

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

sponsored by a major record company and a "Black Disc Jockey's Association." He hopes that 25,000 people will attend at which time \$150,000 will be raised. One-third of this amount will go to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the remainder will go to the "Black Disc Jockey's Association."

Another member of the conference advised that Sammy Davis, Jr., a nationally known entertainer, will donate to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference the May 20, 1968, proceeds from the show "Golden Boy." This same person also advised that the Universities of Chicago and Northwestern have fund-raising drives in progress for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Another source advised that Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added as a member of the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at an annual salary of \$12,000. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference also elected to pay \$6,000 annually to Ralph D. Abernathy, its current President.

The foregoing action was taken by a committee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference officials which included William A. Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Stanley Levison; Harry Wachtel; and Harry Belafonte, nationally known entertainer.

This same source also advised that an unknown individual recently donated \$60,000 to the American Foundation on Nonviolence, designated for the use of Coretta King. The American Foundation on Nonviolence, according to this source, is a fund-raising adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Harry Wachtel serves as its Executive Director.

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The first source advised that William A. Rutherford told Stanley Levison that a draft of a declaration of the "Poor People's Campaign" has been worked up based mostly on Levison's work. Rutherford indicated he was upset over lack of cooperation from the labor union in Memphis, Tennessee, involved in the garbage workers' strike, as he had a difficult time getting \$10,000 from the union.

Levison said the unions should be informed that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will publicize the fact that the group Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his life for is doing next to nothing on the "Poor People's Campaign." The unions should be told they must donate \$250,000 collectively, according to Levison.

In regard to finances, Rutherford noted the "Poor People's Campaign" has about \$600,000 which he described as a "drop in the bucket" compared to what is needed. Levison noted that Harry Wachtel has \$30,000 from an advertisement for the King Memorial Foundation. Levison was critical of Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, for not contacting the Field Foundation, which was earmarked for \$275,000. Levison also said the Southern Christian Leadership Conference should take on a tough approach with labor unions and ask for \$500,000. The Field Foundation was established in 1940 by Marshall Field, the retail tycoon of Chicago, Illinois. One of its objectives is to promote racial harmony.

The first source also advised that Levison discussed the "Poor People's Campaign" with Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. They agreed that now is the time for a membership drive for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Abernathy asked Levison to prepare two speeches

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for him, one that Abernathy is to give at the Alabama State College Commencement. Later Abernathy asked that Levison come to Atlanta, Georgia, to meet with Abernathy and other Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders.

On October 28, 1958, another source advised that, according to Jean Smith, Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York, Harry Belafonte had been a member of the Young Communist League before coming into prominence as an entertainer.

The Young Communist League has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In March, 1944, another 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 and address of Leonora Wachtel, wife of Harry, was on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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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May 10, 1968
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The attached FBI memorandum concerning the Poor People's March begun by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., who was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Stanley Levison, principal advisor to King, was in conference with some SCLC members recently concerning funds for this march. Levison advised he is working on the rally in New York City which will be sponsored by a major record company and a "Black Disc Jockey's Association" at which time he hopes to raise \$150,000, with one-third going to the SCLC.

Sammy Davis, Jr., the Negro entertainer, is reported to have pledged the May 20th proceeds from the show "Golden Boy" to the SCLC. The Universities of Chicago and Northwestern have fund-raising drives in progress.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, has been added to the staff of the SCLC at an annual salary of \$12,000. Ralph D. Abernathy, its current President, is to receive \$6,000 annually.

The above actions were taken at a meeting of SCLC officials which included William A. Rutherford, Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel and Harry Belafonte, a nationally known entertainer.

An unknown individual recently donated \$60,000 to the American Foundation on Nonviolence, designated for the use of Coretta King. This organization is a fund-raising adjunct of the SCLC and Wachtel is its Executive Director.

The SCLC is unhappy with the unions and Levison has said that they must donate \$250,000 to the "Poor People's Campaign".

At another point Levison is quoted as calling for \$500,000 from the unions.

Belafonte, Wachtel, and Levison all have records of association or affiliation with the Communist Party, USA.

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May 8, 1968

BY LIAISON

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

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

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

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., who was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the time of his death, had publicly announced he would lead a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968 in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the "Poor People's Campaign."

This source recently learned that several officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity were mingling with the Administrative Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C., and assisting in organizational work on the "Poor People's Campaign." The source is not aware if this is being done officially or unofficially.

This source also learned that the New England Regional Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, a Mr. Bluestein (phonetic), had called the area coordinator of the "Poor People's Campaign" in Boston, Massachusetts. The call came from Newark, New Jersey, and Mr. Bluestein told the area coordinator that Bluestein's field directors would assist the "Poor People's Campaign" in any way they could but this should be kept confidential. The source said he understood this assistance would take the form of at least talking up support for the campaign and recruiting participants.

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January 4, 1967

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
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Washington, D. C.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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

On December 30, 1966, it was learned that Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Secretary, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, was circulating a petition demanding the abolishment of the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. The sponsors of the petition hope to obtain 400 to 600 signatures of civil rights leaders throughout the country. This petition will be presented to the Speaker of the House the first day Congress convenes by either Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or his Vice President, Ralph D. Abernathy.

The co-sponsor of this petition is the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. "The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The

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Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the Southern Conference for Human Welfare disbanded in the late 1940's, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy, helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's.

The Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

Carl Braden and Anne Braden, Director and Associate Director, respectively, of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., were identified as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954, by Alberta Ahearn, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party. Alberta Ahearn testified to this fact in the Jefferson County, Kentucky, court in the prosecution of Carl Braden under a state sedition statute. However, an adverse Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of such state statutes reversed Carl Braden's subsequent conviction.

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April 18, 1966

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The following information was supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past:

On April 13-14, 1966, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held an Executive Board meeting at Miami, Florida. Among those in attendance at this meeting were Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and his principal advisors, Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel and Clarence Jones.

According to "The New York Times" dated April 14, 1966, on page 1, the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference adopted a resolution at the Miami meeting which called on the Johnson Administration to abandon the ruling military junta of South Vietnam and consider withdrawing from the country altogether.

The resolution, as reported in the article, stated, "We call on our Government to desist from aiding the military junta against the Buddhists, Catholics and students of Vietnam, whose efforts to democratize their Government are more in consonance with our traditions than the policy of the military oligarchy."

"If we are true to our own ideals we have no choice but to abandon the military junta under such manifestly vigorous popular opposition.

"We believe the moment is now opportune and the need urgent to reassess our position and seriously examine the wisdom of prompt withdrawal."

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According to a source of this Bureau, Clarence Jones on April 14, 1966, in commenting on the resolution as reported in "The New York Times" said, "We gave it to them - we gave it to Johnson," alluding to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Jones also said he was the individual who had drafted the Southern Christian Leadership Conference resolution dealing with Vietnam.

The Executive Board held long sessions each day running into the early morning hours because of the resolution on Vietnam. While there was general agreement on the substance of the resolution, Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel both argued for a stronger resolution than presented and particularly condemning United States troop participation in Vietnam.

Stanley Levison is a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, U. S. A., has been established as recently as July, 1963. Harry Wachtel has been a 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. Clarence Jones reportedly held a position of leadership during the mid-1950's in the Labor Youth League, an organization which has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Among others in attendance at the Executive Board meeting held in Miami were Randolph Blackwell and Cordy Vivian. Information was received in February, 1953, that Blackwell had been a member of the Communist Party, U. S. A., in the District of Columbia. Blackwell is also reported to have attended a Labor Youth League Convention on August 13, 1950, at Durham, North Carolina. In 1947, Vivian was a member of the Community Section, Communist Party, U.S.A., Peoria, Illinois.

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BY LIAISON

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Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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

On April 4, 1966, Andrew J. Young, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in contact with Stanley David Levison, a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963. Young and Levison discussed resolutions to be presented at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Board meeting scheduled to be held April 12 - 13, 1966, in Miami, Florida. In addition, Levison informed Young he would be most happy to serve on the Resolutions Committee at this meeting.

Young advised Levison he was interested in obtaining a resolution from the meeting which would support the nonviolent demonstrations of Catholics and Buddhists in Vietnam. Young said he also wants a resolution calling for broader representation in the Government of Vietnam, particularly increased civilian representation.

Young stated he felt the Southern Christian Leadership Conference should come forth with more than just a mere condemnation of the war in Vietnam. He said, for example, "they" should issue a specific statement in opposition to the bombing of Hanoi.

Young expressed to Levison the idea that "they" should call for increased aid to India such as the Marshall Plan. He said thus far the Marshall Plan has only benefited white nations.

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In response to a request from Young, Levison advised he would obtain more information regarding "internment camps" in Vietnam and would also give serious consideration to the other points which Young had mentioned.

Levison pointed out to Young he was in full accord with Young's thoughts concerning the foregoing aspects of the international situation, but felt the Southern Christian Leadership Conference must be very cautious not to place itself in the position of making too many abrupt changes in its policy regarding international matters. Levison said to do so would make it appear that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was neglecting the problem of civil rights. Levison stressed to Young that he definitely will give further detailed consideration to these several points, but that "they" must be careful to avoid an extensive change in policy. Levison noted that too much publicity could put "us" on the defensive again.

Young said he was appreciative of Levison's words of caution, but firmly believes many matters of an international nature can be woven into the "great society idea" in the course of achieving eventual peace.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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TO: LEE C. WHITE

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February 15, 1966

BY LIAISON

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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 February 9, 1966, Junius Griffin, Publicity Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, discussed with Bob Johnson, a representative of "Jet" magazine, the fact that Andrew J. Young, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had been offered a position as Deputy Director of the "White House Conference." Griffin told Johnson that a great amount of pressure had been exerted on Young in an effort to induce him to accept the position.

Griffin requested Johnson to write an exclusive story for "Jet" revealing the Government's interest in having Young accept the aforementioned position. Griffin emphatically instructed Johnson that he must not identify Griffin as the source of his information.

Johnson told Griffin he was agreeable to preparing such a story and hoped that by doing so Negroes would be alerted to the Government's "practice" of taking Negro civil rights leaders "out of action" and placing them in Government positions where they can be "controlled."

Andrew J. Young, on February 8, 1966, instructed his secretary to send a telegram to Lee C. White, Special Counsel to the President, stating that Young respectfully declined the offer of the position of Deputy Director of the "White House Conference" in view of his responsibilities to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
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January 12, 1966

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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

Shortly after noon, January 10, 1966, Randolph T. Blackwell, Program Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advised Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, that the Georgia House of Representatives had that morning (January 10, 1966) refused to seat Representative-elect Julian Bond, a Negro of Atlanta, Georgia, based on statements recently made by Bond endorsing opposition to United States policy in Vietnam. Blackwell informed King that the Georgia House of Representatives was scheduled to hold a hearing concerning Bond that afternoon (January 10, 1966).

King instructed Blackwell to "involve us as much as we can become involved. This is such an injustice we have to do what we can." King suggested that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in addition to holding some demonstrations, give consideration to holding a "rally" at a local college in support of Bond.

Information was received in February, 1953, that Randolph T. Blackwell had been a member of the Communist Party, USA, in the District of Columbia. Blackwell is also reported to have attended a Labor Youth League Convention on August 13, 1950, at Durham, North Carolina. The Labor Youth League has been designated as subversive by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 10, 1966, Junius Griffin, Director of Publicity, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, informed John R. Lewis, National Chairman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, one of the principal organizations active in the civil rights field, that the Southern Christian

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Leadership Conference was calling many people requesting them to attend the aforementioned hearing. Lewis advised Griffin that he had been calling many people throughout the country, particularly United States Congressmen, requesting these people to send telegrams to the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives requesting that the House seat Bond.

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" on January 11, 1966, reported that on January 10, 1966, the Georgia House of Representatives by a vote of 184 to 12 barred Bond from taking his seat in that House. The article described Bond as Publicity Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1965
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Mr. President:

The attached concerns a meeting between the Vice President and Andrew J. Young and James E. Lowery members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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October 4, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source of this Bureau, who has supplied reliable information in the past, has furnished the following information concerning a recent contact between Andrew J. Young, Executive Assistant to the President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and James E. Lowery, Second Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Young said that he had recently participated in a meeting between Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the "Leadership Council" and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

It is to be noted that the September 23, 1965, issue of the "Evening Star," Washington, D. C., reported that Vice President Humphrey and civil rights leaders including King and Young met on September 21, 1965.

Young related to Lowery that during the meeting with Vice President Humphrey "we" complained about lack of accomplishments in the civil rights field on the part of the Department of Justice. Young said that he raised the question as to why the Justice Department with all its "power" apparently accomplished nothing while the Community Relations Service with practically no "power" was attaining surprising results. Young told Lowery that everyone in attendance at the meeting expressed agreement with this observation.

Young also told Lowery that he thought that in all probability Vice President Humphrey discussed this matter with President Lyndon B. Johnson because shortly after the meeting a reorganization involving the Community Relations Service was announced. Young told Lowery that he had heard from "some sources" who have connections "on the Hill" that this reorganization was merely a political tactic employed by President Johnson against the rising power of Vice President Humphrey.

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Young also told Lowery that he had heard "scuttlebutt" that Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach is "on his way out" and that Deputy Attorney General Ramsey Clark will take his place. Young did not indicate who had made this comment but told Lowery it was casually dropped by someone. Young indicated to Lowery that the comment was not made by "the Vice President or anyone else so official." Young told Lowery to talk to Ramsey Clark and use this information in whatever manner he can.

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November 1, 1965

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

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

On October 26, 1965, Andrew J. Young, Executive Assistant to Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, conferred with Stanley Levison, a frequent advisor to King. Levison is a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

Levison expressed his concern about a series of retreats on the part of the Government in connection with civil rights matters. He declared that every time the Government retreats, the Ku Klux Klan moves forward and he felt this situation is bigger than the United States Department of Justice. Levison described the circumstances to which he referred as a kind of "counterrevolution" in which the Klan makes a strike and the Government "ducks." He declared "We got to strike back."

It was Levison's opinion that King should make an appointment to see President Lyndon B. Johnson alone regarding this matter.

Young mentioned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had been thinking of conducting marches on courthouses in connection with voter registration. Such marches will be in areas where crimes involving civil rights workers have occurred. As a consequence, attention will be focused on existing inadequacies in these areas and the Government will be forced to establish Federal referees.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Levison and Young discussed the chances of obtaining passage of an "Administration of Justice" law. Young suggested that a two-month program to counteract fear and promote voter registration might encourage the passage of such a law by Congress in January, 1966. Levison thought this suggestion was good provided people are aware in the beginning that such a program is a long-term promotion of such a law.

Levison felt the most effective way to dramatize the matter would be for King to see President Johnson. He stated King should suggest a large demonstration in Washington, D. C., and hold this demonstration as a threat unless Congress passes an "Administration of Justice" law. Levison declared such a demonstration is necessary because Congress in January, 1966, will not be in a mood to entertain further civil rights legislation. Levison believed Washington will be upset at the possibility of a large demonstration, particularly with the Vietnam situation still pending and with elections forthcoming. Consequently, such a law will have a better chance of being favorably considered.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 23, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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

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classified, this transmittal form becomes
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

This information has also been furnished
to the Attorney General and the Deputy
Attorney General

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 27, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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

Enc.

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

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 27, 1965

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

On August 25, 1965, Bernard Lee, personal assistant to Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, contacted Stanley Levison and advised Levison that King is writing an article for "The New York Times Magazine" and wanted Levison to review the article for perceptiveness. On the same date, King was in contact with Levison about this article and other matters.

King commented to Levison that the article should contain a message to the effect that one way to respond to the Los Angeles riot was to take a completely negative attitude, accusing the civil rights leaders and everyone else for the trouble. King mentioned that he was being accused since he had urged people to break laws during demonstrations. He said what he is trying to get across is that a crisis like that at Los Angeles could be both a danger point and an opportunity. King felt this is the time to seek the causes and face the fact that we have not done enough to right the wrongs.

King and Levison also discussed King's feeling that there is now a need to re-evaluate "our whole programmatic thrust" for the next few months, particularly the work in the North. King felt this was necessary since civil rights leaders were being blamed for the Los Angeles riot because they had not carried the movement to the isolated people. King and Levison agreed that discussion of this matter is so urgent that Levison, Bayard Rustin, Clarence Jones and other advisors to King should meet in Atlanta, Georgia, from August 26 through August 28, 1965.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A second source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff had been proposed for August 26 and August 27, 1965, at Atlanta at which time a decision concerning the involvement of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the Chicago, Illinois, civil rights movement might be made.

Stanley Levison, unaccompanied by any other individuals, departed Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York, at 9:30 a.m., August 26, 1965, for Atlanta, Georgia, via Eastern Airlines.

Levison is a long-time communist whose membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

Clarence Jones was reported to have been a member in the mid-1950's of the Labor Youth League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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, FBI Number 3 808 121, 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 14, 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 fifteen 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 sixty days.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 24, 1965

BY LIAISON

**Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

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

Enc.

**The enclosed information is also
being furnished to the Attorney General.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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August 24, 1965

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Confidential informants of this Bureau who have supplied reliable information in the past have furnished the following information concerning the Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9 through August 13, 1965, and communist influences evident relative to this organization.

On August 11, 1965, Bayard Rustin was presented to attendees at the Convention who were then in meeting. During the early 1940's 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, FBI Number 3 808 121, 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 14, 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 fifteen 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 sixty days.

On August 11, 1965, Lawrence D. Reddick was one of the speakers at the Convention. Reddick is a former member of the Communist Party, USA.

On August 12, 1965, Harry Wachtel was identified by Special Agents of this Bureau as one of the attendees at the Convention. In the late 1940's Wachtel was a member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization which has been cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives.

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**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Stanley Levison attended two of the workshops which took place during the Convention. On August 13, 1965, it was announced at an Executive Board meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by its Treasurer, Ralph Abernathy, that Stanley Levison served on a committee during the Convention which checked on the financial records of the organization for the past fiscal year. Levison is a long-time communist whose membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

The head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King, Jr., was present throughout this Convention.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 22, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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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July 22, 1965

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

On July 16, 1965, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, discussed financial matters pertaining to that organization with his secretary, Dora E. McDonald.

McDonald advised King that a check for \$5,000 to be used for voter registration work had been received by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from Walter Reuther. McDonald did not further identify the Walter Reuther to whom she referred.

McDonald also informed King that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had received a check for \$25,000 from a woman residing in the State of New York. McDonald mentioned that this woman intends to donate an equal sum to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference each year. McDonald indicated that this woman had donated appreciable amounts of money to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the past.

King instructed McDonald to send this woman a special letter of appreciation. He told McDonald he would also telephone this woman and mentioned that Stanley Levison had suggested that he, King, telephone her.

Stanley David Levison is a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963. For many years, Levison has been a close advisor to King and has exerted considerable influence in the civil rights movement through his counseling of King.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BY LIAISON


August 6, 1965

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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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August 6, 1965

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YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

An extremely sensitive source whose identity must be carefully protected and who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that

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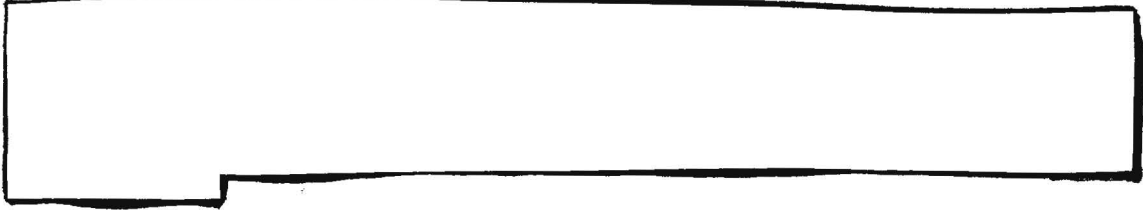
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YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES



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Mr. President:

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8/30/65
6:30p

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 30, 1965


BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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

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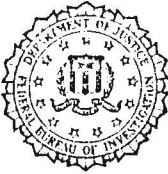
Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

Copies of this memorandum are
also being furnished to the Attorney General,
the Deputy Attorney General, the Secretary
of State and the Director of the Central
Intelligence Agency.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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August 26, 1965

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INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

According to the source, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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the FBI. It is the property of
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Mr. President:

For your information.

Marvin

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

September 17, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Edgar Hoover".
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

The attached information is being furnished
to you as of possible interest to the
President; the Attorney General; his Deputy
the Secretary of State; the Secretary of
Defense; the Director of the Central
Intelligence Agency and the Director,
Defense Intelligence Agency.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 17, 1965

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An extremely sensitive source who has furnished reliable information in the past has furnished the following information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In view of the extreme sensitivity of the source, it is requested that no action be taken based on this information which might jeopardize our source or indicate United States Government possession of this information.

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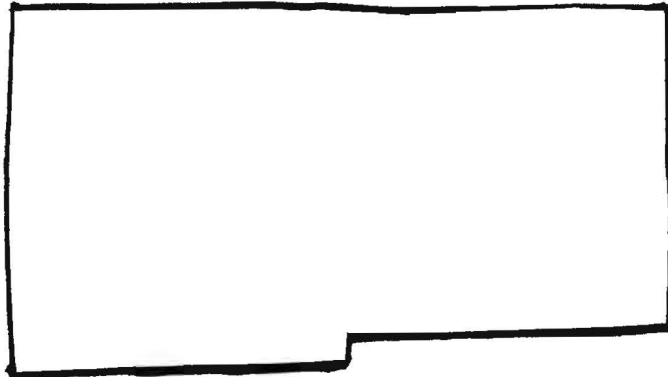
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THE WHITE HOUSE RETURN TO:
WASHINGTON WILLIAM STEGALL

September 15, 1965
3:05 p. m. *fs*

Mr. President:

3.3(b)(1),(6)



Deke DeLoach called and said

3.3(b)(1),(6)



Marvin

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 15, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

3.4(b)(1), (b) [Redacted]

3.4(b)(1), (b) [Redacted]

In view of the extreme delicacy of this matter and its importance to the United States Government, it is requested that the information contained in this communication be held very closely. It is being furnished to you as of possible interest to the President, to the Attorney General, to the Secretary of State, to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Sincerely yours,

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TO: Marvin Watson

9-15-65

FROM: Jim R. Jones

Deke DeLoach called saying the memo he
sent you through Mildred concerns

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After you and President finish the memo
you should send it to McGeorge Bundy.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 21, 1965

BY LIAISON

W

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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

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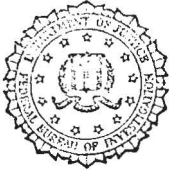
Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

Copies of this memorandum are
also being furnished to the Attorney General
and the Deputy Attorney General. The
Department of State, the Central Intelligence
Agency and the Departments of the Army, Navy
and Air Force are also being advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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October 21, 1965

[REDACTED]
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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information in the past, has furnished information [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 2, 1965

BY LIAISON


Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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

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unclassified.

Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

This memorandum is being furnished
to you and the Attorney General, the Deputy
Attorney General, the Secretary of State,
the Director of the Central Intelligence
Agency and the Director, Defense Intelligence
Agency.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 2, 1965

KEY PERSONALITIES - YUGOSLAVIA

An extremely sensitive source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past and [redacted]

[redacted] has
furnished the following information concerning [redacted]

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KEY PERSONALITIES - YUGOSLAVIA

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In view of the extreme sensitivity of this source, it is requested that no action be taken on this information which might jeopardize the source or indicate United States Government possession of this information.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

January 31, 1967

BY COURIER

**Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.**



Dear Mr. Watson:

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

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unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written over the typed name.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

**Also disseminated to The Secretary of
State and The Acting Attorney General.**

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State and the Acting Attorney General.
Also directed the Secretary of
State.

Director
John Edgar Hoover
[Signature]
Sincerely yours,

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for your information, I am enclosing

Dear Mr. Watson:
Washington, D. C.
The White House
Special Assistant to the President
Honorable Melvin Watson

EX CORNERS
JANUARY 31, 1961



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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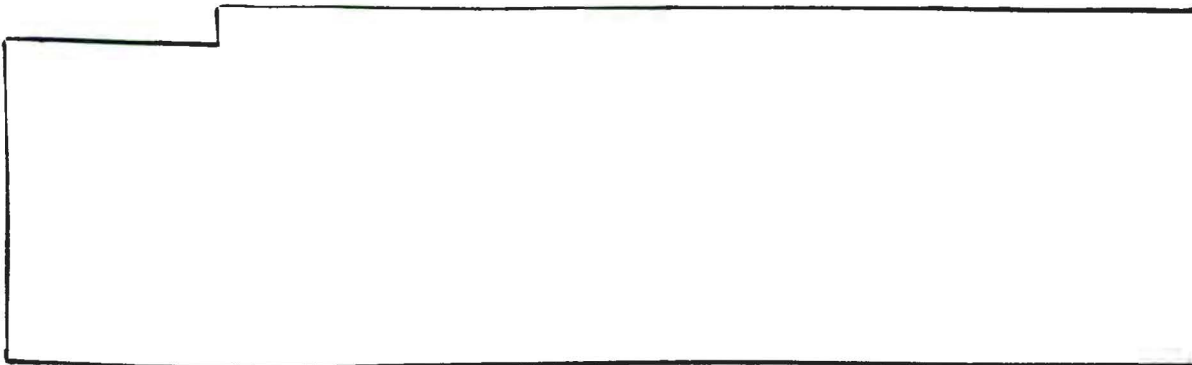
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January 31, 1967

BOMBING OF YUGOSLAV
DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS
IN THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA
JANUARY 29, 1967

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting a full investigation into the bombing of Yugoslav diplomatic establishments in the United States on January 29, 1967. We also are fully cooperating with Canadian authorities regarding the similar bombings in Canada on the same date.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

February 13, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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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Enclosed herewith is one copy of the
letter referred to in my memorandum to
you dated February 10, 1967.

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W. MARVIN WATSON

Don dated February 10, 1961.
Letter dated to the memorandum to
Enclosed is one copy of the

1961 FEB 13 PM 6:20

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[Handwritten signature]

Dear Mr. Watson:

Washington, D. C.
The White House
Special Assistant to the President
Honorable Martin Luther King

VA DIVISION

February 17, 1961





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Serbian Orthodox Church and School Community of St. Sava Cathedral
СРПСКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦРКВЕНО-ШКОЛСКА ОПШТИНА КАТЕДРАЛЕ СВ. САВЕ
16 WEST 26th STREET
NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION
Phone CHelsea 3-8540

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In reference to the latest highly organized series of explosions in Yugoslav diplomatic missions and statements made by some U.S. government officials, representatives of the Serbian national anti-communist organizations from New York and New Jersey held a meeting on February 1, 1967 on which they issued the following

S T A T E M E N T

- 1) All organizations represented at this meeting categorically reject false accusations and blame of American citizens of Yugoslav extraction for the highly organized terrorist attacks on six guarded missions, before the American authorities have attempted to find out and establish, unmistakably, who is responsible for these acts of terrorism.

We also vigorously protest against statements made by some senators and government officials who blame Yugoslav anti-communist exiles for these blasts before the results of the FBI investigation are officially published. To make things worse, anti-Tito exiles were blamed for these bombings even before any investigation by the FBI started. Accusers should remember that in this democratic country a person is treated as innocent until proven otherwise. Why in this case exception of this rule is made?

As representatives of various Serbian organizations we are confident that the FBI will find organizers of these attacks, but not among Serbs, because Serbs did not take any part in this communist conspiracy.

- 2) We protest commentaries made by government officials and some part of American press which are taken in by official statements of the Yugoslav communists. We regret to see that the American authorities and some part of the U.S. press have joined the Yugoslav communist officials in blaming of American citizens of Yugoslav origin for these terrorist attacks, before it was officially established who did these bombings.
- 3) We reject any identification of Serbs with Fascists. Through our history Serbs are known as fighters for liberty and Christianity, and as such are great friends of American people and followers of American ideals.
- 4) Members of the undersigned organizations are followers of the general Draza Mihailovic, the guerrilla fighter against Germans. General Mihailovic, who was executed by Tito in 1945, with his followers have saved over 500 U.S. pilots from Germans during World War II. Those pilots were sent over free Yugoslav mountains to safety while the war was still in full force.

This fact gives us right and liberty to inform you that the followers of general Mihailovic are not "terrorists" or "bandits," as blamed, but, honest, hard working people, who are loyal to our new country and you as our leader and President.

In this war for freedom and peace in Viet-Nam we are all backing you Mr. President, with all our hearts. We constantly pray to the Almighty God to give you health and wisdom in your fight for the just cause and victory of our forces in this war.

- 5) As anti-communists we are for an uncompromised struggle with the communists, and we are proud of this fact. But, we are also faithful to our new homeland and its laws. As loyal Americans we employ only legal methods in our fight against our mutual enemies--communists--in this democratic society. We do NOT use terrorist methods which have been so often practiced by communist bandits in their struggle for power and world domination.
- 6) As experienced fighters familiar with communist underground activities and methods used we can assure you that the latest pre-dawn well coordinated series of explosions are acts of Yugoslav officials who work in these missions. The precise timing and number of explosions in police protected missions is only one more proof that these terro-

rist acts were done by communist insiders for either one of these two reasons:

- a/ Inside power struggle between Tito and Rankovic, or
 - b/ The planned official visit of Tito to Expo 1967 in Canada and need for better protection from anti-communist exiles.
- 7) This is a blatant attempt to discredit national anti-communist organizations and its members before American public and our government by labeling us "terrorists." However, we should not forget Hitler's plot of 1933 when the Reichstag building was destroyed by fire and then this accident was used as a pretext in extermination of Jews. We are afraid that something similar is going on in this case when American citizens of Yugoslav extraction are blamed for this communist plot without facts which can support such accusations.

We are sure that through the FBI the American public will learn the truth about this communist plot sooner or later. We hope that after this communists will pack their luggage and leave this free country in shame.

We are sick and tired of communist attacks and smears on new American citizens who are refugees from communist's oppression. As Americans we demand full protection from our government against such false accusations.

Serbian Orthodox Church "St. Sava"
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Tihomir Topalovic
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Ladies' Guild of the Serbian
Orthodox Church "St. Sava"
President.

Helen Kosanovich
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Royal Club King Alexandar I
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Dragoljub Raskovic

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Serbian Brother's Help
Secretary

Janko Sijacki

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American Serbian National
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Ex-Combatants Ass. "Draza Mihailov:
President

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(Vlajko Dragicevic)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 7, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

As a result of the investigation which the FBI has conducted into the bombing of Yugoslav diplomatic establishments on January 29, 1967, the Department of Justice is now making arrangements to take this case before a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C.

For your information there is attached a brief summary of our most extensive investigation. It is suggested that this matter might be of interest to the President.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

Enclosure

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DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS
IN THE UNITED STATES
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JANUARY 29, 1967

Between approximately 4:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 29, 1967, bombings occurred at the Yugoslav diplomatic establishments in Washington, D. C., New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Ottawa, and Toronto. A full investigation was immediately instituted by the FBI.

Our investigation has established evidence that the bombings resulted from a conspiracy which includes Reverend Radomir Chkautovic, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Reverend Stojilko Kajevic and his brother, Zivko Kajevic, both of Youngstown, Ohio; Djordje Djelic, Milan Nikolic, and Desimir Marjanovic, all of Cleveland, Ohio; Miomir Radovanovic and Dragisa Kasikovic, both of Chicago; Borislav Kornic, Los Angeles; Kosta Stanojevic, his brother, Branco Stanojevic, Branislav Petrov, and Becir Rakocevic, all of Toronto.

The plan allegedly had its inception at a meeting in Chicago in June, 1966, between Miomir Radovanovic, Dragisa Kasikovic, Reverend Stojilko Kajevic, and Kosta Stanojevic. A second meeting between subjects from the United States and Canada allegedly took place at Shadeland, Pennsylvania, in August, 1966, and many of the subjects again met at Libertyville, Illinois, in September, 1966.

We have recovered a letter written by Reverend Radomir Chkautovic but signed only "Putnik," a Serbo-Croatian word meaning "traveler." This letter was written in December, 1966, in which Chkautovic expressed violent anti-Tito sentiments, spoke of a close association with Stojilko Kajevic and Djordje Djelic, requested physical details of the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City, asked whether

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the Consulate was protected by police or dogs, stated that the requested information was needed "Not for me but for us," described the letter as confidential, and said it should never be mentioned.

We have also recovered a letter written by Borislav Kornic, Los Angeles, to Dragisa Kasikovic, Chicago, in October, 1966, in which Kornic makes reference to "illegal" work to be done by "our group," states that the writer is willing to go to Canada if necessary, and that "if something should be done, try to arrange it for a Saturday or Sunday, in order that we may have time for everything." It is noted that the bombings occurred on a Sunday morning.

Upon interview Kornic and two of his associates in Los Angeles, Desimir Marjanovic and Milan Nikolic, denied any knowledge of the bombings and denied having been in San Francisco at the time of the bombings. Kornic admitted having written the letter to Kasikovic but said it was concerned only with the possibility of intensifying underground activity in Yugoslavia.

It has been established that Kornic, Nikolic, and Marjanovic drove from Los Angeles to San Francisco where they checked into a motel at approximately 8:00 a. m., January 28, 1967. They checked out sometime before 1:00 p. m., January 29, 1967. This motel is approximately one and one-half miles from the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco.

Kornic has told an associate that the San Francisco Consulate was bombed by Kornic, Nikolic, and Marjanovic. He reportedly said that when he moved to Los Angeles from Chicago in October, 1966, he had no specific instructions regarding the bombing of the San Francisco Consulate. Kornic reportedly said that these instructions were developed through correspondence and telephone calls between him and Dragisa

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Kasikovic, Chicago, and Stojilko Kajevec in Youngstown. Kornic also allegedly told his associate that Nikolic brought additional instructions when he came to Los Angeles from Cleveland about January 1, 1967, while Marjanovic brought final instructions and the dynamite when he came to Los Angeles from Cleveland on January 3, 1967.

It has been determined that the night before Marjanovic left Cleveland he was in the company of Stojilko Kajevec, Zivko Kajevec, and Djordje Djelic. It is noted that Nikolic and Marjanovic who moved from Cleveland to Los Angeles in January, 1967, have now returned to Cleveland where they now reside.

A hardware dealer near Poland, Ohio, recorded the license number of Stojilko Kajevec's automobile in the early part of December, 1966, when two men driving this car attempted to buy dynamite. They spoke English with such difficulty they were informed that dynamite could only be sold to citizens and they left after stating they would obtain the dynamite somewhere else. An employee of the hardware store has made a tentative identification from a photograph of Reverend Radomir Chkautovic as having been one of the two men.

On the night of January 24-25, 1967, there was a meeting at the Holiday Inn Motel, Perrysburg, Ohio, which was attended by Kosta Stanojevic of Toronto and several subjects from the United States. Only Kosta Stanojevic has admitted being present at the motel although the presence of others has been established through investigation. Stanojevic alleged to Canadian police that he had gone to Perrysburg, Ohio, to attend a party with girls, but he declined to identify others attending the party because he said they were married men whose lives could be ruined. The subjects meeting at the motel were observed by several people, none of whom saw any girls or women with the group.

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A pattern of pertinent travel by subjects includes an airplane trip by Djordje Djelic from Cleveland to New York and return on January 26, 1967, which he refuses to discuss in detail, and a trip by the Kajevic brothers to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on January 27, 1967, with a subsequent trip to Washington, D. C., and return to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on January 28, 1967, accompanied by Radomir Chkautovic. Investigation has established many discrepancies in the stories these three men give concerning their whereabouts during the weekend of the bombings.

They admit having been in Washington, D. C., for a sight-seeing trip on January 28, 1967, but claim that they returned to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, early that evening.

Canadian authorities have determined that Kosta Stanojevic and Branislav Petrov drove from Toronto to Montreal, arriving late in the afternoon of January 28, 1967. Upon arrival they purchased fifteen and one-half gallons of gasoline. Their car was taken from the parking lot at 10:15 p.m., January 28, 1967, and returned at 5:20 a.m., January 29, 1967, after which they purchased another fifteen and one-half gallons of gasoline before returning to Toronto. The Yugoslav Embassy in Ottawa was bombed at approximately 4:30 a.m. and Canadian experts believe a timing device was used. It is approximately 120 miles from Montreal to Ottawa. Stanojevic and Petrov told police they did not leave Montreal on the night of January 28-29, 1967.

On the evening of January 29, 1967, Kosta Stanojevic and Branislav Petrov attended a party given in Toronto by Becir Rakocovic. Both Stanojevic and Petrov reportedly said, "How did you like that job we did last night?"

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In addition to the evidence which has been outlined above, there is a pattern of long distance toll charges between the subjects of this investigation at pertinent times such as before and after the meeting at Perrysburg, Ohio, on January 24, 1967. The pattern of calls indicates that the operation was being coordinated from the Cleveland-Youngstown area.



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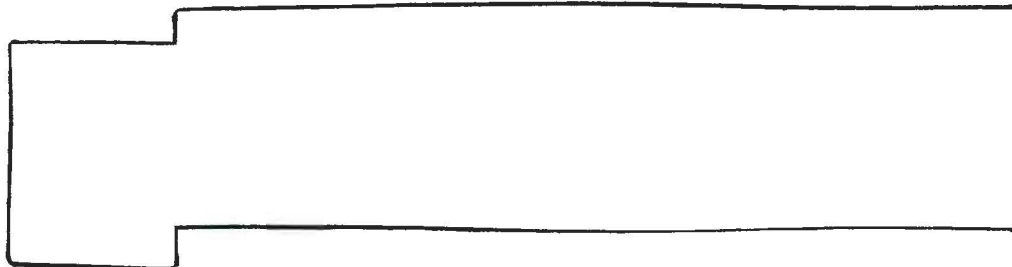
April 17, 1967

BY LIAISON

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

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

The following information which has been received from a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, may be of interest to the President.



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The Department of Justice is currently presenting evidence regarding the bombings to a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C.

This information is also being brought to the attention of the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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April 9, 1965

BY LIAISON

(W)
Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

The following is being brought to your attention
as of possible interest to the President.

This Bureau has received information that Hosea Williams, Director of Political Education of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has been instrumental in organizing and is heading a project known as the Southern Committee Organization for Political Education. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are allegedly in favor of Williams' proposal for project Southern Committee Organization for Political Education and have promised him a financial budget of \$480,000.

The purpose of project Southern Committee Organization for Political Education according to our information is to get 5,000 to 10,000 students from northern colleges to work on voting rights during the Summer of 1965 in all southern states with the exception of Alabama and Mississippi where the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is already active. The Southern Committee Organization for Political Education workers are already active on a number of northern campuses attempting to form teams of Southern Committee Organization for Political Education workers.

The above information has been furnished to the
Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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