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62-116395

December 1, 1975

**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

Reference is made to SSC letter dated November 12, 1975, containing requests for materials concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pursuant to request in paragraph one of referenced SSC letter, on November 17, 1975, a Special Agent of this Bureau, in the presence of SSC Staff Member Andrew Postal, reviewed the file of Martin Luther King, Jr., and related files for the months of November and December, 1964, for materials pertinent to the SSC inquiry not previously requested. Materials being furnished herewith which are designated as Item 1 are those documents requested by Postal as a result of this review.

During the review, Postal indicated a desire to have copies of all materials designated as Item 1. It was pointed out that a substantial number of these had been previously furnished the Committee in connection with other requests. Postal indicated, however, that he was generally unfamiliar with prior materials furnished in connection with the King case and was desirous of obtaining all items he selected, even though many might duplicate earlier FBI submissions.

Although there appears to be no real justification for duplicate submissions, in view of Postal's specific request, and in the spirit of cooperation with the SSC, the requested documents are being furnished despite the fact that a number of the documents have previously been made available to the SSC.

Materials designated Item 2 are being furnished in response to request set forth in paragraph two of referenced SSC letter of November 12, 1975.

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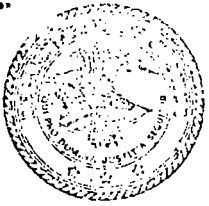
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A search of the Martin Luther King, Jr., and related files failed to result in the positive identification of material prepared by the Domestic Intelligence Division subsequent to April 23, 1964, in refutation of Martin Luther King's statement to the press in San Francisco, California, on April 23, 1964, referred to in Mr. Sullivan's memorandum that date to Mr. Belmont captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters IS-C" delivered herewith.

It may be surmised, however, that a document under preparation in the then Domestic Intelligence Division in April, 1964, entitled "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters," represents the material referred to in Mr. Sullivan's memorandum of April 23, 1964. That document is a lengthy work paper which was periodically brought up to date to show every facet of information available regarding communist influence in the racial movement and does contain information in refutation of King's statement of April 23, 1964, which in essence challenged the FBI to provide evidence regarding the communist infiltration in the racial movement. A copy of this document was furnished the SSC by memorandum dated October 6, 1975.

With respect to the excisions in materials being delivered herewith, where no notations appear as to reason for excision, the excision was made for the reason that the information actually summarizes or quotes from conversations monitored during electronic surveillances of King. In some cases, it can be ascertained precisely what information in FBI files came from electronic surveillances of King; however, there exist areas where documentation of the information is not precise and no accurate determination can be made. Therefore, no assurances can be given that portions of the materials being furnished do not contain information developed as a result of electronic surveillances of King.

1 - The Attorney General



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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M. Shaheen

TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director
Legal Counsel Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for Intelligence
Coordination

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request

Attached is a November 12, 1975, letter from the Senate Select Committee requesting certain information concerning the Martin Luther King matter during the months of November and December 1964. Please prepare an appropriate response.

cc: Paul Daly

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SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 91ST CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 12, 1975

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esq.
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

In connection with the King matter and our forthcoming hearings next week, we need to have a complete understanding of all actions, decisions, proposals, recommendations and operations of FBI personnel with respect to Dr. King during the months of November and December 1964. Accordingly, I would appreciate your asking the Bureau to designate a representative who can go through the FBI files for those months relating to King with Mr. Epstein of our staff sometime this week. In the event that the November-December 1964 portions of the files contain materials pertinent to our inquiry, but which we have not yet requested, I trust that it will be acceptable to you for such materials to be designated by Mr. Epstein at the time of the review for delivery to the Committee.

I would also appreciate your making available this week all memoranda and other materials reflecting proposals made or actions taken which pertain to the handwritten note which appears on the bottom of the 4/23/64 memorandum from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont captioned "Martin Luther King" (serial #352), to wit: "4/23 DA 6 pm I told him we are working up materials as to what action should be taken and what reply should be made. He agreed."

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John T. Elliff
Director
Domestic Intelligence Task Force

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Director, FBI (100-106670) *623*
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Reurairtel 12/10/64 which furnished information concerning the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and a representative of his, Bayard Rustin, while abroad. Considerable valuable intelligence is contained in reairtel. For example, it is reported that Rustin was in contact with Rica Hodgeson and Esme Goldberg. Hodgeson and Goldberg are described, according to a source, as "openly declared communists." It is also reported that King specifically asked that Dr. David Pitt be present at a particular meeting. Pitt is described as a Trotskyite. Rustin's contact with Committee for Democratic Rights in America is also reported. Refer to your file 100-2301. It appears that you may be able to appropriately characterize this organization.

Pertinent disseminatable information should have been submitted by letterhead memorandum (LHM). Your attention is directed to Bulet 1/24/64 to Legat, ~~Bern~~, copy designated for your Office, "Legal Attache Reporting." Your attention was directed to certain Bureau Manual instructions and specifically to the undesirable tendency on the part of some Legats to fail to report investigative results in LHM form, even though the material obviously necessitated dissemination.

By return communication submit an LHM incorporating the positive intelligence concerning associations of King and Rustin with subversives.

Foregoing instructions must be ever borne in mind in your day-to-day handling of intelligence of interest to the Bureau which obviously will require dissemination.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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All excisions to protect identities of friendly Foreign Intelligence Agency officials and country

In accordance with Bureau instructions, I personally furnished orally to Ambassador TIBBETTS, American Embassy, Oslo information concerning subject. This was done on 11/30/64. Miss TIBBETTS stated she was most appreciative of this information and that she would take no action whatsoever which might disclose her knowledge of such. She said that she was giving a small reception for KING and his group on the evening of 12/9/64. He is to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on 12/10/64. On the evening of 12/11/64 the Ambassador is giving a formal reception for KING, the Nobel Committee and Norwegian Government officials.

On 12/2/64 I furnished orally the same information to U.S. Ambassador PARSONS, American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden. Ambassador PARSONS expressed his appreciation for the Bureau furnishing this information to him. He stated he had originally intended to meet KING on his arrival at the Airport in Stockholm on 12/12/64. He said this was somewhat unusual in that he normally does not meet this type of group. After reflection he stated he would not personally go to the airport but would send a representative from the Embassy. According to Ambassador PARSONS, KING was to preach at a local church in Stockholm and then was to meet with a student group.

On 12/5/64 I furnished the same information, orally, to U.S. Ambassador WHITE in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mrs. WHITE was also appreciative of the information and commented it was very helpful to know this, even though she would take no specific action as a result of it. She was planning to give a small reception for Dr. KING while he was in Copenhagen.

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- 3 - London (100-3329, 100-1535, 134-28)

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Newspaper clippings regarding subject are being forwarded to the Bureau separately.

On ~~11/25/64~~ British Security Service, MI-5, advised that BAYARD RUSTIN had remained in London only a short time and had departed for New York on 11/14/64. According to MI-5, RUSTIN had been in contact with a group known as Christian Action. This is a group headed by Canon COLLINS, who also heads the Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament. Christian Action opposes apartheid in South Africa. According to MI-5 there are South African Communists in the movement. (S)

On 11/25/64 VICTOR DOLLING (Bufile 134-12282) advised that RUSTIN had been in contact with COLLINS and had arranged for KING to speak at a Christian Action meeting on 12/7/64 in London. DOLLING also informed that while RUSTIN was in London he was in touch with ESME GOLDBERG, whose husband received a life sentence in South Africa for anti-apartheid acts. RUSTIN also saw RICA HODGESON. According to DOLLING, HODGESON and GOLDBERG are openly declared Communists. DOLLING stated RUSTIN was also in contact with the Committee for Democratic Rights in America. RUSTIN met RAYMOND KUNERE, who is a member of the African National Congress. (S)

On 12/8/64 DOLLING reported that he attended the Christian Action meeting where KING spoke on 12/7/64. This meeting was covered by American TV and radio people. There was a large crowd. Prominent at this meeting were PEGGY DUFF, who represents the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (DUFF was mentioned in Bucab 11/10/64). Also present at the meeting was Dr. AMBROSE REEVES, the Bishop of Johannesburg. According to DOLLING, KING specifically asked that Dr. DAVID PITT, a West Indian, be at the meeting. PITT represents the Afro-Caribbean Association and according to DOLLING, is a Trotskyite. (S)

DOLLING also stated that after the meeting a middle-aged American inquired as to the cost of hiring the hall. When told how much it was, this American wrote out a check for the full amount. DOLLING attempted to look at the check to identify the American but was unable to do so. (S)

We are checking further with MI-5 for any pertinent information which they may have obtained regarding subject's visit to England. The Bureau will be kept advised. (S)

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SAC, Atlanta (100-5586)

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

- 1 - Mr. Phillips
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBullets 11/9/64, 12/7/64 and 12/10/64. (S)

The Bureau has reconsidered instructions set forth in referenced 12/7/64 letter that the data from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) regarding King's alleged meeting with members of the Italian Communist Party and Socialist Party in Italy in September, 1964, be included in an investigative report with the source evaluated as "unreliable." The prime reason for these instructions was to correct the previous characterization given CIA of its source, which was "of questionable reliability." (S)

In this respect, the Bureau assumes that neither Atlanta nor New York has disseminated this information. However, if such dissemination has been made, the Bureau should be furnished with full details and appropriate communication should be forwarded to the recipients in order to show CIA's revised evaluation of its source. If no such dissemination has been made, this data should be clearly marked in your files to show that no dissemination should be made unless this information is verified through independent sources and/or investigation. (S)

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December 2, 1964

BY LIAISON

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. President:

In response to his request to see me, I conferred for about an hour with the Reverend Martin Luther King in my office yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by the following members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which he is President: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer; Andrew J. Young, Program Director; and Walter E. Fauntroy, Director of the organization's Washington, D. C., office.

The meeting was most amicable and King indicated that he had requested to see me in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings that we might have. He apologized for remarks attributed to him criticizing the FBI and me with specific reference to Albany, Georgia. He stated that in this connection he had either been misquoted or there had been an outright misrepresentation.

He said that while some Negroes have complained to him that the FBI has been ineffective in investigating civil rights violations, he personally discounts such complaints and said he appreciated the fine work the FBI has been doing in this regard.

He said he had been critical of the FBI only in connection with instances where our Agents, who had been furnished complaints involving police brutality, were, thereafter, observed

- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent with cover memo)
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NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr Memo of same date, captioned "Martin Luther King. Appointment with Director, 3:35 p.m., 12/2/64"

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The President

being friendly toward these same officers. He said situations like this serve to breed Negro distrust for the FBI. I advised Reverend King that I was aware that allegations of this nature had been made and that I had looked into the matter. It was determined that these charges were without basis.

Reverend King categorically denied ever having made a personal attack on me and also denied that he had ever instructed Negroes not to cooperate with the FBI. I told him that when Negroes are encouraged not to cooperate with the FBI, the solution of cases is delayed and sometimes frustrated. He said, to the contrary, he encouraged such cooperation. He explained that Negroes in many areas are frustrated. He said he feels it is his duty to keep them from expressing their frustrations through violence. Reverend King made reference to my report to you on the rioting that took place in some of our northern cities last summer. He indicated he considers it an excellent analysis of the situation.

Communist infiltration of the civil rights movement was discussed. Reverend King stated that as a Christian he could never accept communism and that he shared my concern with the problem. He described communism as a "crippling, totalitarian disease." He said that while there are "one or two" former communists currently engaged in fund-raising activities for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he does not tolerate communists in his organization. He cited the communist background of Hunter Pitts O'Dell and noted that he considered the success of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference more important to him than his friendship with O'Dell. Consequently, he claimed, O'Dell is no longer associated with his organization.

The President

The problems confronting the FBI in civil rights investigations were explained to the Reverend King in detail. I made it clear to him that cases developed as a result of FBI investigation must often be tried in local courts where there are difficulties involved in getting white juries to convict white defendants in connection with civil rights matters. I cited some of our experiences in this regard.

He and his associates were advised of the recent conferences held for local law enforcement officers throughout the United States for the purpose of fully acquainting them with civil rights legislation and their responsibilities in connection with same. I told him that the results of this campaign have been encouraging in the cooperation received.

I pointed out to him that there is a great misunderstanding today among the general public and particularly the Negro race as to the FBI's role in civil rights matters. I emphasized that the FBI is an investigative agency, that it cannot recommend prosecution or make on-the-spot arrests where Federal laws have not been violated. He was advised that the FBI will not protect civil rights workers or Negroes because the FBI does not have the authority or jurisdiction to do so. He was also advised that the FBI cannot and will not exceed its authority. Reverend King was told that our investigations are conducted in a thorough and impartial manner, but if he or any of his associates knew of a Special Agent who had shown bias or prejudice, I wanted to know about it immediately.

Reverend King indicated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is planning to engage in voter registration activities in Selma, Alabama, on or about January 1, 1965, and that he has learned that there could be violence. I told him that our Agents would be on the scene, not for the purpose of rendering protection, but to observe and report to the Department of Justice any possible violations of civil rights that may occur.

The President

Reverend King expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to meet me. He said he felt our meeting had been a productive one, and I told him to feel free to get in touch with me any time he thought it necessary to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dear Mr. Moyers:

I thought that the President would like to have the following information concerning Martin Luther King, which was obtained from confidential sources who have supplied reliable information in the past.

King, who is to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, December 10, 1964, is currently working on the preparation of a five-minute acceptance speech. He has requested several individuals to furnish him material from which he intends to choose the best things to say. Included among these contributors are Clarence Jones, Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel and Bayard Rustin. All four of these individuals are frequent advisors to King.

Jones, in the mid-1950's, held a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League, an organization which has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

As of July, 1963, Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA. Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, a fund-raising adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Conference is headed by King. On March 5, 1944, a source of this Bureau advised that Wachtel's name was on a list of names, significance not known, maintained at the headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party, New York. The same source also advised on March 5, 1944, that the name of Wachtel's wife, Leonora, was maintained on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party, New York.

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Honorable Bill D. Moyers

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