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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

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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 motels 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 Mrs. King
men. (100-3-116-664; 100-178570-180; Atlanta airtel, 3/10/64)

During his New York one night he threatened
to commit suicide

*all females with whom he has
relationships. They stay at the most expensive
hotels - he pays their travelling expenses
and gives them cash 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.
(100-106670-2685)

In 1964, he gave another friend several hundred dollars

and *readily* ~~is known 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~~ Mrs.

Dorothy Cotton in *ATLANTA* *ready to carry on*
(100-106670-547, 2437)
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, ^{unnatural}

the Baptist minister immediately and forcibly raped her. ^{King}

^{sex acts} ^{have} looked on ^{offered} ^{advice} ^{laughed and} On January 6 and 7, at least 12 individuals--nearly

^{what?} 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 individuals were~~

~~most~~ 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 ^{several} ~~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 ^{the} "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 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,

for a fee of \$100.

1964. 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)

The incident was described by the prostitute as follows

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.

*SMITH
would it be
it*

One of King's aides ^{B. Ruslin} persuaded the police to let the girl go without pressing any charges. ^{It is deeply pointed out that any arrest and public disclosure would embarrass Norway and the Nobel Prize officials more than} This same aide later confided to a friend

that King's group was running naked, drunk white prostitutes up and down the halls ^{of} in 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, ^{being} ~~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 ^{a few} some years and has outwardly, at least, ~~decided to~~ 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 ^{occasion} ~~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. *He told her she should go out and* (100-106670 airtel Atlanta, 12/1/64: 670-730, 3150, 2423; 100-3-116-873, 875)

have some actual evidence of her affair. This evidence has no knowledge to show that this man's affair is the

~~In 1963, there was some indication that Coretta,~~

~~herself, was having an affair which could account for her~~

~~acceptance of the situation. (100-3-116-870)~~

*has some possible reasons of
good character for her marriage
confirms to the marriage
of a man of King's
character*

INFLUENCED BY COMMUNISTS

Stanley Levison

Current and former members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), have been close to King and have exerted great influence on him and ~~his Southern Christian Leadership Conference~~ *the SCLC.*

These associations date from King's leadership of the 1956 bus boycott by Negroes in Montgomery, Alabama, and have had King's approbation, because the individuals involved have been identified to him for what they are.

Stanley Levison

One of King's key ^{advisors} ~~advisors~~ is Stanley Levison, a New York City attorney and businessman. He has been instrumental in making King a national and international figure. The 55-year-old Levison, *who is white,* is a shrewd and dedicated communist, and King has long been aware of this.

A major portion of Levison's life has been dedicated to the advancement of the cause of communism in this Nation.

For a number of years in the late 1940's and 1950's, Levison

led a double life for the CPUSA, necessitated by a highly

clandestine role in which he was entrusted to raise and handle

secret Party funds used by the communists to finance part of

their activities. *SENSITIVE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE*

OPERATION - ONGOING

In this clandestine role for the CPUSA, Levison was

the head of a group of concealed Party members who operated a

maze of business enterprises. The group included Levison's

twin brother, who goes by the name Roy Bennett. Levison's

group turned over thousands of dollars to the CPUSA. For

example, the group raised \$66,000 for the Party during a two-

year period in 1956 and 1957.

Levison gravitated to King's SCLC in 1956 and applied

the same dedication to King's activities that he had to CPUSA

activities. For over a decade, Levison has worked indefatigably

in King's behalf. He quickly developed a close personal rela-

tionship with King, which has continued to this day. By 1958,

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he was referred to as King's "Assistant Chief" and as a real-estate man who spent half of this time helping King.

By 1961, Levison was Assistant Treasurer of the SCLC. He became actively involved in fund-raising drives for King, donated substantial sums of money to King when SCLC funds were low, and served as King's legal counsel on certain matters.

Part of King's great dependence on Stanley Levison has been attributable to the money Levison furnished him.

CONF. SOURCE

James M. Wood, who worked for the SCLC as Public Relations

Director from 1960 until he resigned in 1962, said that during

that period Levison acted primarily as King's business manager

and donated large sums of money to him when funds were low.

According to Wood, Levison was very close to King, had his

confidence, and was one of the few people who could get King

alone, give him advice, and always have the advice accepted.

King Is a Marxist

**SENSITIVE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS
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CPUSA General Secretary Gus Hall received a report

on King from Levison in February, 1962. Levison described King

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