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02	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 12:15 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-238</i>	PCI	1	12/26/67	A
02b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-237</i>	S	2	12/20/67	A
03	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 8:03 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-238</i>	PCI	1	12/7/67	A
03b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-237</i>	S	2	12/7/67	A
04	memo	by Mildred Stegall <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-238</i>	C	1	12/1/67	A, C
04b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-237</i>	S	1	11/30/67	A
05b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLJ 01-237</i>	S	2	11/27/67	A
06	memo	unsigned and unaddressed <i>open 7-3-01 per HM/TH</i>	PCI	1	11/20/67	C
07	memo	Marvin Watson to the President <i>open 7-3-01 per HM/TH</i>	PCI	1	11/20/67	C
08	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 5:50 pm <i>declassified 11/29/01 NLJ 01-238; still closed under "C"</i>	PCI	1	11/9/67	A, C, B
08b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>declassified 11/29/01 NLJ 01-237; still closed under "C"</i>	C	2	11/8/67	A, C, B

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10a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	10/3/67	A
11	memo	Marvin Watson to the President <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-238</i>	PCI	1	9/26/67	A
11b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	9/26/67	A
12a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	3	9/21/67	A
13a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	8/31/67	A, C
14a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	8/29/67	A
15a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	3	8/21/67	A
16a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	3	8/14/67	A
17	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 2:15 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLS d-238</i>	PCI	1	8/10/67	A
17b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	8/9/67	A
18	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 5:30 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-238</i>	PCI	1	7/31/67	A

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19a	cable	Director to the President <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-239</i>	S	1	7/24/67	A
20a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	7/25/67	A
21a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	7/21/67	A
22	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 8:50 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-238</i>	PCI	1	6/14/67	A
22b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	6/14/67	A
23	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 8:30 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-238</i>	PCI	1	6/9/67	A
23b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	6/9/67	A
24a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	C	1	5/29/67	A
25a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	1	5/18/67	A
26a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	S	2	4/24/67	A
27a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLS 01-237</i>	C	1	5/12/67	A

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28a	cable	Director to WH Situation Room/Mildred Stegall <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	1	4/25/67	A
29a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	2	4/21/67	A
30	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Mildred Stegall <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	TS	2	4/19/67	A
31	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 4 pm <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-238</i>	PCI	1	4/18/67	A
31b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	2	4/14/67	A
32a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	2	4/14/67	A
33a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	1	4/7/67	A
34	memo	John Roche to the President <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-238</i>	PCI	1	4/7/67	A, C
35a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	1	4/12/67	A
36a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	S	1	4/10/67	A
37a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr. <i>open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237</i>	C	1	3/21/67	A

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39a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/9/67	A
40a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/11/67	A
41b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	12/9/66	A
42a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	C	1	11/14/66	A
43a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	C	2	11/7/66	A
44a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	C	2	11/2/66	A
45a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	C	3	10/17/66	A, C
46a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	C	2	10/24/66	A
47a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael	C	3	10/4/66	A
48a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	9/9/66	A, C
49a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	6/2/66	A

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51a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	3/22/66	A
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237				
52	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Marvin Watson	S	1	2/17/65	A
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237				
53	memo	Marvin Watson to the President, 8:20 pm	PCI	1	2/3/66	A, C
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-238				
53b	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	2/3/66	A, E
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237				
54a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	1/26/66	A, C
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237				
55a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/26/66	A, C
		open 11/29/01 NLT 01-237				
56a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/20/66	A
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57a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/18/66	A
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58a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	1	1/14/66	A
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59a	report	re Martin Luther King, Jr.	S	2	1/5/66	A
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

January 3, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing
a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if
classified, this transmittal form becomes
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

This information has also been furnished to
the Attorney General and to other interested
officials of the Government.

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Director
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Sincerely yours,

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a communication which may be of interest to you.
For your information, I am enclosing

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Washington, D. C.
The White House
Mrs. Mildred Stegall

BY DIVISION

JANUARY 3, 1938



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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January 3, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

In the late Fall of 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a retreat in Frogmore, South Carolina, to plan massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., and other major cities throughout the United States during the Spring of 1968. King has named this planned activity the "Washington Spring Project."

King plans to organize demonstrations in the cities and areas set forth below. In each of these locations, personnel will be assigned to recruit and train individuals to serve as leaders in the forthcoming demonstrations. After each location, where available, there is also set forth parenthetically the number of personnel which King will assign in that area:

Cities

Baltimore, Maryland	(2)
Boston, Massachusetts	(3)
Chicago, Illinois	(3)
Cincinnati, Ohio	(1)
Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo, Ohio	(2)
Detroit, Michigan	(2)
Louisville, Kentucky	(unknown)

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Los Angeles, California	(unknown)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(unknown)
New York, New York	(3)
Newark, New Jersey	(2)
Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia	(4)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	(2)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(unknown)
Washington, D. C.	(4)

Rural Areas

Alabama	(3)
Georgia	(4)
Mississippi	(5)
North Carolina	(2)
South Carolina	(1)

College Campuses and Youth Organizations

(not identified)	(2)
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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 26, 1967
12:15 p.m., Tuesday

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached FBI report of December 20, concerns Martin Luther King.

It states that King has been in contact with Stanley Levison, a former member of the Communist Party who continues his ideological adherence to Communism, and who is owner of the Park Management Company in New York, regarding King's program of massive disobedience to be held in Washington in the early Spring of 1968.

Levison informed King that he would like to get a group of wealthy people together and obtain money from them to finance this enterprise.

Also discussed was a planned taping of a lecture series by King for the Canadian Broadcasting System.

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December 20, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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other interested officials of the
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 20, 1967

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning King's new program of planned massive civil disobedience to be held in Washington, D. C., in the early Spring of 1968.

Levison informed King that he would like to get a group of wealthy people together and obtain pledges from them in an effort to finance this program. It was Levison's idea to hold a two-day retreat for 10 to 15 individuals who have given King's group over \$1,000 each in the past. The retreat would not be limited to these individuals but they would be encouraged to invite others they know who would be sympathetic to this program.

King and Levison also discussed the taping of a lecture series King is doing for the Canadian Broadcasting System. This source was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by the Communist Party leaders as being to the

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"left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1967
8:03 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached FBI memorandum concerns Martin Luther King, Jr.

Approximately 70 individuals attended a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) retreat conducted by King at Frogmore, South Carolina from November 27 through December 2. The purpose was to discuss and make plans for nonviolent demonstrations in early 1968 in Washington, D. C. and other major cities.

These demonstrations will take place if requests to the Labor Department for economic, housing, and education legislation do not receive unequivocal commitment for prompt action. If an effort is made to quell the Washington demonstrations, simultaneous demonstrations will commence at 10 to 15 other "target cities". Listed as possibilities were Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Newark, and Philadelphia.

Early February is a tentative date to make these demands. King expressed confidence he can obtain cooperation of Black Power groups and he also feels the public will respond with financial assistance.

James Bevel addressed the retreat at great length opposing King's plan. Bevel urged emphasis on calling an end to the Vietnam conflict instead of jobs, housing, and education benefits. King was visibly angry at Bevel for opposing him.

Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director of the SCLC, attended and lectured on economics. Blackwell has prior communist affiliations.

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December 7, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 7, 1967

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Approximately 70 individuals attended a Southern Christian Leadership Conference retreat conducted by Martin Luther King, Jr., at Frogmore, South Carolina, from November 27 through December 2, 1967. The purpose of the retreat was to discuss and make plans for nonviolent demonstrations in early 1968 in Washington, D. C., and other major cities throughout the United States.

These demonstrations will be conducted if requests to the United States Department of Labor for economic, housing, and education legislation do not receive unequivocal commitment for prompt Congressional action. If an effort is made to quell the Washington, D. C., demonstrations, simultaneous demonstrations will commence in 10 to 15 other "target cities." These cities were not identified, but the following were listed as possibilities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Newark, and Philadelphia.

Early February, 1968, is the tentative date set to make these demands to the Department of Labor. In the interim the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will assign one or more staff members to Washington, D. C., and other "target cities" to select and train leaders for these proposed demonstrations.

King expressed confidence he can obtain the cooperation of Black Power groups and that many people will be

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willing to assist him in this endeavor. He also feels that once these demonstrations commence, the public will respond with appreciable financial assistance.

James Bevel, former Director of Direct Action, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, currently on a leave of absence, addressed the retreat at great length opposing King's plans. Bevel advised the emphasis should not be on demonstrations for jobs, housing, and education benefits, but should call for an end to the Vietnam conflict. King was visibly angry at Bevel for opposing him in this regard.

Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who has prior communist affiliations, was in attendance and lectured on economics during the retreat.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1967

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✓ Deke says the recommendation was made by McGeorge Bundy to give this organization four million dollars. When Deke got word of it, he talked to one of the Ford Motor Company people (a former FBI Agent) and after the talk the Company cut it down to a quarter of a million dollars.

Mildred

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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November 30, 1967

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BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

*Let's see
if this can be
checked*

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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November 30, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently at a staff meeting, Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced the Ford Foundation had granted his organization a quarter of a million dollars. King did not state how this money was going to be used by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Joe

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Tell Joe Califano to talk to Wirtz about this.

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Watson.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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November 27, 1967

BY LIAISON

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 27, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An article appearing in the "Atlanta Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, on August 16, 1967, quoted Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as calling for, "a new drive of massive civil disobedience." The following information concerning this matter has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Martin Luther King, Jr., announced to his staff that they will all attend a retreat to be held from November 27, 1967, through December 1, 1967, at Frogmore, South Carolina. The purpose of this conference would be to discuss ways and means of implementing a program of massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., in February, 1968.

King's plan is for a delegation from Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other civil rights groups to personally present to the Secretary of Labor, W. Willard Wirtz, specific requests for prompt Congressional action concerning employment, income, housing, education, and other problems borne by ghetto people. King pointed out that he anticipated these requests would either be denied by the Secretary of Labor or reacted to in some perfunctory manner. At this point, a massive, nonviolent

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demonstration would commence in Washington, D. C., involving both adults and school children. Should this activity fail to obtain positive action by Congress or be quelled by civil or military authorities, similar nonviolent demonstrations would commence simultaneously in ten different unidentified cities throughout the United States.

King further proposed that this activity be organized and coordinated by a basic cadre of 2,000 individuals whom they will have to select and train in the techniques of nonviolence between now and early February, 1968. He also pointed out it was imperative that this program be successful; if not, it would probably benefit the black nationalist movement.

In this regard, King stated that black nationalist organizations must be contacted in order to neutralize possible activity by these groups during his massive demonstration.

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November 20, 1967

We have audited the return of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on a regular basis for the last three or four years and they have been pretty meticulous in keeping their records. I suspect that advertisements of this type which combine both their deductible campaign to educate and register the voters with their non-deductible campaign of legislative responsibility is done on the theory that a number of the contributors are negligent to mark the check as clearly as they should to make sure it is for the Foundation. For example, if a contributor means for his money to go to the Foundation and neglects to write Foundation as the last word on his check, they can deposit the funds to their regular account, which is used for newspaper purposes. It is then impossible for our Agent to determine whether or not the taxpayer intended those funds for only educational purposes.

While we are keeping very close administrative tabs on what is going on, this kind of leakage is impossible to correct without an audit of every single contributor and even then it would only occur several years after the check had been issued.

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November 20, 1967
5:33 p.m.

Mr. President:

Justice and Mrs. Fortas stated that most organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference have foundations or some tax exempt financial fund. The Justice says even the American Bar Association has such an arrangement. While King talks of "constructive disruption" in his letter, this would still leave a tax exempt situation since he does not make clear in the letter that the Foundation would engage in violent action.

Justice and Mrs. Fortas say they feel it possibly worthwhile to have investigation of the organization, they do believe that both Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference would keep books good enough that no wrong doing can be found with which they could be charged.

Sheldon Cohen says: "We have audited the return of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on a regular basis for the last three or four years and they have been pretty meticulous in keeping their records. I suspect that advertisement of this type which combine both their deductible campaign to educate and register the voters with their non-deductible campaign of legislative responsibility is done on the theory that a number of the contributors are negligent to mark the check as clearly as they should to make sure it is for the Foundation. For example, if a contributor means for his money to go to the Foundation and neglects to write Foundation as the last word on his check, they can deposit the funds to their regular account, which is used for newspaper purposes. It is then impossible for our Agent to determine whether or not the taxpayer intended those funds for only educational purposes.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

332 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GA.

November, 1967

Dear Friend:

America was bewildered and frightened this summer by the bizarre spectacle of American troops fighting simultaneously in Asia and in American cities.

Despite emotional cross currents, many distinguished periodicals and leaders unhesitatingly put the responsibility for the urban outbursts where it belonged - on the wretched life of the ghettos, on haunting unemployment (almost forgotten by white America but a reality for 1/3 of Negro urban youth) - on a war that devours ten times the resources committed to anti poverty programs.

A heartwarming and unexpected development was the finding of a Harris Poll after the riots. 69% of the nation endorsed an emergency work program to provide jobs for all unemployed. An equally astonishing 65% favored demolition of the slums. These programs were first advanced by SCLC.

Despite this mandate by a huge majority for a constructive response to the desperate outbursts, the Administration and Congress offered nothing better than an iron lid for the ghettos. There is no lid that will stay on the ghettos. It can only compress the torture of injustice into a more explosive force.

SCLC cannot support riots for moral and pragmatic reasons. But it cannot condemn them and simply walk away coldly from the unforgivable conditions that cause them.

Government indifference and insensitivity require us to raise nonviolent activity to wholly new levels. We must involve greater masses in our active resistance than ever before. We must be strongly assertive and persistent. Nonviolence can be adapted to militant forms of protest that embody creative disruption while avoiding physical or moral destruction. These methods can sustain protest - as riots cannot - until evils are corrected. Our new application of nonviolence can make anger constructive. Those who support this effort will do more to make democracy real than all the reckless adventurers and all the puerile appeals for pity.

The riots and the cancer of war can destroy the democratic core of American life. However, there are constructive forces that can be organized. We have proven in our successful Cleveland project this summer that we are able to reach the angriest and make them disciplined legions for sound goals. Cleveland was the nation's ripest city for rioting, but violence was averted without quelling militant protest.

No time before had the urgency of the present. In the gigantic tasks which face us we have no government funds. We need your concrete moral and financial assistance to organize sanity and justice. In the South alone we now have more than 100 experienced, dedicated staffers operating registration and voting campaigns, citizenship schools, job creating programs and self-help projects. They make few headlines but they are making new lives for tens of thousands and are inexorably altering the face of the South. Help us today with your fullest generosity to reach our common goal so that we may bring a new spirit of audacious confidence to our troubled land.

With warmest good wishes,

Martin Luther King, Jr.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

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Show this
to Abe & to Carol
& then to Shelia
& report to me*

Tax deductible contributions may be made to fund the educational and voter-registration projects of SCLC. If tax deductibility is important to you, or will enable you to increase your contribution, you may make your check payable to SCL Foundation.

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SCLC \$ _____ or, SCL Foundation \$ _____
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You will help us cut expenses by including your zip code. 402

☐ Please keep me advised of your continued program.

Please make checks payable to SCLC or SCL Foundation.

I suggest that you send your appeal to the following persons
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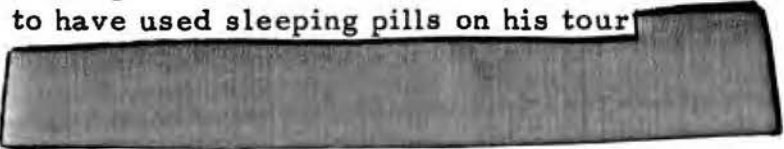
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WASHINGTON

November 9, 1967
5:50 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached FBI memorandum concerns Martin Luther King, Jr. The Department of Labor recently approved a \$61,000 contract negotiated by the Community Action Group in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This contract provides for on-the-job-training for Negroes with retail grocers and the SCLC will receive \$13,000 for administering the program. King was instrumental in establishing this program.

King recently completed a tour of the U. S. raising funds for the SCLC. He was reported to have used sleeping pills on his tour



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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November 8, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing
a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Contract Awarded

The Department of Labor recently approved a contract in the amount of \$61,000 negotiated by the Community Action Group, Atlanta, Georgia, with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The contract provides for on-the-job-training for Negroes with retail grocers. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will receive \$13,000 for administering the program and the grocers will receive \$48,000 for providing on-the-job-training.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was instrumental in establishing this program. He contacted grocers and obtained their assurance that they would set aside 15 percent of the employment openings for on-the-job-training of Negro youths.

King Emotionally Upset

Martin Luther King, Jr., recently completed a tour throughout the United States for the purpose of participating in benefit programs to raise funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

According to a confidential source of this Bureau, King, while on the tour, experienced difficulty sleeping and as a consequence he resorted to the use of sleeping pills. The source stated that in one instance King was scheduled to depart by air at 9 A.M.; but due to having taken sleeping pills the previous evening, "they" could not awaken King until 2 P.M. the following afternoon.

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October 17, 1967

BY LIAISON

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October 17, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

The FBI is currently conducting an investigation of the activities of certain individuals who are active in the civil rights movement. This investigation is being conducted in cooperation with the Attorney General and other interested officials of the Government.

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Special Agent in Charge

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 17, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning a speech he is to give on November 11, 1967, in Chicago, Illinois, to a trade union group which was formed to oppose the war in Vietnam. Levison informed King there will also be speakers from the automobile union, the clothing union, and the butchers' union.

Levison assured King that there is plenty of material in the manuscript he is preparing for King's speech. Levison informed King he has been going to the Labor Library and has found some antiwar speeches made by some labor leaders such as Phil Murray of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Levison then advised King about a "vicious" editorial which appeared in the leading Negro newspaper in Houston, Texas, attacking King's position on the Vietnam war. King complained that there almost appears to be a conspiracy to defeat Negro leadership throughout the Nation.

King then discussed the Supreme Court's rejection of his appeal of the five-day jail sentence he received for a demonstration in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963. King confided that he and the other individuals sentenced with him will present themselves to the Birmingham authorities in the near future. It is King's belief that the Birmingham authorities do not want to

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put him in jail. However, if they do, the people in Birmingham will conduct a vigil around the jail or start some other activity to dramatize this action.

King noted that after the Chicago speech on November 11, 1967, he intends to fly to London, England.

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reveal that King renewed his passport on June 15, 1967, indicating he planned to travel to England and Sweden in October, 1967. The purpose of this travel was to receive an honorary degree at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, England.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by the Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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October 3, 1967

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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the Attorney General and to other interested
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The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Stanley Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with Andrew Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning King's invitation to attend a conference of Nobel Peace Prize winners in Moscow to discuss the Vietnam war. Young advised the committee that extended King the invitation was not the Nobel Prize Committee but a group of private citizens composed of private Norwegian citizens, Quakers, and a former Chairman of a Nobel Prize Committee.

Young noted that only Father Piri, former Nobel Prize winner, Duncan Wood of Geneva, Switzerland, and two unidentified Norwegians would be going with King to Moscow.

Levison stated that in view of this information, he felt differently about King going. Both Levison and Young felt it would be better that King go to Moscow on his own at some later time.

Levison advised Young to call Duncan Wood and decline the invitation, if King agreed.

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 26, 1967
6:00 10 p.m.

Mr. President:

The attached memorandum concerns Martin Luther King, Jr.

Recently Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, advisors to King, met and Levison told Wachtel that, according to Andrew Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), King has been invited to attend a conference of Nobel Peace Prize winners in Moscow to discuss the Vietnam war. Representatives from North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front would be invited also.

Levison pointed out that the invitation was from Moscow, not Hanoi. Wachtel pointed out that the conference might be one-sided if the participants do not also ask for a meeting in Washington. He suggested it would "kill" President Johnson if King played a constructive role in the proposed peace conference, and if that the President thought there was a possibility of peace arising from the conference, he would send Ralph Bunche to counter any undesirable statements made by King.

Levison is a one-time secret member of the Communist Party who is now described as being to the "left" of the Party in his position on civil rights.

Wachtel is a former member of the National Lawyers Guild, which has been cited as a communist front.

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September 26, 1967

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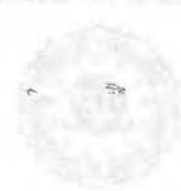

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September 26, 1967
BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing
a copy of a letterhead memorandum dated
September 26, 1967, from the
Director, FBI, to the Attorney General,
dated and captioned as above.

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Special Agent in Charge

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were in conference. Levison told Wachtel that according to Andrew Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, King has been invited to attend in the near future a conference of Nobel Peace Prize winners in Moscow to discuss the Vietnam war. In addition representatives from North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front would be invited to attend.

Levison pointed out the invitation was from Moscow, not Hanoi. According to Levison China is pushing the war while Moscow is trying to settle it. That is why the invitation for the peace conference emanated from Moscow.

Wachtel pointed out the possibility of the conference being one-sided, if the participants do not also ask for a meeting in Washington. He also commented that it would "kill" President Johnson if King played a constructive role in the proposed peace conference.

Wachtel also speculated that if President Johnson thought there would be any possibilities of peace arising from this conference, the President would send Ralph Bunche, Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, United Nations, to counter any undesirable statements made by King.

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Harry Wachtel is a former member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization which has been designated as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. Wachtel is a partner in the law firm of Rubin, Wachtel, and Levine, 598 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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September 21, 1967

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September 21, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

The following information was obtained from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 12, 1967, in connection with the investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and its affiliates, and is being furnished to you for your information.

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Special Agent in Charge

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

A retreat was held by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia, from September 12 through 17, 1967. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had previously announced that the purpose of this retreat, among other things, was to plan massive civil disobedience in major cities throughout the Nation.

During this conference, it was agreed that if Congress has not enacted legislation to guarantee poor people either employment or an income by the Spring of 1968, a march on Washington, D. C., will be conducted. This march will be coordinated by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and will attempt to draw poor people from the ghettos across the Nation and particularly those from the rural South. If this march does not move Congress into action, then massive civil disobedience will be organized in five or six unidentified major cities simultaneously.

In addition, peace in Vietnam, withdrawal from Vietnam, and open housing will be woven into the main issues of employment and guaranteed annual income.

Also discussed was a program of civil disobedience by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. If favorable action by the city administration is not forthcoming regarding police brutality, adequate school facilities, and housing by November 1, 1967, civil disorders of some type will start.

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At one session, voter registration and education were discussed. It was agreed that a concerted effort will be made by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to prevent the re-election of L. Mendel Rivers, Representative from South Carolina, and John Stennis, Senator from Mississippi. The election of their opponents will be urged despite their qualifications.

Concerning activity in the North, it was felt that Chicago, Illinois, Mayor Richard J. Daley's machine was currently too strong to try any major activity in that city. However, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will attempt to organize Negroes into their own labor unions, principally in the North. Economic pressure will be brought to bear on employers in an effort to obtain employment for these newly organized Negroes. This activity will be handled under a program called "Project Breadbasket."

During the coming year, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference plans to raise \$1,500,000 through various programs.

In attendance at this retreat in addition to the entire Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff were the following: Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel, Randolph T. Blackwell, Lawrence D. Reddick and nationally known folk singer Joan Baez. Baez was in attendance because she claimed to be opposed to all war and feels that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is the only organization having any prestige which is opposed to war.

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Randolph T. Blackwell and Lawrence D. Reddick are former members of the Communist Party, USA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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August 31, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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John Edgar Hoover
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a meeting with his staff in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss the forthcoming retreat to be held at the Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia, from September 12 through 17, 1967. King advised during this time emphasis would be placed upon evaluating and revamping the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's policy. Future activities would also be discussed.

The Executive Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will attend this meeting, according to King. In addition, the following Executive Board members have been invited to attend: Clarence Jones, Stanley Levison, Bayard Rustin, and Harry Wachtel.

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During the early 1940's, Bayard Rustin was a member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The records of this Bureau's Identification Division contain the following arrest record for Bayard Rustin. On January 12, 1944, he was arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act and on February 17, 1944, received a sentence of three years. On September 15, 1948, he was arrested in New York City on a disorderly conduct charge and was sentenced to 15 days. On January 21, 1953, he was arrested at Pasadena, California, for offering to engage in an act of sex perversion of a homosexual nature, which he admitted and for which he was sentenced to serve 60 days.

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August 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
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The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning programs to aid Negroes.

King felt the time was right to start a program that would dramatize the poverty problems in a specific location. This could then be used as an appeal for Federal legislation to combat poverty on a national scale. Levison suggested an urban area and King agreed stating that Washington, D. C., would be the ideal location. Levison felt that a program utilizing indigent Negroes to rebuild their own ghettos would be the most promising type of program.

Later during the conference, King informed he regretted his position as keynote speaker for the National Conference for New Politics in Chicago on August 31, 1967. He felt, however, that he could play down his association with the group in his speech.

In addition, King advised he has been invited to speak at a Council of California Democrats Convention in California in October, 1967. This group will seek to nominate someone other than Lyndon Johnson for President in 1968. King has not determined if he will accept this invitation.

Later, Levison was in conference with another of King's advisors, Clarence Jones. Levison informed Jones that a small meeting was scheduled to be held in Northern Virginia in the near future to discuss King's plans for massive civil

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disobedience. This civil disobedience is scheduled to begin the latter part of the winter and will run into the spring of 1968.

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The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

The 10th Annual Southern Christian Leadership Conference Convention was held on August 14-17, 1967, at Atlanta, Georgia. The President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered an address on August 15, 1967, urging a new drive of massive civil disobedience which would include general strikes, school boycotts, and a camp-in at Washington, D.C. All this would be to induce Congress to take action to improve the lot of the Negro in the United States.

He claimed that the recent riots in the United States were directly related to the Vietnam War because, "When you develop a climate of violence, it becomes contagious."

On August 17, 1967, King and Dr. Benjamin Spock, nationally known pediatrician, held a news conference at Convention headquarters. Dr. Spock stated he was wholeheartedly in agreement with the campaign of civil disobedience which King proposed on August 15, 1967. Spock declared he was not opposed to wars in general but was definitely opposed to the United States involvement in the Vietnam War.

King then advised newsmen that he has a feeling that the present bombing of North Vietnam along the Red China Border by the United States may result in Red China's entering into the conflict. This, he thought, might have a unifying effect on the people of the United States. King felt that this might possibly be the intention of the current Administration in Washington, D.C.

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Among those observed attending this Convention were King's principal advisors, Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. Mrs. Leonora Wachtel was also in attendance, as was Cordy T. Vivian, former Southern Christian Leadership Conference official who is currently associated with the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions, Chicago, Illinois.

Harry Wachtel brought to the Convention checks totaling approximately \$1000 which he had collected from unknown individuals in New York City on his own initiative.

The last part of the Convention proceedings was a meeting of the Executive Board and Executive Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Both Levison and Harry Wachtel attended this meeting. The desirability of making Southern Christian Leadership Conference a membership organization was discussed. It was proposed that by charging a nominal membership fee a new source of additional income would be derived.

In conclusion, King announced that this matter would be again discussed at a joint meeting of the Executive Committee at the Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia, within two weeks.

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In March, 1944, a third source advised the name Harry Wachtel was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the headquarters of Kings County Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. The same source advised at the same time that the name of Leonora Wachtel and her address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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In November, 1947, a fourth source advised that Cordy T. Vivian was a member of the Community Section of the Communist Party in Peoria, Illinois. On June 24, 1948, this source advised Vivian had not been active in Communist Party affairs in the Peoria area for some time and had not been in the area for a long period of time. On January 14, 1965, a fifth source advised that Vivian was in contact with George Meyers, a member of the Communist Party, USA, National Executive Committee and organizer for the Southern Region of the Communist Party, and agreed to see Meyers on that date. The purpose of this meeting is not known.

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August 14, 1967

BY LIAISON

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The White House
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On August 12, 1967, a conference was held by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with his aides and advisors to discuss the possible questions that would be put to him during his appearance on "Meet the Press" television program August 13, 1967. Those attending the conference were his principal advisors, Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, together with Andrew Young, Program Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Walter Fauntroy, Director of Washington Bureau, Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

It was agreed that if questioned concerning Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, former and current chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee respectively, King should not support them. It was decided that the time had come to aggressively "take on" Carmichael and Brown.

King was also counseled to oppose the war in Vietnam if he had the opportunity to do so.

King advised that if questioned concerning communist influence in the civil rights movement, he would reply, "Negroes have been in poverty so long and they have not turned to communism at this point, they will not now."

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King, in his appearance on "Meet the Press" on August 13, 1967, questioned the wisdom of spending so much money on the war in Vietnam and so little on the war on poverty at home.

He denied that his organization would change its emphasis from civil rights to peace issues at its national convention beginning August 14, 1967, at Atlanta, Georgia. King also denied that this convention would endorse or condemn any presidential candidate.

When questioned concerning his contacts with the White House, King advised that he was contacted by an aide of the President recently. This was after he made the suggestion that a new program similar to the Works Project Administration of the 1930's be utilized to help employ the jobless Negroes.

In responding to a question concerning civil disobedience, King stated he had never advocated lawlessness, arson, sniping, or looting.

Concerning the Negro helping himself, King replied, "You can't expect a bootless man to pull himself up by his bootstraps."

In closing, King urged the United States Government to help the cause of the Negro by providing him with better housing, education, and employment.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1967

2:15 p. m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a FBI report on Martin Luther King.

The report states that their sources indicate that King feels it is now necessary for his organization to disassociate itself from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). King says that SNCC is opposed to the principle of nonviolence, does not possess a constructive program for society, and the organization's basic aim is the destruction of the Government of the United States. King feels that Carmichael's Cuban statements are wrong. He also feels that H. Rap Brown is not in harmony with nonviolence. King failed to state when such a statement would be released.

The report further states that King's chief advisor is one Stanley Levison who was a secret member of the Communist Party in July 1963. The report states that Levison's differences with the Communist Party are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. King has been in contact with Levison as recently as the last two weeks concerning a recent article in the New York Times.

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August 9, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 9, 1967

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The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning the article entitled "Rights Leader's Appeal," which appeared in the July 27, 1967, edition of "The New York Times."

Levison indicated he was very upset at the tone of King's statement appearing in this article. He complained that King's statement seemed to condemn the Negro community more than the white community. Levison suggested that King write a letter to "The New York Times" and amplify rather than repudiate this statement. King agreed and Levison replied he would immediately begin writing such a letter.

Subsequent to the above conversation, another source advised that King was in conference with several officers of his organization. King informed them that the time had arrived when it was necessary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to disassociate itself from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He pointed out it is now obvious that the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's philosophy and actions are opposed to the principle of nonviolence. Furthermore, he declared the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee does not possess a constructive program for society. He feels that organization's basic aim is for the destruction of the Government of the United States.

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In addition, King advised the visit to Cuba by Stokely Carmichael, former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the statements he made there are wrong. Also, the recent statements by H. Rap Brown, current chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, are by no means in harmony with the philosophy of nonviolence.

King also stated he and his organization will make it clear to the public that they have no sympathy with the policies and activities of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. King failed to advise when he would release such a statement.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1967

5:30 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

FBI Director Hoover sends the attached information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. As Hoover had earlier advised, King allegedly possessed information about a proposed riot in the Loop District in Chicago.

King's principal adviser is Stanley Levison, "a concealed communist", and had urged King to propose a new program similar to the Works Project Administration. Levison further dictated a press release to King's secretary on July 24. King's advisers urged him not to condemn violence in the cities, but "in a sense condone it." He was further urged to rebut statements made by the President on July 24.

In his press conference, King revealed a telegram he had sent to the President. A draft of that telegram is attached, and reveals that a large percentage of it was taken verbatim from the press release prepared by Levison. Hoover points out that King made statements in the press conference condemning the riots and supporting the President's use of Federal troops.

King's telegram criticized Congress for killing legislation aimed at improving conditions in the ghettos and called upon the President to take measures to end unemployment among young Negroes, similar to action taken during the unemployment days of the Depression.

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July 31, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

On July 25, 1967, I telephonically advised the President that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, possessed information indicating there was a plan to riot and burn the Loop District in Chicago, Illinois. I also informed the President that King was to hold a press conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on that day concerning the racial unrest plaguing our country.

As you know, King's principal adviser, Stanley Levison, a concealed communist, had previously urged King to publicly suggest that a dramatic new program be adopted similar to the Works Project Administration of the 1930's. Also, Levison dictated a press release to King's secretary on July 24, 1967, which King was to use the next day. In addition, King's advisers urged him to issue a statement that would not condemn violence in the cities, but would in a sense condone it. He was also urged to rebut the statements made by the President the night of July 24, 1967.

In his press conference, King announced he had sent a telegram to the President urging the creation of a national agency similar to the Works Project Administration. An examination of the telegram discloses that a large percentage was taken verbatim from the press release prepared by Levison. Enclosed is a copy of the telegram for your ready reference.

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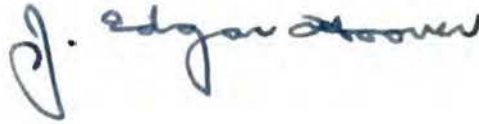
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However, it is interesting to note that during the press conference, King stated he condemned the present riots and did not condone violence. He also supported the President's use of Federal troops to deal with the rioting in Detroit, Michigan.

The above information is being furnished the Attorney General, together with a copy of King's telegram.

Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1967
10:04 AM

Mr. President:

This message contains part of a highly critical press release by Martin Luther King concerning the Detroit riots. He concludes by saying the Federal Government should establish a WPA-type organization to provide jobs.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ON INSTANT DATE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON, PRINCIPAL ADVISOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND FORMER LONGTIME SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, FURNISHED THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE RACIAL SITUATION AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TO DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, FOR RELEASE BY MARTIN LUTHER KING. THE RELEASE IN PART READS:

"AS THE FLAMES OF RIOT AND REVOLT ILLUMINATE THE SKIES OVER AMERICAN CITIES THERE IS AN INTENSE DESIRE TO RESTORE NORMALITY. NORMALITY MEANS THAT NEGROES SHOULD CEASE LOOTING STORES WHILE THE WHITE SOCIETY RESUMES LOOTING NEGRO LIVES. WHILE NO ONE SHOULD CONDONE ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS OF NEGROES NEITHER SHOULD WHITE AMERICA RATIONALIZE ITS DESTRUCTION AND DEGRADATIONS OF ITS BLACK MINORITIES. THE STORM WARNINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED A HUNDRED TIMES FAR IN ADVANCE BUT THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE SOLUTIONS HAVE CREATED TRIVIALITIES AND DIVERSIONS. IF IT IS WRONG FOR NEGROES TO LOOT AND BURN IT IS EVEN A MORE HORRIBLE WRONG FOR WHITE

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ARMED FORCES TO SHOOT TO KILL FOR LARCENY. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MORAL DEGRADATION, HYPOCRISY AND CONFUSION SEEPING THROUGH SOCIETY WHICH ULTIMATELY MUST DESTROY ITS POSITIVE VALUES."

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE BALANCE OF THE RELEASE IS A SUGGESTION THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE A NATIONAL AGENCY SIMILAR TO THE OLD WPA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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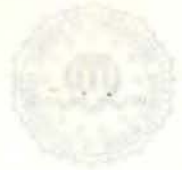
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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July 25, 1967

BY LIAISON

(W)

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 25, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones, both principal advisers to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were in conference. Levison stated King believes the racial situation is very tense and that Chicago, Illinois, may be the next trouble spot. Jones replied he believes New York, New York, is seething with resentment about the current racial situation.

Levison then suggested King do something about the situation in Cleveland, Ohio. Levison proposed that King should lead a march of 10,000 Negroes, each one of them carrying a brick or a bottle. They should march to Cleveland City Hall and dump the bricks and bottles on the lawn as a symbol of protest to the racial situation. Jones was in complete agreement with Levison's idea and thought King would lead such a march.

They both agreed they should meet with King in the near future in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss any statements that are to be made in public by King. Further, they agreed that under no circumstances should King be permitted to say anything without their approving it. Jones advised he feels King should not be permitted to think for himself. Levison stated King is such a slow thinker that he is usually not prepared to make a statement by himself.

Levison and Jones agreed to meet again in the near future to continue their discussion in this regard.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

A third confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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July 21, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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furnished to The Attorney General and
other interested officials of the
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July 21, 1967

BY LIAISON

(C)

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Enclosed for you are two copies of a communication which was received from the
Department of Justice on July 19, 1967. It
concerns the activities of the Black Panther Party
in the United States.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
Director

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furnished to the Attorney General and
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July 21, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

On July 19, 1967, Stanley Levison, principal adviser to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with Ann Jones, wife of Clarence Jones, another of King's advisers, concerning the recent racial disturbances. Mrs. Jones indicated that King is the best leader in the civil rights movement and that the Negro masses will listen to him. Mrs. Jones stated that King should be informed of this.

Later that same day, Levison was in contact with King and indicated he was concerned about King's failure to make any public statement concerning the racial disturbances in the Newark, New Jersey, area.

King informed Levison that he had been considering making a statement but did not merely want to condemn the riots but must condemn the conditions which lead to riots. King indicated he was also concerned there will be more riots this summer as the weather gets hotter and he is particularly concerned about the Chicago area.

Levison suggested that King advocate a program with dramatic qualities similar to the Works Project Administration of the 1930's. This new program would be implemented by the Federal Government to employ the jobless youth. Levison continued that this program worked in a period when the United States was almost bankrupt and should work even better now that the country is almost sick with money.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Levison reminded King that President Lyndon B. Johnson was familiar with the Works Project Administration and would be interested in the idea.

King agreed that Levison's idea had merit and he would publicly call upon the Federal Government to do something along this line. Levison suggested King make this announcement on a television program.

King agreed to discuss this matter with Levison again on July 22, 1967, before he takes any action in this regard.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

Mrs. Jones has been identified as a Communist Party club member at Sarah Lawrence College between 1947 and 1950. In the early 1950's, she was active in the Labor Youth League, a group which has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In April, 1955, she was observed by Special Agents of this Bureau as the driver of a station wagon which was used on that date to transport Communist Party underground leaders in connection with an official Communist Party meeting. In 1956, she was described by a self-admitted communist as a "hard-core communist."

As was his wife, Mr. Jones was active in the Labor Youth League. On February 26, 1957, he was identified from a photograph as a person who was active in the Labor Youth League and during late 1953 or early 1954, was in a position of leadership. He is currently a law partner in the firm of Lubell, Lubell and Jones, 165 Broadway, New York City.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1967
8:50 p.m.

Mr. President:

This FBI memorandum concerns Martin Luther King, Jr. On June 12 the Supreme Court of the United States upheld a contempt of court citation against King arising out of the 1963 civil rights march in Birmingham.

On this same date, King conferred with his advisors, Andrew Young, Harry Wachtel and Stanley Levison concerning this matter. The consensus was that King should issue a press release condemning the inequities of injunctions and the use of them as a racist tool against civil rights leaders. UPI subsequently reported such a statement by King.

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June 14, 1967

BY LIAISON

**Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing
a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 14, 1967

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 14, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On June 12, 1967, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld a contempt of court citation against Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and four others arising out of a 1963 civil rights march in Birmingham, Alabama.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

On June 12, 1967, King conferred with his advisors, Andrew Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Harry Wachtel and Stanley Levison, concerning this matter. Their consensus of opinion was to have King issue a press release condemning inequities of injunctions and the use of injunctions as a racist tool against civil rights leaders. The advisors wanted a statement that thwarting of nonviolence by this decision would lead to violence.

On June 12, 1967, United Press International reported a statement by King on this court decision. King called the decision a "crippling device which could very well break the back of the nonviolent movement" and it "serves only to create the climate for despair, cynicism and riots."

Harry Wachtel is a former member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization which has been designated as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American

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Activities, United States House of Representatives. Wachtel is a partner in the law firm of Rubin, Wachtel, Baum, and Levine, 598 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

Another source in April, 1964, stated that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1967
8:30 p.m.

Mr. President:

The attached FBI report deals with Martin Luther King.

It reports that he plans to address the Capital Press Club in Washington, D.C. this Saturday, June 10th.

King is concerned about the criticisms which he received following his endorsement of Israel. King's advisers (who include Harry Wachtel, a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and Stanley Levison, who has been named by a source as a secret Communist), have suggested that King should emphasize the need to abide by the UN cease-fire order since wars solve nothing. King has concurred with this advice and plans to use the same line on Saturday when he refers to Vietnam.

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June 9, 1967

BY LIAISON

**Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 9, 1967

BY LAISON

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J. Edgar Hoover
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June 9, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On June 8, 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, conferred with his advisers, Andrew Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Harry Wachtel, and Stanley Levison, about the conflict in the Middle East. King sought their advice as to what position he should take when asked about the Middle East by the press.

King sought this advice because of criticism received by him following his endorsement of a statement in support of Israel which appeared in "The New York Times" several days ago. King said his critics interpreted his statement as an endorsement of violence, whereas he considered it to be nonviolent.

King said he would address the Capital Press Club, Washington, D. C., on Saturday night, June 10, 1967, and felt he would have to face the issue at that time. His advisers said King should emphasize the need to abide by the United Nations cease-fire order since wars solve nothing, if asked for a statement, and the statement should be very general in nature.

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< King concurred with this advice and said he also would use this line on Saturday when he refers to Vietnam.

< Harry Wachtel is a former member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization which has been designated as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. Wachtel is a partner in the law firm of Rubin, Wachtel, Baum, and Levine, 598 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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May 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

**Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Enclosed for you are two copies of a memorandum dated May 24, 1967, from the Director of the FBI to the Attorney General, regarding the activities of the Black Liberation Army (BLA) and its affiliates. The memorandum also contains information regarding the activities of the Black Liberation Army (BLA) and its affiliates.

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May 29, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, at the direction of its President, Martin Luther King, Jr., held a retreat at Frogmore, South Carolina, from May 21, 1967, through May 24, 1967. One of the purposes of this retreat was to discuss the relationship of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the peace movement.

King and other top functionaries of his organization concluded that Southern Christian Leadership Conference would give no overt or covert support to anti-Vietnam war demonstrations. However, it was agreed that staff workers could, on an individual and part-time basis, assist or participate in these demonstrations.

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May 18, 1967

BY LIAISON

**Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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a communication which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 18, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing
a copy of the report of the Special Agent in Charge,
New York, dated May 15, 1967, regarding the activities of the
New York Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The report of the Special Agent in Charge,
New York, dated May 15, 1967, is being furnished to the
Department for your information.

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May 18, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Stanley David Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with a business associate. Levison mentioned that King will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, about May 28, 1967, to attend a very important conference. This conference will be devoted to a study of peace on earth.

According to Levison, the following individuals will also be in attendance: U. Thant, Secretary General, United Nations; Arthur Goldberg, United States Ambassador to the United Nations; and Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-secretary for Special Political Affairs, United Nations.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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April 24, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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advised of the enclosed information nor
has any other Government agency.

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April 24, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

On April 21, 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning King's political aspirations. King commented about the articles appearing in newspapers which indicated he might be pushed into running for President of the United States in 1968 as a peace candidate. It was agreed that this action would take Negro votes from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

King mentioned that one of his aides was contacted on April 20, 1967, and asked if King would meet with President Johnson, if he were invited. Levison stated that the peace march in New York City on April 15, 1967, was so impressive, it was forcing the President to make this move. Levison urged King to let President Johnson "sweat" over King's political position.

The decision of Cassius Clay, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, not to enter military service was discussed. Levison urged King to issue a statement praising Clay for his actions.

It is interesting to note that the April 24, 1967, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" carries a statement issued by King where he spoke out along the lines outlined for him by Levison. In this same article, King stated he would have an announcement within 24 hours as to his political plans.

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May 12, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 12, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that when Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, was in Berkeley, California, to speak at a May Day Program, he stated that the Communist Party will begin preparations to elect two peace candidates in the 1968 elections.

Hall advised that these two candidates will probably be Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Dr. Benjamin Spock, nationally known physician. Hall stated that the Party forces should begin work right now to elect these two men because they are for peace in Vietnam.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATTENTION: MRS. MILDRED E. EGALL 01
FROM DIRECTOR FBI 17 02

(~~SECRET~~) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED STANLEY DAVID LEVISON CONFERRED WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING CONCERNING KING'S BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. LEVISON ADVISED KING TO MAKE A PRESS RELEASE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO TURN DOWN ANY INVITATION TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND FOR KING TO DECLARE "ALL MY ENERGIES WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE MANY PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND MY COMMITMENTS TO OPPOSE THE WAR IN VIETNAM.... I REITERATE THAT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ANY POLITICAL CANDIDACY AND AM THEREFORE ISSUING THIS STATEMENT TO REMOVE DOUBTS ABOUT MY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT."

ACCORDING TO RADIO BROADCAST, KING PLANS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS DATE CONCERNING HIS PRESIDENTIAL PLANS. THIS SOURCE HAS ADVISED LEVISON IS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THIS DATE
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LEVISON IS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS OF JULY NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE.

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATTENTION: MRS. MILDRED STEGALL 01
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

~~(SECRET)~~ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED STANLEY DAVID LEVISON CONFERRED WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING CONCERNING KING'S BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. LEVISON ADVISED KING TO MAKE A PRESS RELEASE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO TURN DOWN ANY INVITATION TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND FOR KING TO DECLARE "ALL MY ENERGIES WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE MANY PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND MY COMMITMENTS TO OPPOSE THE WAR IN VIETNAM.... I REITERATE THAT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ANY POLITICAL CANDIDACY AND AM THEREFORE ISSUING THIS STATEMENT TO REMOVE DOUBTS ABOUT MY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT."

ACCORDING TO RADIO BROADCAST, KING PLANS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS DATE CONCERNING HIS PRESIDENTIAL PLANS. THIS SOURCE HAS ADVISED LEVISON IS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THIS DATE
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The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

On April 19, 1967, Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel were in conference concerning the political future of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Wachtel advised he had learned that the Women Strike for Peace group, a pacifist group, was meeting on April 19, 1967, to prepare a pamphlet announcing that King would run for President of the United States in 1968. His vice-presidential candidate would be Dr. Benjamin Spock.

Wachtel was under the impression King had agreed to run and that there would be a meeting the weekend of April 22, 1967, to formulate plans for the campaign.

Levison denied that King had agreed to run but stated that Dr. Spock wants this plan to materialize. Levison also advised Wachtel that King recently told Norman Thomas, perennial candidate for President on the Socialist Party ticket, he would not run for President. Levison admitted there will be a meeting on April 22, 1967, but it will be to discuss the peace issue.

Both Levison and Wachtel concurred that King should not agree to run at this time.

Information has also been received indicating that William S. Stein, Southern Christian Leadership Conference fund raiser, has contacted a radio station in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to donate free time each Sunday

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to Martin Luther King, Jr. Stein requested the radio station, which is Negro oriented in its programming, to donate this one-half hour to play tapes of sermons and speeches by King. Stein advised he would then sell the show to sponsors and all the money would go to King's organization.

Stein is attempting to set up a nationwide network for King and advised radio station officials he will contact selected radio stations in Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Memphis, and Washington, D. C.

Radio Station WDAS, Philadelphia, started carrying the King program at 4:30 p.m., on April 16, 1967.

Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

Harry Wachtel is a former member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization which has been designated as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. Wachtel is a partner in the law firm of Rubin, Wachtel, Baum, and Levine, 598 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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