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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10392) P  
SUBJECT COMINFIL OF SCLC  
IS - C

Re Chicago radiogram to Director, et al, dated October 6, 1965; Springfield teletype to Director, Chicago and Atlanta dated October 7, 1965.

Enclosed for Bureau are nine copies of LHM captioned: "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Leadership Conference".

Enclosed for Atlanta are three copies of the same memorandum, and enclosed for Chicago are two copies of the memorandum.

JOHN NEWBOLD and JOSEPH PACLHOEFER, identified as sources in the LHM are established sources of the Springfield Division.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
(3: 100-438794)  
(1: 100-106670)
- 2 - Chicago (100-35356) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (2: 100-5718) (Enc. 3) (RM)  
(1: 100-5586)
- ② - Springfield (1: 100-10392)  
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12/3/65

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AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) -RUC-

SUBJECT COMINFIL  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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Above is submitted for information.

- 3 - Bureau (100-438794) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5716) (RM)
- 1 - Springfield (100-10323)

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12/3/65

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AIRTEL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) (RUC)

RE: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
IS - C

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau 12-3-65.

On December 9, 1965, RAYMOND EILEEN, Corporation Records, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised SA FRANK B. DUELL that his records contained absolutely no information relative to the State of Illinois identifiable with the Harry H. Wachtel Foundation or the American Foundation for Nonviolence.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (105-16233) (Info.) (RM)
- ① - Springfield

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AIRTEL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438784)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) (MUC)

RE: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
(WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)  
IS - C

OO: ATLANTA

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, setting forth investigation conducted by SA JAMES R. ROGERS at Rock Island, Illinois. Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to the following offices:

Atlanta Division, Chicago Division, New York Division, San Juan, P. R. Division, and Washington Field Office.

Local dissemination of the letterhead memorandum has been made to NISO, Chicago, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

HARRY R. MYERS, Source (Protect identity) was interviewed in depth and detail on the evening of 2/19/68 regarding this matter.

The representative of the FBI referred to in letterhead memorandum is SA JAMES R. ROGERS of the Springfield Division.

- 2 - Bureau (100-438794) (Enc. 13)
- 3 - Atlanta (2: 100-5718) (1: 100-SNCC) (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Chicago (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - New York (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - San Juan, P. R. (Enc. 2)
- 2 - WFO (Enc. 2)
- ⑤ - Springfield (②: 100-10323)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
February 20, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
(WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

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A source furnished the following information to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 19, 1968:

This source advised that he and his wife were in San Juan, Puerto Rico from December 2 - 15, 1967. He stated that the last of the last week of his trip, around December 13, 1967, he was sitting in the lobby of the Holiday Inn, half asleep and overheard a conversation, in English, between two Negro couples.

This source advised that it appeared that the couples had prearranged plans to meet at the Holiday Inn, possibly to eat, and source does not believe that they were registered, as he did not see them before or after.

The source said that from the conversation, at least one couple appeared to be from California, as they were commenting and comparing Governor Reagan to the former Governor Brown.

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The Negro man doing the talking stated a Negro, supposedly an associate of Martin Luther King, Jr., and formerly an open advocate of violence, was to "hit" King during the Washington March this spring, so as to place the blame on a white man in the march. By "Hit", the source took this as to kill King. This incident was to be used to incite full scale rioting.

This source advised that he had not wanted to get involved, thus the delay in reporting this matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that no one else overheard the conversation.

SA JAMES R. ROGERS/skt  
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
(WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

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Source of the foregoing information holds a supervisory position with an oil company at Rock Island, Illinois.

Source has no record with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office or with the Rock Island, Illinois Police Department.

Credit records concerning the source are satisfactory and show no unfavorable information.

There is no immediate means of evaluating the emotional ability or stability of the source.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
February 20, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
(WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

5/9/67

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323)

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Re Chicago letter to Director dated 3/16/67.

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

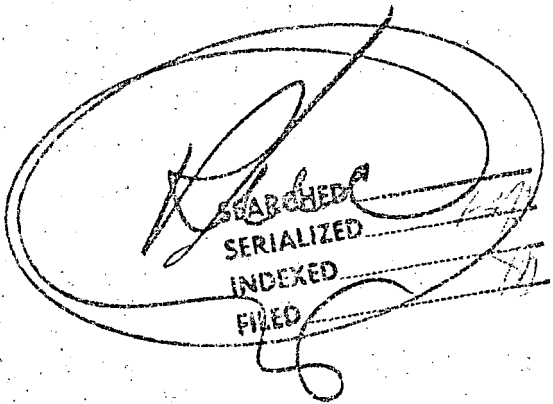
Mr. JAMES TADOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 4/27/67 that a check of records for 1967 failed to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to THOMAS OFFENBURGER. He also advised that 1966 Illinois license AW 5180 was issued 1/11/66 to THOMAS E. OFFENBURGER, 1917 Prudential, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1964 Valiant 2 door, VIN 11461J4427. The application for this license reflects that this vehicle was registered to OFFENBURGER in 1965 under 1965 Illinois license DE 3671. A check of records failed to reflect any title or purchase information regarding this vehicle.

Mr. WILLIAM LOGAN, Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 5/1/67 that drivers license #0151-9253-4038 was issued 2/15/65 to THOMAS EDWARD OFFENBURGER, 1917 Prudential Plaza, Chicago, Illinois. This license expires 2/27/68 and describes him as 5'10", 155 pounds, date of birth 2/27/34, brown hair, brown eyes, occupation, magazine reporter. The application for this license reflects that OFFENBURGER had a Washington, D.C. drivers license #2118144 that expired 3/27/66.

- 2 - Bureau (100-438794) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (105-16238) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5713) (RM)
- ① - Springfield (100-10323)

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LEADS:

SAN JUAN, P. R. DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will review registration at the Holiday Inn and attempt to locate and interview unknown Negro couples at the Holiday Inn on approximately 12/13/67, noting that one couple apparently from the State of California.

