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Synopsis: National headquarters Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) continue to be located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. Offices also maintained in Grenada, Miss., Louisville, Ky., New York City, New York, and Selma, Ala. Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., continues to serve as President of SCLC. Identity of officers, executive board members, executive staff, and field organizers set forth. Recent changes in personnel and organizational structure set forth. CAROL HOOVER, who has former Communist Party (CP) affiliation, recently added to SCLC executive staff as fund-raising officer and will be responsible for arrangements re forthcoming SCLC annual convention. Financial status and principal sources of SCLC income set forth. STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL, who have prior CP background, active in SCLC financial matters. Reverend KING continues to seek and rely upon advice of LEVISON. LEVISON, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, ALFRED DUCKETT, CHARLES HAYES, CAROL HOOVER, CORDY T. VIVIAN, and HOSEA WILLIAMS attended SCLC conference March 1967 at which changes in personnel and organization structure discussed. BLACKWELL, DUCKETT, HAYES, VIVIAN, and WILLIAMS have past CP background and/or affiliation. SCLC major projects and activities as well as position re U. S. participation in Viet Nam War set forth.

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During the above conference, a discussion ensued as to whether SCLC should institute a policy of charging admission to Reverend KING's speeches. Reverend KING declared it had always been his feeling that the public should hear him free of charge. LEVISON objected to Reverend KING's thought in this regard and said in his opinion the civil rights movement as a whole had reached a point where the public should expect to pay in order to hear Reverend KING speak. A decision was not reached concerning this matter.

(AT T-7, 11/66)

Also during the aforementioned conference, a discussion took place regarding SCLC approaching leading officials of labor organizations for financial contributions. STANLEY LEVISON referred to a meeting recently held between Reverend KING and JAMES HOFFA, President of the Teamsters Union. He pointed out this had been an excellent meeting and very "fruitful" (not explained). LEVISON suggested SCLC consider utilizing HOFFA's cooperation and selling individual memberships in SCLC to influential Negro and white persons within the sphere of HOFFA's influence including people both in and out of organized labor. He contended that HOFFA knows many such people who would be only too happy to become affiliated with SCLC through an honorary-type membership and periodically assist SCLC financially.

LEVISON went on to suggest that the sale of memberships through the assistance of HOFFA not be limited to professional people but include the so-called working class. He made effort to differentiate between professional groups and the working class by pointing out that it will be the working class, not the professional people, who will ultimately look to SCLC for assistance in seeking "social change" (not defined). Thereafter, LEVISON said SCLC could use this and its working class memberships as a practical lever when seeking "social change".