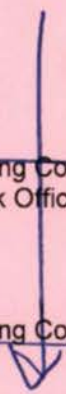


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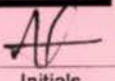
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS Office: NEW YORK  
Date: 2/13/59  
File Number: NEW YORK 100-136886  
Title: ELLA J. BAKER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: ELLA J. BAKER, in December, 1958, was reported to reside at 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, and is non-salaried Executive Secretary of "In Friendship," 122 East 57th Street, New York City. In January, 1959, BAKER could be reached at Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. In "The Worker" article, 3/25/56, BAKER named as secretary of new organization, "In Friendship." NY T-2 furnished information indicating STANLEY DAVID LEVISON on Finance Committee of "In Friendship." BAKER in contact with LEVISON late 1956 and in 1957. NY T-5 furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON was treasurer of "In Friendship" and endorsed two checks drawn on "In Friendship," payable to BAKER. LEVISON described as closely associated with ELLA BAKER through the organization, "In Friendship." Informants, cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, report subject unknown to them.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

On December 15, 1958, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, were checked by IC ARTHUR D. HANREHAN. These records reflected that in background information submitted in 1957, the subject said she was born December 13, 1905, in the United States.

B. Marital Status

On December 17, 1958, the records of the New York Credit Bureau were made available by clerk PAULINE DE FIORE to IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT. These records reflected that in 1952, the subject was single.

C. Residence

Records of the New York City Credit Bureau, previously mentioned, reflected that prior to 1952, the subject resided at 277 West 150 Street, New York City. These records disclosed that in April, 1952, the subject resided at 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, which is the residence of subject's married sister, Mrs. T. J. ROBERTS.

On December 15, 1958, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, reflected that ELIA J. BAKER resided at 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, from 1954 to 1957, inclusively.

On December 5, 1958, an unidentified individual, at the office of the New York Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP), 165 West 131st Street, New York City, was telephonically contacted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of

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Investigation under pretext. This person advised that ELLA BAKER resided at 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.

On January 29, 1959, SA BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS determined through the services of the New York Bell Telephone Company that telephone number AU 3-6527, listed to Mrs. T. J. ROBERTS, 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, had been discontinued.

On February 2, 1959, NY T-1 advised that he had no information indicating that ELLA J. BAKER had moved from the address 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, within the period 1957-1958.

#### D. Employment

On December 17, 1958, the records of the New York City Credit Bureau, previously mentioned, reflected that as of April 16, 1952, the subject was Executive Secretary and Director of the New York City Cancer Committee, 2149 7th Avenue, New York City, and had been so employed for approximately two years. These records noted that the New York City Cancer Committee was engaged in giving assistance to under-privileged Negroes in the Harlem area, New York City.

In December, 1958, the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, New York City, were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and reflected that in September and December, 1957, the subject was State Educational Director of the New York Branch of the NAACP and a member of the New York Branch of the NAACP Executive Committee.

On January 29, 1959, an unidentified individual, at the office of the New York Branch of the NAACP, New York City, was telephonically contacted, under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This person advised that at the present time,

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ELLA BAKER does not hold the position of New York State Educational Director for the NAACP and is not now a member of the NAACP Executive Committee. This person further stated that subject has not held the above positions for approximately 18 months, and while she is a member of the New York Branch of the NAACP, she holds no official position with the organization.

On January 18, 1959, NY T-2 furnished information concerning material maintained in the office of STANLEY D. LEVISON, 6 East 39th Street, New York City. Part of this material reflected that as of April 14, 1958, ELLA J. BAKER could be located at Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

On January 29, 1959, an unidentified individual, at the office of "In Friendship" (IF), 122 East 57th Street, New York City, was telephonically contacted, under pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that ELLA BAKER was Executive Secretary of IF, for which position she receives no compensation. This person pointed out that BAKER is not now in New York City, as she is in Atlanta, Georgia, attending the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and that any income she receives for her work must arise from her connections with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This person stated that BAKER could be reached at 208 Auburn Avenue, S. W. Atlanta, Georgia, at Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

II. ASSOCIATION OF ELLA J. BAKER  
WITH STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, THROUGH  
THE ORGANIZATION "IN FRIENDSHIP"

With regard to STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, in March, 1956, NY T-3 advised that LEVISON had, for a number of years, engaged in activities on behalf of a secret Communist Party (CP) financial operation known as the Reserve Fund.

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In April, 1956, NY T-3 advised that LEVISON and his brother, ROY BENNETT (LEVISON), had operated business ventures on behalf of the CP.

On June 25, 1957, NY T-3 advised that insofar as he has been able to determine, STANLEY LEVISON and his brother, ROY, are not longer involved in the CP Reserve Fund operation and have not been so involved since early 1957, or some time prior thereto. NY T-3 stated that STANLEY LEVISON is now a CP member with no official title, who performs his CP work through mass organization activity.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" issue of March 25, 1956, page 6, column 3, contained an article entitled, "In Friendship Rallies' Assistance to Negro Victims of Dixie Squeeze." This article noted that "representatives of 75 New York churches, unions and fraternal societies and other organizations recently formed a new organization 'In Friendship' to give economical aid to Negroes in the South, caught in the vice of economic boycotts, terror and intimidation." The article identified Miss ELLA BAKER as secretary of the new group which would have temporary headquarters at 40 East 40th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

On November 4, 1956, NY T-2 furnished information concerning material maintained at the office of STANLEY LEVISON, 6 East 39th Street, New York City. A portion of this material consisted of a printed leaflet entitled, "We Believe" and bearing the caption "In Friendship'..... for welfare aid to Victims of Racism." On the back of

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this leaflet there was contained a list of officers of the organization which named as secretary "ELLA J. BAKER." The location of the organization was set forth at 40 East 40th Street, New York City.

NY T-2 also furnished information concerning a typed memorandum, dated July 26, 1956, addressed to "Executive members of 'In Friendship'" from "ELLA J. BAKER." This memorandum concerned courses being given at Bard College, Annandale, on Hudson, New York, and bore at the bottom the penciled notation "STANLEY LEVISON'S Office. 6 East 39 Street - Rm 601."

According to NY T-2 there was also contained among this material a letter, dated September 5, 1956, addressed to "Mr. H. D. MONTEITH, Victory Savings Bank, 1107 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.", concerning a check for \$4,000.00 which had been forwarded to the bank for deposit a month previously and for which no acknowledgment had been received. The letter requested that a bank book reflecting the deposit be mailed to an individual c/o "In Friendship." This letter bore the typed conclusion "Very sincerely, STANLEY D. LEVISON, Finance Committee."

In November, 1956, NY T-4 advised that on November 9, 1956, STANLEY LEVISON was in contact with ELLA BAKER.

In December, 1956, NY T-4 advised that on December 11, 1956, STANLEY LEVISON discussed a person having the first name ELLA and whose last name was not given to the informant. LEVISON expressed the opinion that ELLA should not be Executive Secretary, inasmuch as she could not organize herself or anyone else. He discussed ways and means of getting rid of ELLA, gracefully, and stated the solution to her replacement might be accomplished quite readily. According to NY T-4, LEVISON stated he did not believe ELLA should be replaced by a paid individual, but rather by a volunteer worker.

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In January, 1957, NY T-4 advised that on January 7, 1957, STANLEY LEVISON was in contact with ELLA BAKER. BAKER informed LEVISON that she was planning to leave New York for a trip to Montgomery, Alabama, on January 8, 1957. BAKER commented that during the trip, she hoped to visit Mississippi, where she could see for herself and ascertain conditions caused by a personal interest in what was taking place in that state. BAKER indicated she would probably visit the cities of Savannah and Atlanta, during her trip.

In January, 1957, NY T-4 advised that on January 23, 1957, ELLA BAKER, STANLEY LEVISON and one other individual held a conference at 6 East 39th Street, New York City. NY T-4 advised the conference was held to discuss a telegram to be sent to the President of the United States on February 25, 1957, which would request that the President make a personal visit to the South in connection with the integration movement. During the discussion relative to the telegram and a proposed press release, it was agreed not to have it known that the communication, or the idea for the communication originated from any organization. It was pointed out that this would detract from the effectiveness of the telegram. According to NY T-4, LEVISON stated they wanted to conceal the fact that a Negro and a Jew were stimulating the Christian Church. LEVISON pointed out that the proposed signers of the telegram were to be four well known church officials from both Catholic and Protestant faiths.

On January 31, 1957, NY T-5 furnished information that the organization IF maintained an account at the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City. NY T-5 advised that principals to the account were: Reverend GEORGE LAWRENCE, Executive Chairman, STANLEY LEVISON, Treasurer and ELLA J. BAKER, Secretary.

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The above information may not be made public, except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

During 1957, and early 1958, NY T-5 furnished information regarding checks drawn on the account of IP, at the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City, including various checks with ELLA J. BAKER as payee. Two of these checks are as follows:

1. Check, dated October 16, 1957, in the amount of \$50.00, payee ELLA J. BAKER, drawn on the account of IP. This check was endorsed by ELLA J. BAKER and STANLEY D. LEVISON, for deposit only in the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

2. Check, dated February 21, 1958, in the amount of \$100.00, payee ELLA J. BAKER, drawn on the account of IP. This check was endorsed by STANLEY D. LEVISON and deposited in Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

The above information is not to be made public, except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

The above source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the information was obtained.

On April 23, 1958, Mrs. ANNE WRIGHT, 106 East 96th Street, New York City, advised that for the past six months, she had been employed at the Park Management Company, 6 East 39th Street, New York City, where she met and worked, at times with an attorney, STANLEY D. LEVISON. She stated LEVISON was connected with many organizations predominantly concerned with Negro rights and discrimination. She stated one such organization was IP, located at 122 East 57th Street, New York City. Mrs. WRIGHT advised that LEVISON, through the organization IP, was closely associated with ELLA BAKER, believed by Mrs. WRIGHT to have been the Executive Director of IP.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants, cognizant of some Communist Activities in the New York area, were contacted relative to the subject, during January, 1959, and advised she was unknown to them.

IV. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following physical description of the subject was secured from records, New York City Credit Bureau, New York City, Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, and from telephone pretext call to New York Branch of NAACP by a Special Agent of the FBI on December 5, 1958:

Name	ELLA J. BAKER
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Age	53
Birth Date	December 13, 1905
Birth Place	United States
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2"
Residence	Apartment 3A, 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City (as of December 5, 1958)
Occupation	Executive Secretary, "In Friendship," 122 East 57th Street, New York City (non-paid position)
Nearest Relatives	Sister, Mrs. T. J. ROBERTS, 452 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
February 13, 1959

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Re: Ella J. Baker  
Security Matter-C

The following is the evaluation of informants set forth in the report of Special Agent Benjamin P. Mc Manus, dated and captioned as above:

New York T-2, New York T-3, New York T-4 have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-1 and New York T-5 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

Other informants contacted relative to the subject during January, 1959, with negative results, have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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 June 22, 1965

Bureau 157-6-34

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 Authority: FBI Auto De-class guide issued 7/11/87  
 By: CTS, NARA, Date: 9/30/19

Re: Student Non-Violent Coordinating  
 Committee (SNCC) Picket of Federal  
 Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New  
 York Office (NYO), June 21, 1965  
 Racial Matters

From 4:30 PM to 7:10 PM on June 21, 1965, a peak number of 90 individuals, under the sponsorship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 38 Park Row, New York, New York, picketed outside the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The pickets were addressed by speakers who demanded a federal "injunction" calling for the release of civil rights workers now in jail in Jackson, Mississippi. The speakers further stated that the demonstration in front of the NYO of the FBI was to commemorate the deaths of three civil rights workers who were slain in Mississippi last summer. The speakers also demanded that the United States Government provide strong federal protection by federal agencies such as the FBI for civil rights workers in the South.

The aforementioned speakers were: Dr. Benjamin Payton (phonetic), a Negro minister; Herb Callender, Chairman of the Bronx, New York Chapter of CORE; Matt Jones, SNCC member from the South and Negro folksinger; Joyce Ware, Northeast Regional CORE Director; and Ella Baker, a representative of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

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A characterization of the SCEF is  
attached hereto and sources mentioned  
therein have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

The pickets demonstrated in an orderly fashion behind  
police barricades on the Third Avenue side of the NYO, 69th  
Street and Third Avenue, New York City.

Observed, by Special Agents of the FBI, NYO, in the  
picket line, were: Michael Jarvis and Vicki Morris.

A source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that  
Jarvis, mentioned above, attended a  
membership meeting of the W.E.B. DuBois  
Club, Brooklyn, New York, on  
February 21, 1965.

A characterization of the W.E.B. DuBois  
Clubs is attached hereto and sources  
mentioned therein have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

A second source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that Vicki  
Morris, daughter of George Morris, member of  
the editorial staff of "The Worker", was  
present at a meeting of the Brooklyn Youth  
Communist Party Club held at her residence  
in Brooklyn, New York, on October 23, 1962.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist  
newspaper.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ of the Southern Conference For Human Welfare (SCHW), by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a Communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, 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 amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party (CP) functionary, stated at a meeting of the CP in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the CP is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1964, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

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On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past, he has considered James Dombrowski, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual CP member, because he followed Communist principles.

The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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Re: SMOG Picket of FBI, NY,  
June 21, 1963  
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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

The second source has also advised that at the founding convention it was voted that the organization should be temporarily headquartered in San Francisco, California, although no specific physical location was decided upon. This same source advised on June 29, 1964, that the temporary headquarters of this organization is 1007 McAllister Street, San Francisco, which is the headquarters of the W.E.B. DuBois Club of San Francisco.

Both sources have advised that at the founding convention two officers were elected:

PHILIP CHAPIN DAVIS - President  
CARL ELLENGER BLOICE - Publications Chairman

A third source has advised that on October 26, 1962, PHILIP DAVIS attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

A fourth source has advised that CARL BLOICE, reporter for the "People's World" newspaper, was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated April 7, 1967.

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NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

2. GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

The Charlotte News, a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, in its issue of April 8, 1967, included an article, under the heading, "Don't Sell in Panic Homeowners Told" to the effect that T. W. CRUTCHER, JR., president of the Charlotte Board of Realtors asked residents of Edgewater, Clanton Park, and Rollingwood Sub-Divisions not to sell their homes because of racial panic. CRUTCHER urged the residents accord treatment to a minority family no different than that treatment accorded any other family moving into the neighborhood.

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FRANKLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

2. GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

The Raleigh Times, a daily Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper in its issue of April 10, 1967, under the caption of "Rogers Will Not Re-Apply" carried an article dateline Franklinton, North Carolina, which includes information that FRED W. ROGERS has in effect resigned as superintendent of the Franklinton City School System with no reason given. The article goes on to state that the Franklinton Chapter of the North Carolina Teachers Association, a Negro teachers organization, has protested the board's failure to rehire ROGERS and notes that the Franklinton Schools have been enmeshed in a struggle with the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) under the school system's desegregation plan having lost \$40,000 in federal aid because HEW claims the school system has failed to meet guidelines set by the Department for integration.

HAW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

2. GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

On April 17, 1967, JOHN STOCKARD, Sheriff, Alamance County, North Carolina, advised his office investigated a cross burning in the front lawn at the home of ERNEST FARRINGTON, Route 1, Haw River, North Carolina, at approximately 1:30 A. M., April 16, 1967. Sheriff STOCKARD stated that FARRINGTON, a Negro male, is the owner of E. and R. Grocery, which was shot into on November 24, 1966, by JAMES G. BUCK, EDWARD DAWSON, ROBERT H. COLEMAN, and HUGH VAUGHAN, JR., and is also principal state witness against ROBERT H. COLEMAN and EDWARD DAWSON, who have been tried and convicted in Superior Court, Alamance County, Graham, North Carolina.

According to STOCKARD, JAMES G. BUCK and HUGH VAUGHAN, JR. will be tried sometime during the week of April 23 - April 29, 1967, in which trial FARRINGTON will again be the principal state witness.

STOCKARD stated his investigation has not developed any suspects and that his department is continuing their investigation in this shooting.

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HERTFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

2. GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

On April 7, 1967, Agent O. L. WISE, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that Mayor V. N. DARDEN of Hertford, North Carolina, had received a letter on April 6, 1967, to the effect that he was responsible for having a group of Civil Rights marchers arrested in Hertford, North Carolina, approximately one year ago who are now going to trial and if DARDEN did not withdraw the warrants, the life of DARDEN and his wife were in danger.

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA

2. GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

On April 17, 1967, Chief of Police D. CLYDE HOOKER, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that a workshop conference was held April 15, 1967, at Mount Zion First Baptist Church with no incidence occurring and no nationally prominent speakers were in attendance.

THE CAROLINIAN, a Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper, in its issue of April 8, 1967, contained the following item:

## In Rocky Mount **Civil Rights Rally**

ROCKY MOUNT - A large scale civil rights workshop conference geared to civil rights and anti-poverty efforts and designed primarily for Eastern North Carolina, will take place on Saturday, April 15, here.

The affair will be held at the Mount Zion First Baptist Church -- one of the largest churches in Rocky Mount. The Rev. George Dudley is pastor.

John R. Salter, Jr., of Raleigh, who has done considerable civil rights work in various sections of the South, is organizing the conference. He said that it would begin at 10 a. m. Saturday, April 15, and would last for about twelve hours. Widely advertised, not only in North Carolina but also in sections of Southern Virginia, as being open to the public and no admission will be charged.

The purpose of the workshop conference, Salter explained, "is to strengthen existent civil movements and related endeavors and to stimulate the growth of new movements where none now exist." He said that the conference would provide "technical information and inspiration" and he indicated that it could be the biggest such gathering ever held in Eastern North Carolina.

"Interest is running extremely high over a wide area," he said, "and we frankly expect a huge turnout."

Top authorities will be on hand, Salter said, to deal with such subjects as "community organization and politics, farm wages, labor unions, anti-poverty technicians, Federal

civil rights laws and administrative provisions, and freedom songs. He said that people would have ample opportunity to ask questions and talk privately with the workshop leaders.

The major address in the evening will be given by Miss Ella J. Baker, a nationally known civil rights leader. Miss Baker, who comes originally from Halifax County, and who was valedictorian of her class at Shaw University, has served as national director of branches of the NAACP and as executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She was a founder and advisor to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, has worked closely with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and is a consultant to the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Salter said that thousands of pieces of pertinent literature would be distributed free of charge to those in attendance.

The workshop conference is being made possible by a financial grant from the Highlander Research & Educational Center, Knoxville, Tenn. The Highlander organization, which include among its national sponsors such men as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mr. A. Philip Randolph, has functioned for over thirty years in the South.

RE: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS

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A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF) is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

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

The SCHW was cited as a Communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, 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 amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area, advised on June 2, 1964, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.



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MAJOR URBAN AREAS

**Character** RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference** Memorandum dated April 24, 1967, at  
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Student Non-Violent  
Coordinating Committee  
Internal Security - SNCC.

A check in the amount of \$2,000 was drawn on June 20, 1967, against the bank account of the Anna Rochester Fund, made payable to Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Two checks in the amount of \$145.78 each, dated June 1, 1967 and June 23, 1967, were drawn against the bank account of SNCC and made payable to Ella J. Baker.

On June 7, 1967, a check in the amount of \$100 was drawn on the account of Alex E. O. Munsell made payable to SNCC.

NY T-1  
July 6, 1967

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The officer to be subpoenaed is Miss Sara T. Malloy, Senior Vice President, Amalgamated Bank of New York, 11-15 Union Square, New York City.

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NY T-2 on July 26, 1967, made available a circular distributed by the New York Office of SNCC, 100 5th Avenue, New York City. This circular is entitled "An Urgent Message From New York SNCC". It is dated July, 1967, and is signed "James Forman, Director, New York Office". The circular accused the Chase Manhattan Bank of "long standing racist personnel practices. For months the New York Human Rights Commission has sought to investigate charges of discrimination at the bank. Recently the bank fired nine black employees for complaining of injustice. New York SNCC and other groups have undertaken to support their struggle."

Ella J. Baker

Ella J. Baker was in contact with Stanley Levison in late 1956 and early 1957.

NY T-3  
1956-1957

Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), United States of America (USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. Levison's differences with the CP, however, were merely tactical and he continued his ideological adherence to Communism.

NY T-4  
April, 1964

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Alex E. O. Munsell

Alex E. O. Munsell has been an active  
CP member since the middle 1930's.

NY T-5  
April 11, 1963

Anna Rochester Fund

Anna Rochester, who died on May 11, 1966,  
at New York City, was an old time CP member,  
described as a staunch party member.

NY T-4  
May 17, 1966

Gus Hall, CP, USA leader, stated early in  
1967, that the CP, USA had become a beneficiary  
of the will of Anna Rochester.

NY T-6  
May 1, 1967

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