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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- (1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)

DATE: 7/15/75

FROM : W. O. Cregar *WOB*

- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY 75

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#MDR-16  
 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 10-3-00 BY SP2ALM/RW

By letter 7/7/75 to the Honorable Frank Church, we noted that the Senate Select Committee had in its possession certain materials, which were compiled by the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States, for the preparation of its report to the President, which materials most probably contained information regarding FBI operations of the utmost sensitivity. In order to avoid any inadvertent compromise of such information, we requested an opportunity to meet with Senators Church and Tower at the earliest convenience to discuss areas of this Bureau's activities which might warrant special consideration. Senator Church agreed that the above matter would be discussed with Director Kelley at the latter's appearance before the Executive Session of the Senate Select Committee meeting scheduled for 7/16/75.

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For your additional information, this Bureau had earlier ascertained that the Senate Select Committee has had access to a 693-page document prepared by CIA listing instances wherein CIA believed its operations may have exceeded its mandate. A review of this document by Bureau personnel indicated that some of these operations involve matters involving this Bureau of an extremely sensitive nature. In response to a request of CIA for copies of pertinent material contained in the above 693-page document, CIA on this date furnished copies of the material requested.

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In anticipation of the Director's appearance before SSC on 7/16/75, the above material furnished by CIA consisting of approximately 174 pages was reviewed. This material is found to contain numerous references, in sanitized form, to

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LEGAL COUNSEL

*Wannall*  
*5-7-75*

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Re: Senstudy 75  
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various technical support CIA has provided this Bureau in  
the area JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D)

No other information was found in this material which would  
tend to jeopardize sensitive Bureau sources, ongoing  
investigations or information we have received from foreign  
intelligence sources.

ACTION:

Above submitted for information. A separate  
memorandum is being prepared detailing information contained  
in the material received from CIA and requesting of interested  
Divisions and Sections at Headquarters their assessment of  
any possible damage and recommendation for action to be taken  
therewith.

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*Senator Church aware  
of our concerns + also  
indicated we should  
avail to all as early  
of info to FBI in  
Kaufman's (C) in  
material from committee  
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7/14/75*

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Mr. John T. Elliff, Director  
Domestic Intelligence Task Force  
United States Senate Select Committee  
on Intelligence Activities  
Washington, D. C. 20510

*Hot, [unclear]  
Daly*

Dear Mr. Elliff:

Your letter of July 16, responding to mine of July 15, was, as you may recall, hand-delivered to me by Mr. Dick at 12:45 today. I understand that your interpretive amplification is generally shared by Mr. Schwarz.

We are studying the suggestions you have made; in the meantime, of course, we are prepared to proceed in accordance with the provisions of the July 15, letter.

Sincerely,

<sup>FBI</sup>  
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N. WILLIAM O'CONNOR  
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination

cc: Deputy Attorney General  
Doug Marvin  
✓ John Mintz

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- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. J. Cochran  
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- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

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- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

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

**RE: INTERVIEW OF FBI SPECIAL AGENT (SA)  
WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL BY SSC  
STAFF MEMBERS**

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DATE 2-20-87 BY SPK/PM/IL

Set out below is information concerning an interview of FBI SA William D. Campbell by SSC Staff Members. Campbell is currently assigned to FBI Headquarters. The details of the interview are as furnished by Campbell. 607p

On advance notice from Mr. Michael Epstein, SSC Staff Member, Campbell was advised that he was to be interviewed at 11:00 a.m., June 27, 1975, in the SSC offices. Campbell was informed by the Legal Counsel Division of the FBI that he was being released from any applicable employment agreement for purposes of the SSC interview concerning the former FBI investigations of Martin Luther King, Jr., Stanley David Levison and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It was explained to Campbell that he had a right to counsel; however, the FBI was unable to provide private counsel. Campbell was also told that there were certain privileged areas concerning which he would not be required to answer questions. These areas concerned information which might divulge the identities of FBI sources; information relating to sensitive methods and techniques; information which might adversely affect ongoing FBI investigations; and information which had originated with other agencies, including foreign intelligence agencies. Campbell was informed that if a question arose during the interview in one of these areas, he had the privilege, before replying, of consulting with an

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- 1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1 - 67- (Personnel File SA William D. Campbell)

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Campbell advised he was on a squad in the security area, that his Supervisor was E. H. Belter and that the Security Coordinating Supervisor was L. W. R. Oberndorf, now deceased.

Epstein then asked that they get to the point and inquired of Campbell as to when he had heard about the King case. Campbell responded that sometime early in 1964 he heard of the case and recalled it was shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy, and King had been named Man of the Year ("Time" Magazine); that Campbell became knowledgeable under the following circumstances. Campbell was summoned to the office of the SAC either by a fellow SA, Bill Bergeron, or by Supervisor Belter, specific individual not recalled. Present in the office was the SAC at the time, Marlin Johnson, the then FBI Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, Bergeron and probably several others, names not recalled. The following was related by Campbell in response to Epstein's questions concerning what took place at the conference.

After some opening remarks by the SAC, Sullivan advised that he did not want any of the information they were to discuss to leave the room. Sullivan said that he had information indicating that King was associating with communists and that it was possible that King's movement was being infiltrated. As a result, Sullivan said he wanted a technical installation on King in an effort to verify this information.

At some later date, Campbell was assigned to monitor the technical installation on King in which a radio transmitter was used. He could not recall whether the equipment was signed out to him but he did take the equipment home and on a Sunday afternoon he took a bus to Union Station.

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He walked around for a short time and then went by cab to the Willard Hotel and checked in under an assumed name (name not recalled). These actions were taken by him as a security precaution. He did not recall who made his reservation at the hotel. The first night King did not enter the room which Campbell was monitoring. Campbell could not recall the names of the individuals who occupied the room he was monitoring but did recall that they were associated with the King party. The next day, Campbell and a fellow SA, John Borys, moved to a different room. He could not recall how the arrangements for the move were made.

Campbell and Borys monitored King for about two days, stayed one extra day at the hotel and then checked out. Either Campbell or Borys remained in the room at all times. One of them would take the logs and tapes out of the hotel each day and turn them over to someone from WFO, details not recalled. At no time did Campbell ever enter any room in the hotel that was occupied by King or any member of King's party. The tape recorder they utilized was manually operated and they attempted to run it at all times when someone was in the room being monitored. Campbell knew of no physical or photographic surveillance on King during that time. Campbell also advised that he could not recall any instructions concerning listening only to certain types of conversations.

Epstein inquired as to whether Campbell kept a card at WFO showing his location. He responded that it was the normal practice to place a card in the usual repository when one was away from the office. In this particular case, if Campbell did leave a card, he would have probably placed a notation on it such as "Special - See Supervisor Belter for contact."

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In response to direct questioning, Campbell advised that he had never seen any paper (memoranda, etc.) dealing with this case other than the logs previously mentioned.

Epstein inquired as to whether Campbell had ever seen the tapes again after he had departed the hotel. Campbell advised that sometime later, possibly one or two months, he was asked to review the tapes and logs in an effort to obtain additional information. He did this at the FBI Laboratory and was assisted by SA John Matter, retired, in the technical enhancement techniques, such as filtering. Campbell was not directed to concentrate on any one part of the tapes but reviewed all of them. He did not type any of the information overheard and if any such typing was done, it was probably done in the Intelligence Division. Campbell has not seen the tapes since that time.

On Epstein's inquiry, Campbell advised he first heard about the planned interview of him from SA Paul V. Daly of the FBI's Legal Counsel Division and did not discuss the King case with Bergeron, Matter or Borys after that contact. Campbell did not know whether or not the tapes are still in existence.

Miss DeOreo inquired as to whether it was the normal practice to erase tapes. Campbell answered that in this type of an investigation he was sure only new tapes were used. He explained he was certain that tapes were new when he found them still wrapped in cellophane and they had the appearance of new tapes. She also inquired as to how he secured the key for the second room in the hotel and whether he had to re-register. He answered that he did not recall but felt certain he did not re-register and that some other SA from WFO probably obtained the key for him. During the



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monitoring, no persons other than Campbell and Borys entered the monitoring room. Additional responses to questions from Epstein were as follows. Campbell utilized only one radio receiver and listened to only one radio microphone. He could not recall if there were any others in use. He and Borys took turns listening to the transmitter. Campbell did not remove the transmitter when he left the hotel as he never entered any of the rooms assigned to the King party. Campbell did not know any details concerning Mr. Sullivan's remarks about King's association with communists. Campbell did not attend all the meetings at WFO concerning the King installation. It was his best recollection that the monitoring was done in rooms one floor above the rooms occupied by the King party.

At the end of the interview, Epstein indicated he had one final question which was, as best Campbell could remember, "Is there anything else about this case that you know that has not come out because I did not ask the right question or did not ask a question in the right way?" Campbell replied that he felt that Epstein had done a good job in asking the questions.

NOTE:

Assistant Director Mintz briefed Campbell prior to his interview. Campbell was accompanied to the SSC offices by Supervisor S. F. Phillips of the Senstudy 75 Project but Phillips was not called upon for any consultation.

Epstein then stated lets get to the point. When did you hear about the King case. I responded that some-time early in 1964 - recalled since it was shortly after President Kennedy was shot and King was named man of the year - I was summons to the SAC's office either by my associate Bill Bergeron or my supervisor Mr. Belter not specifically recalled. The SAC, Marlin Johnson, Assistant Director William Sullivan, Bergeron and probably several others not recalled were in attendance. The following is a narrative of information I furnished in response to Epstein's questions.

The SAC made several remarks and Assistant Director Sullivan then stated that he did not want any information discussed to leave the room. Sullivan stated he had information that indicated King was associating with communists and it was possible his movement was being infiltrated. Sullivan said he wanted a technical installation on King in an effort to verify this information.

At some later date I was assigned to monitor the installation which was a radio transmitter. I could not recall if the equipment was signed out to me or not but I took the equipment home and on a Sunday afternoon I caught a bus to Union Station, I walked around for a short time and then by cab went to the hotel and checked in under an assumed name (name not remembered). I did not recall who made my reservations. The first night King did not enter the room we were monitoring. (I did not recall the names of individuals who occupied room but they were associated with King party.) The next day we (John Borys of WFO and myself) moved to a different room. I could not recall how the arrangements for the move was made. We then monitored King for about two days, stayed one extra day at the hotel, and checked out. Either Borys or myself stayed in the room at all time. One would take the logs and tapes out of the hotel each day and turn them over to someone from WFO (details not recalled). At no time did I ever enter any room in the hotel that was occupied by King or any member of his party. The tape recorder was manually operated and we attempted to run it any time someone was in the room. I know of no physical or photographic surveillance on King during this time. I had no instructions that I can recall concerning only listening to certain types of conversation.

Epstein asked if I kept a card at the office showing my location. I responded that it was the normal practice to place a card in file when one was away from the office. In this case, if I placed a card in file I probably would place a notation like "Special - See Supervisor Belter for contact."

I had never seen any paper, memos, etc. (other than logs) dealing with this case.

Epstein asked if I ever saw the tapes again after departing the hotel. I stated that sometime after (possibly one or two months) I was asked to review the tapes and logs in an effort to obtain additional information. I did this at the FBI Laboratory and was assisted by SA John Matter, retired, in the technical enhancement techniques such as filtering. I was not directed to concentrate on any one part of the tapes but reviewed all of the tapes. I did not type any of the information and if it was typed it was probably typed in the Intelligence Division. I have not seen the tapes since that time.

I first heard about my interview from Mr. Daly of the Legal Division and did not discuss this case with Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Matter or Mr. Borys after that contact. I do not know if the tapes are still in existence.

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Other responses to questions from Epstein were: We only had one radio receiver and only listened to one radio microphone, I could not recall if there were others. Borys and myself took turns listening to the transmitter. I did not remove the transmitter when I left the hotel as I never entered any of the rooms assigned to the King party.

One final question from Epstein. Is there anything else about this case that you know that has not come out because I did not ask the right question or asked a question in the right way. I advised I felt he had done a good job in asking the questions.

Additional answers to questions. I did not know any details concerning Mr. Sullivan's remarks about King's association with communists. I did not attend all of the meetings at WFO concerning the King installation. My best recollection was that the monitoring was in rooms one floor above the rooms occupied by King.

TO: Intelligence Community Staff  
 ATTN: Central Index

FROM:  
**FBI**

SUBJECT: Abstract of Information Provided to Select Committees

1. HOW PROVIDED (check appropriate term. If a document was made available for review but not transmitted, so note.)

2. DATE PROVIDED

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3. TO WHOM PROVIDED (check appropriate term; add specific names if appropriate)

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4. IDENTIFICATION (provide descriptive data for documents; give name or identification number of briefer, interviewee, testifier and subject)

**Memorandum reporting results of an interview by SSC Staff Members of incumbent FBI Special Agent William D. Campbell**

5. IN RESPONSE TO (list date and item number if in response to formal request, otherwise state verbal request of (name), initiative, subpoena, etc.)

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**Intelligence collection**  
**Intelligence activities, domestic**  
**Surveillance, electronic**

8. SUMMARY (see reverse side before completing this item)

**Former FBI investigation of Martin Luther King Jr.; Stanley David Levison and Southern Christian Leadership Conference Organization of FBI Washington Field Office**

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**TREAT AS YELLOW**

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