not know if the agency has supplied Staylor with any of the information he is using and said any request for information would be considered confidential by the agency. It was possible that Staylor could have been briefed by the FBI "on civil rights demonstrations" if the FBI had learned that violence was a possibility in Norfolk while Staylor was chief, the spokesman said.

Staylor yesterday said most of his information came from FBI sources, but declined to reveal who in the agency gave him some of the information. He said he initially became aware of King's background by watching his statements on

television, but later discussed him at meetings with other police chiefs.

One point that Willis said has angered some blacks is that the city has no monument to King and just last year it completed a costly project to rebuild a statue to Confederate soldiers in the downtown business district.

A spokesman for the city's redevelopment and housing authority said yesterday that the rebuilding of the statue was part of a federally-funded \$781,084 redevelopment project. It included the hiring of Mediterranean stone masons to shape a fan-like design of granite blocks around the base of the statue, the spokesman said.

"We want to make sure that the black community gets the same respect that other groups have been accorded," Willis said.