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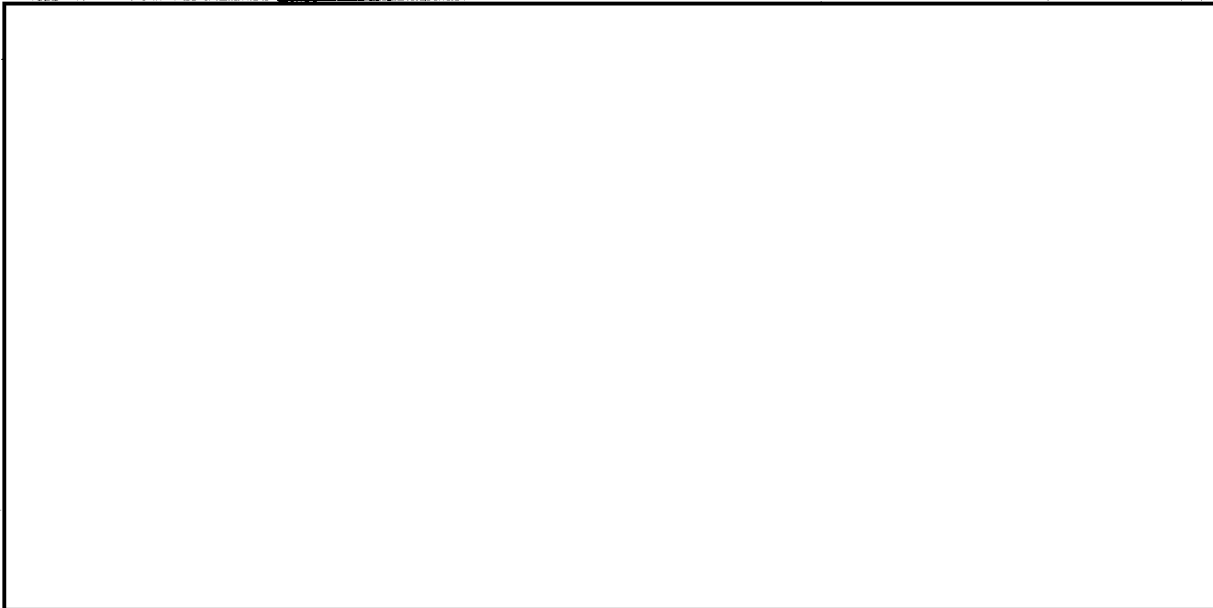
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## INTRODUCTION

Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), is recognized by the American people generally as one of the foremost spokesmen for this country's 22,000,000 Negroes. Consequently, he enjoys a wide public image as a moral leader of great stature and conviction. In 1965, for instance, the year after he received the Nobel Peace Prize, he was the sixth living man "most admired" by Americans, according to the Gallup Poll.  
(Facts on File, 1966, p. 40)

Clergymen of all faiths share this admiration of King, as shown by the following quotations:

"...(He) has been the conscience of our people."

--The Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr.,  
Dean of Washington Cathedral,  
March 31, 1968  
(Evening Star, 4/1/68)

"...He is one of the great men of our times...I salute my brother in Christ."

--The Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger,  
Presiding Bishop of the Protestant  
Episcopal Church, October, 1964  
(Washington Post, 10/15/64, p. A 17,  
(100-106670-A)

"...May the God of justice and love watch over him, guide him according to the divine will, and bring his work to a successful conclusion."

--Richard Cardinal Cushing,  
October, 1964  
(Boston Traveler, 10/14/64, p. 36,  
(100-106670-A)

"...he is, first of all, a Christian, he is a worthy spokesman for all of us who want the principles of our Constitution and our citizenship honored in every citizen, regardless of creed or color."

--The Most Reverend Paul J. Hallinan  
Archbishop of Atlanta, November, 1962  
(The New Crusader, 11/17/62, p. 6,  
(100-106670-A)

"...a man of God...."

--Rabbi Israel Margolies,  
Beth Am, The People's Temple,  
New York City, April 22, 1967  
(New York Times, 4/23/67, p. 15,  
(100-106670-A)

"...the Jewish community expresses its tribute to a man who exemplifies qualities of personal courage, responsible leadership, and dedication to prophetic ideals..."

--Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen,  
President, Synagogue Council  
of America, December 5, 1965  
(New York Herald Tribune, 12/4/65,  
p. 14, 100-106670-A\*)

Notwithstanding the esteem in which King is held as

a "man of God" and a Christian.

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King expressed ~~his~~ his regret that he could not spend any time  
with her at a SCLC retreat held at Airlie House, Warrenton,  
Virginia, on September 12-17, 1967.

In addition to his regular girl friends, King has had

*Letter to my relative*  
assinations with a variety of women--single and married--

throughout the country. They generally profess "love" for King  
and mention how much they have missed "meeting" with him.

Their "meetings" are held in various places--hotel and motel  
rooms, his or her office late at night, the woman's home or  
apartment, and at King's home in Atlanta when his family is away.

King apparently tries to keep these rendezvous clandestine, but

some of his affairs have come to the attention of his associates  
and also to the employees of restaurants and hotels  
Several of his paramours have manifested jealousy and stated that

they were tired of playing second fiddle. King, on the other

hand, has indicated on several occasions that he, too, was jealous

and did not want his girl friends "fooling around" with other

In an argument with *Miss [unclear]*  
men. (100-3-116-664; 100-178570-180; Atlanta airtel, 3/10/64)

*Civilians in New York one night he threatened*  
*to commit suicide*



*art females with whom he has  
relationships. The story the most expensive  
hotels - he pays their travelling expenses  
and buys them costly gifts. This comes  
from funds given to him to help the poor people.*

Money for Sex

once King/told some SCLC associates that he was

wasting his money on sex. *This is true for years he has*  
(100-3-116-762) One of his paramours,

Barbara Moore, lives in Chicago and is visited by King each

time he goes there. She also see him in Atlanta. For the past

two or three years, he has given her \$300 to \$400 for each

visit.  
(100-106670-2585)

In 1964, he gave another friend several hundred dollars

and is *reported to have* paid a prostitute \$100 for one evening's

entertainment. During King's Paris trip in 1966, he spent over

\$600 in phone calls to ~~his wife~~ Mrs.

*Dorothy Cotton in ATLANTA merely to carry on*  
(100-106670-547, 2439)  
*relationships*

Willard Hotel Episode

*more on this*

On January 5, 1964, King and several SCLC officials

checked into the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. In a room

nearby was a Baptist minister from Baltimore, Maryland, who had

*his name*

brought to Washington several women "parishioners" of his church.

The group met in his room and discussed which women among the parishioners would be suitable for natural or unnatural sex acts.

When one of the women protested that she did not approve of this, <sup>unnatural</sup>

the Baptist minister immediately and forcibly raped her. <sup>King</sup>

(100-3-116-762)

*sex acts*

*looked on, laughed and offered advice*

On January 6 and 7, at least 12 individuals--nearly

equally divided between men and women and including King, officers

of the SCLC, and others bearing the title of "Reverend"--

participated in a sex orgy, ~~the administration of the church~~

~~the most serious~~ Excessive consumption of alcohol and

the use of the vilest language imaginable served only as a back-

drop to acts of degeneracy and depravity, many of which were

committed in a communal atmosphere with the onlookers as "entertained" as the participants. Many of those present engaged in

sexual acts, natural as well as unnatural. King more than once

boasted of his drunken condition *as he took a*

*leading role in this debauchery*

When one of the women shied away from engaging in an

unnatural act, King and <sup>several</sup> ~~others~~ of the men discussed how she was

to be taught and initiated in this respect. King told her that

to perform such an act would "help your soul, it will help you."

King announced that he preferred to perform unnatural acts on

women and that he had started <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ "International Association for

the Advancement of Pussy Eaters." (100-106670-647; 100-3-116-762)

*The following day when he was late in arising and was asked by one of the women why he was so late King replied "I'd have been reading the Bible and praying" they all laughed heartily*

A Las Vegas, Nevada, hotel room was the scene of another

of King's sex orgies during the early morning hours of April 27, 1964. for a fee of \$100.

A white prostitute was engaged for King by a woman inter-

mediary believed to be a Lesbian, ~~22 years of age~~. King and an

associate indulged in repeated acts of sexual intercourse with the

prostitute in the presence of the woman who had engaged the

prostitute. All four individuals participated in unnatural acts.

The prostitute summed up her reactions with the remark, "That was

the worst orgy I've ever gone through." Three of these individuals

including King, were very intoxicated. (100-3-116-1512; 100-106670-414)

*described by the prostitute as fallacious*

*Set out statement*

On the night before King was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, in December, 1964, the police were called to King's hotel because a white prostitute was caught stealing money from King's brother, the Reverend A. D. King.

*King would King*

One of King's aides persuaded the police to let the girl go without pressing any charges. *B. Rushin*  
*He clearly pointed out that any arrest and public disclosure would embarrass Norway and the Nobel Prize officials more than*

that King's group was running naked, drunk white prostitutes up and down the halls <sup>of</sup> the hotel. (NY airtel, 12/17/64, re Martin Luther King)

A social gathering was held in Oslo in Honor of King.

In the presence of King and his party, Bayard Rustin, a member of the group evidenced a keen interest in finding out where the night life of Oslo was centered. At least five other men in King's party made the same inquiry, <sup>being</sup> ~~and were~~ particularly interested in learning where the "Norwegian girls" could be found.

(100-106670-825)

King's Wife Cognizant

King's wife of 15 years, Coretta, has been aware of her

husband's infidelities for <sup>a few</sup> some years and has outwardly, at least, ~~adopted a cynical attitude toward them indicating that she is content just to be Mrs. Martin Luther King. Periodically,~~ however, she berates King for not fulfilling his marital

"responsibilities" and on one <sup>occasion</sup> ~~occasion~~ has remarked that if he spent ten hours a month at home, this would be an exaggeration.

Another time, she questioned him as to his whereabouts, companions, and his drinking habits, adding that he was no better than his

friends who drink. ~~(100-106670 airtel Atlanta, 12/1/64: 670-730, 3150, 2423; 100-3-116-373, 413)~~

*He told her she should go out and have some sexual affairs if she didn't like sexual life no knowledge to show that this is all. In 1963, there was some indication that Coretta,*

~~herself, was having an affair which could account for her acceptance of the situation. (100-3-116-370)~~

*Her former husband's manner of speech characterized by the manner of Coretta's manner of speech*

