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MARTIN LUTHER KING, TAI APRIL 1968

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CUBAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATION DURING THE PERIOD 5-8 APRIL HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE ~~A~~

1. GRANMA /HAVANA DAILY NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA/, 5 APRIL 68, FRONT PAGE - "LAST MINUTE NEWS - MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS, U.S.A. ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORTS, LUTHER KING HAS BEEN SHOT BY A 'WHITE WELL-DRESSED YOUNG MALE.'"

2. GRANMA, 7 APRIL, FRONT PAGE - "TWENTY-SEVEN PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN WASHINGTON ALONE THERE ARE 750 WOUNDED AND 4,186 PERSONS ARRESTED. SNIPERS CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN DIFFERENT CITIES IN THE U.S. THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CAPITOL ARE UNDER HEAVY GUARD." /FULL INFORMATION GIVEN

3. GRANMA, 7 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "TO RICHMOND TO LIBERATE RAP BROWN." /WASHINGTON, 7 APRIL, ASSOCIATED FRENCH PRESS - AFP, FRENCH NEWS AGENCY AMX LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED HERE THIS MORNING, URGING THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON TO GO TO RICHMOND TO LIBERATE RAP BROWN. /THE LEAFLETS CALLED ON THE NEGROES TO FORM A MARCH AND LEAVE FOR RICHMOND TOMORROW, MONDAY.

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4. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - ARTICLE ENTITLED "PRINCIPAL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S.", BY JUANA CARRASCO. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - THE VIOLENT ONES AND THE NON-VIOLENT ONES. IT MENTIONS THE FOLLOWING AMONG THOSE WHICH ADVOCATE THE USE OF VIOLENCE - CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY /CORE/, STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE /SNCC/, BLACK MUSLIMS, BLACK PANTHER PARTY, BLACKSTONE RANGERS, THE ALERT DETROIT, REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT /RAM/, THE BLACK GUARDS, THE DEACONS, AND "THE U.S.". THE FOLLOWING NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS ARE MENTIONED AMONG THOSE WHICH ADVOCATE NON-VIOLENCE - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE /NAACP/, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE /SCLC/.

5. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO BLAME CARMICHAEL FOR THE OUTBREAK OF RACIAL VIOLENCE IN THE U.S."

6. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "RACIAL CLASHES BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN JAPAN."

7. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "THE AMERICAN NEGRO PEOPLE."

8. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "MARTYRS OF THE NEGRO STRUGGLE."

9. RADIO LIBERACION AND RADIO PROGRESO /HAVANA RADIO STATIONS/, APRIL, 7:30 A.M. AND 12 NOON - "THE CHIEF OF THE MISSION TO CUBA FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO AFRO-AMERICANS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE CRIME WHICH WAS COMMITTED AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING UNMASKS THE EVIL FACE OF THE RULERS AND RACISTS OF THE UNITED STATES." "THE MESSAGE OF THE VIETNAMESE MISSION IN HAVANA ENDS BY SAYING THAT, WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF LUTHER KING, ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RULERS OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO POUR OIL ONTO THE FLAMES OF THE STRUGGLE OF AFRO-AMERICANS,"

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THAT THESE FLAMES ARE RISING VIOLENTLY TO PUT AN END TO ALL THE  
OPPRESSION AND INJUSTICE WHICH IS FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH  
HINDERS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE  
COUNTRY.

10.  
QPM RADIO LIBERACION, <sup>5</sup> APRIL, 7 P.M. - STOKELY CARMICHAEL,  
LEADER OF BLACK POWER, SAID - "WE NEGROES MUST ARM OURSELVES WITH  
KNIVES AND PISTOLS AND LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE STREETS OF THE  
CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN REPRISAL FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION."  
CARMICHAEL PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL BE EXECUTIONS IN THE STREETS AS  
A RESULT OF KING'S ASSASSINATION. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT THE  
TERROR WHICH HAS BEEN UNLEASHED BY NEGROES AS A RESULT OF KING'S  
DEATH WILL BE PALE AS COMPARED TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN AMERICAN  
CITIES.

11.  
QPM RADIO HABANA, <sup>5</sup> APRIL, 7 P.M. - "THIS /KING'S/ DEATH SHOWS  
TO US AGAIN THAT THE EXPLOITED MASSES CAN ONLY ANSWER REACTIONARY  
VIOLENCE WITH REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE."

12.  
QPM RADIO PROGRESO, <sup>5</sup> APRIL, 7 P.M. - CARMICHAEL SAID  
DURING A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW THAT "A SERIOUS MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE  
IN ASSASSINATING DR. KING BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN THE LEADER OF A MOVE-  
MENT WHICH URGED THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT TO BURN  
THE CITIES, NOT TO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THIS MEANS THAT IT WILL  
BE NECESSARY TO START AN ALL-OUT REVOLUTION." CARMICHAEL ADDED  
"SERIOUS INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN 35 CITIES WHERE THERE HAVE  
BEEN FIRES, SHOOTING, FIGHTING, AND DEATHS AS A RESULT OF THE CRIME  
COMMITTED AGAINST DR. KING. NATURALLY, OTHER SIMILAR THINGS WILL  
TAKE PLACE. GUERRILLA WARFARE WILL RAPIDLY SPREAD THROUGH THE CITIES  
BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY EVIDENT THAT WE CANNOT OPENLY REBEL AGAINST  
THE POLICE." STOKELY CARMICHAEL ENDED THE INTERVIEW BY SENDING  
AFFECTIONATE REGARDS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN PEOPLE AND THEIR  
LEADER, FIDEL CASTRO RUZ.

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13. RADIO HABANA, 4 APRIL, 7 P.M. A JUAN /MARI/ BRAS, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW - DR. LUTHER KING'S ASSASSINATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRECIPITATE THE REBELLION OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL THE ABUSES OF WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT. JJ

14. GRM RADIO HABANA, 5 APRIL, 7 P.M. A THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE ASIAN, AFRICAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION /AALAPSO/ SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE SNCC ON THE ASSASSINATION OF LUTHER KING. THE AALAPSO'S MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PACIFIST ORGANIZATION ENDS AS FOLLOWS A WE BEG YOU TO EXPRESS TO THE FAMILY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND TO ALL AFRO-AMERICANS OUR DEEPEST SORROW OVER HIS DEATH, OUR DECISION TO SUPPORT YOUR STRUGGLE, AND OUR DEEP CONVICTION THAT THIS TERRIBLE CRIME--WHICH SHOWS US THAT ARMED REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE IS THE ONLY WAY OF ACHIEVING GENUINE LIBERATION--WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE STRUGGLE OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN PEOPLE WHICH IS ALREADY AIMED IN THE DIRECTION OF A TOTAL CONFRONTATION. JJ

15. GRM RADIO HABANA, 4 APRIL, 7 P.M. A JAGUSTIN /GONZALEZ/ MARTINEZ, BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CUBA, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW - MAY THE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE OF THIS GREAT LEADER AT LEAST HELP TO SPEED UP THE ARRIVAL OF THE DAY WHEN EVERY MAN IN HIS NATION AND IN ALL OTHER NATIONS WILL BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT WHICH IS DUE TO THEM AS HUMAN BEINGS. JJ

16. RYM RADIO HABANA, 4 APRIL, 7 P.M. A JREVEREND RAFAEL PASTOR, OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LUYANO, HAVANA, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW - HIS BROTHERS, THE AMERICAN NEGROES, WILL LEARN MUCH FROM HIS DEATH. WE CAN ALMOST ASSURE THAT THEY, THE AMERICAN NEGROES WHOSE DIGNITY AND DECORUM HAS BEEN CRUSHED, WILL COME BACK TO LIFE AFTER CENTURIES OF LETHARGY AND

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WILL RISE FROM THEIR GRAVES AND FORM AN INVINCIBLE ARMY. JJ  
17. QNH RADIO LIBERACION, <sup>5</sup> APRIL, <sup>6</sup> P.M. A EDITORIAL COMMENTS  
CRITICIZING THE NON-VIOLENT LINE WHICH WAS ADVOCATED BY LUTHER KING,  
SAYING THAT THIS LINE WAS INOPERATIVE. JJ MARTIN LUTHER KING DID NOT  
REACH VIOLENCE BUT HE WAS THE VICTIM OF VIOLENCE. HE DID NOT  
RELEASE VIOLENCE BUT VIOLENCE MOWED HIM DOWN. JJ

18. QNH RADIO HABANA, <sup>5</sup> APRIL 68, <sup>5:30</sup> P.M. & JJ JOHNSON POSTPONED  
HIS TRIP. HE CALLED THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS--WHO WERE MORE OR  
LESS UNDER CONTROL--TO GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE. JOHNSON APPEARED ON  
TELEVISION. HE EXPRESSED HIS ANGUISH AND HIS SORROW. HE MADE  
INSPIRED COMMENTS ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING. THESE ACTIONS AND THESE  
WORDS HIDE FEAR OVER THE WAVE OF JUST VIOLENCE WHICH IS STARTING TO  
SPREAD THROUGH THE UNITED STATES. JJ AT A TIME WHEN COMPLEX INTER-  
NATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE UNDERWAY, UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS,  
HIS NEW CRIME WIDENS THE CHASM WHICH DIVIDES THE PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND INCITES THE PEOPLE TO PROMOTE DISTURBANCES WHOSE  
FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ARE HARD TO PREDICT. JJ THE ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING CONFIRMS THAT THE VIOLENCE OF IMPERIALIST RACISTS  
IS ONLY ANSWERED EFFECTIVELY WITH THE VIOLENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY  
STRUGGLE. JJ

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