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Re: U. S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities

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SSC LETTER 11-25-75

ITEM 2

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UNITED STATES

AGENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11-21-64

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: FAY WELLS

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Captioned individual telephonically contacted my office at 10:15 a. m. today, Saturday, November 21, and spoke with SA Hanning who was on duty.

Miss Wells advised that she was one of the 18 women reporters who were in on the interview with Mr. Hoover. She stated that she understands that Martin Luther King now wants to come in and talk to the Director. She wanted to know if she could cover this interview and in the event she could not cover the interview itself, she wanted to know if she could talk to both the Director and King immediately after the meeting if there was one.

Hanning advised Miss Wells that the Director's schedule was very full and that Mr. Hoover was leaving the city on official business in the near future and he was unaware of any such appointment and could not be of assistance to her. Miss Wells was very insistent and stated she would probably call back again Monday to check on any new developments concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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I have no appointment with King & do not intend to make one.

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November 3, 1964

Mr. DeLoach:

RE: MATTHEW J. CULLIGAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel _____
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Miss Gandy _____

As you know, there has been a bloody power struggle within the Curtis organization aimed at deposing our good friend, Joe Culligan, Chairman of the Board, and, until about a week or so ago, President. Bitter charges of mismanagement were hurled at Culligan by a dissident group of top officials headed by Clay Blair, Jr., Editor in Chief of "The Saturday Evening Post" and all Curtis magazines, and Marvin D. Kantor, \$80,000 a year Senior Vice President in charge of the magazine division. In a nutshell, Blair and Kantor have been fired; Norman Pitter, Assistant Managing Editor, and Thomas R. Marvel, Chief of Editorial Production, have been suspended. Culligan, who has been actively looking for a top executive to assist him in running the affairs of Curtis for sometime, resigned as President while retaining his job as Chairman of the Board. It is expected that a new President will be named soon.

This top management revolt, which has been brewing for some months, erupted openly during the early part of October when the press reported that fifteen top officials in a letter to the Board of Directors accused Culligan of mismanagement. At the present time, it appears that Culligan has retained the confidence of the Board of Directors, has seized the initiative, and is making a thorough house cleaning.

Culligan has been a good friend of the Director and the Bureau for a number of years. He has demonstrated his support and admiration on numerous occasions and has been most cooperative with us. It was he who offered to feature a lead article in a May issue of the "Post" concerning the Director's 40th Anniversary, with a photograph of Mr. Hoover on the cover. Earlier, through Culligan, we squelched the unfavorable article against the Bureau being written by free-lance writer, Dan J. Marlowe, submitted to the "Post" concerning our investigation of Nussbaum and Wilcoxson. More recently, through Culligan, we postponed publication in the "Post" of an article based upon the assault of our Agent Foley in New York by the Lombardozzi family. Early in 1964, we received word of an article being published in the "Post" by Martin Luther King. Through Culligan, we forestalled publication of this article. More recently, with the Director's approval, I contacted Culligan on September 22, 1964, concerning another article our sources told us that Martin Luther King was preparing for the "Post". At that time, Culligan,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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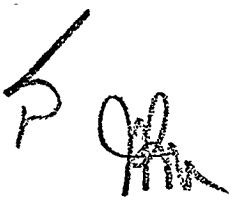

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who was in the midst of this rebellion, had told us that he would endeavor to assist us but indicated at the same time that a possible contractual agreement existed with King. Culligan had been previously discreetly briefed concerning King's domination by communist influences and of his shameful immoral character. Culligan has advised that a contract did exist with King for the "Post" article and that the recalcitrant group within Curtis had insisted that publication of it be carried through because of King's recent Nobel Peace Prize. Although he was completely sympathetic with our aims and regretted his inability to be of service in this specific instance, he pointed out that we should feel free to call upon him in the future if there is any way in which he can be of help to the Bureau. Culligan advised that the King article was scheduled for early publication sometime after election.

In connection with this "Post" article by King, our sources have indicated that since he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize he has attempted through some of his associates to change the "Post" article in an effort to soften criticism made by him against other civil rights groups and leaders. King feared that such criticism would cause difficulties in the civil rights movement. The "Post" however, has resisted King's efforts to make these changes.

 W. H. Stapleton 

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *wcz*

DATE: July 17, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Barry

Pursuant to your instructions, there is attached a letter to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, under cover of which he is being furnished an OBSCENE "Top Secret" memorandum detailing the latest evidence of Martin Luther King's moral degeneracy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached letter to Mr. Jenkins and enclosure thereto go forward.

Handled 1/20/64
W. Jenkins

Enc.

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100-3-116

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

17 JUL 30 1964

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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ENCLOSURE

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Bland

July 17, 1964

BY LIAISON

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Phillips

100-3-116-1866

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Enclosed is a memorandum dated July 17, 1964, which is marked obscene and contains information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. The memorandum is classified "~~Top Secret~~" because of the extremely sensitive nature of the source from which the information was obtained. The source was in a position to furnish reliable information.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this communication becomes unclassified.

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION Sincerely yours,
Unauthorized Disclosure
Subject to Criminal Sanctions

Enclosure

100-3-116

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

NOTE: See memo Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan 7/17/64 captioned: "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, IS-C;" SFP:kmj. Source is CSLA 4523-S*.

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FBI MEMPHIS

559PM URGENT 3/29/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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RACIAL MATTER
SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM. OO: ME.

REFERENCE TELETYPE
RE MEMPHIS TELS MARCH TWENTY NINE, INSTANT.

EASTERN AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, AND BERNARD LEE, ALL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DEPARTED MEMPHIS, TENN.,

EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT, THREE NINE EIGHT, AT THREE TWENTY P.M.,

CST, MARCH TWENTY NINE, EN ROUTE ATLANTA, GA., DUE TO ARRIVE

ATLANTA FIVE TWENTY ONE PM, EST. LT. GEORGE FEATHERS,

POLICE DEPARTMENT
INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED THAT AT PRESS

CONFERENCE AT RIVERMONT HOTEL, MARCH TWENTY NINE, KING BLAMED

MEMPHIS PD FOR MARCH TWENTY EIGHT DISTURBANCE IN MEMPHIS.

FEATHERS ADDED A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT SANITATION

WORKERS STRIKE SUPPORTERS HEADED BY COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE FOR

EQUALITY ANNOUNCED DAILY SIDEWALK MARCHES IN MEMPHIS, INCLUDING

MARCH TWENTY NINE, WOULD CONTINUE AND A MASSIVE MARCH BEING

PLANNED FOR MEMPHIS AS EARLY AS APRIL THREE, NEXT AND NOT LATER

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THAN APRIL FIVE, NEXT, AND WILL INCLUDE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ROY WILKINS, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NAACP, AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED NATIONALLY KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS. FEATHERS ADDED A SMALL DOWNTOWN MARCH, CONFINED TO SIDEWALKS, TOOK PLACE AFTERNOON MARCH TWENTY NINE, INSTANT. ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MARCHERS PARTICIPATED.

FEATHERS SAID THE SEVEN P.M. CURFEW WILL CONTINUE NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY NINE, INSTANT, AND NATIONAL GUARD TACTICAL UNITS ARE PROTECTING LOOTED PROPERTY AND PATROLLING POTENTIAL TROUBLE AREAS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICERS OF MEMPHIS PD.

NO MAJOR INCIDENTS KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED TODAY, ACCORDING TO FEATHERS, WHO SAID MEMPHIS PD REQUESTED TO BREAK UP NUMEROUS SMALL GROUPS OF NEGRO MALES CONGREGATED ON STREET CORNERS IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. HE SAID NO REPORTED ARRESTS OR VIOLENCE.

ATLANTA ADVISED AM. P.

END

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FBI WASH DC *NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
P COLORED PEOPLE

cc - SENATOR
4/29/68

VIA TELETYPE

MAR 28 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

11:17PM URGENT 3-28-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (100-5586)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. RM.

INFORMANT

AT ONE THREE EIGHT SEVEN-R FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
AT FOUR THIRTY PM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

INFORMANT'S INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM DISCUSSION SHORTLY
BEFORE WITH HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND
POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, CURRENTLY IN ATLANTA, WHO DURING LATE
AFTERNOON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, CONFERRED TELEPHONICALLY
WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC; RALPH D. ABERNATHY,
VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC; AND BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE
TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC.

KING, ABERNATHY, AND LEE ARE CURRENTLY IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO ONE,
HOLIDAY INN, MEMPHIS.

WITH REFERENCE TO RACIAL DISTURBANCE IN MEMPHIS MARCH
TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, KING IS EXTREMELY DEJECTED. HE AND
ABERNATHY STRONGLY FEEL DISTURBANCE ON THIS DATE DELIBERATELY PLANNED

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BY NEGROES WHO ARE NEITHER SYMPATHETIC TO KING OR SCLC. IDENTITY OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS NOT KNOWN.

ABERNATHY, LEE AND WILLIAMS ARE GREATLY CONCERNED FOR WELFARE OF KING, PARTICULARLY ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION WITH SANITATION WORKERS. AT PRESENT TIME KING DOES NOT FEEL HE SHOULD LEAVE MEMPHIS. DURATION OF STAY AND FURTHER DETAILS IN THIS CONNECTION NOT KNOWN.

ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, HE, ABERNATHY, AND LEE STRONGLY FEEL SAME ELEMENTS WHICH CAUSED DISTURBANCE IN MEMPHIS EARLIER MARCH TWENTYEIGHT MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HARM TO KING EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

INFORMATION FROM AT INFORMANT JFK Act 6 (4) MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. MEMPHIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IF NOT ALREADY KNOWN THAT KING CONTEMPLATES PARTICIPATING IN MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT AND THAT IN VIEW OF EARLIER DISTURBANCES IN MEMPHIS ON THIS DATE, SEVERAL RANKING SCLC OFFICIALS APPREHENSIVE FOR PERSONAL WELFARE OF KING.

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FOREGOING INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED MEMPHIS MARCH
TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

11:47PM URGENT 3-28-68 ARK
 TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND MEMPHIS
 FROM ATLANTA (100-5536)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

*Reboring
 T. J. [unclear]
 D. [unclear]*

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

(INFORMANT)

AT [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

AT FOUR THIRTY PM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

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BY NEGROES WHO ARE NEITHER SYMPATHETIC TO KING OR SCLC. IDENTITY OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS NOT KNOWN.

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MAR 28 1968

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

722PM URGENT 3/28/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR AND WFO

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 3P

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN.; RM.

RE MEMPHIS TELS MARCH TWENTY EIGHT.

ON EARLY EVENING MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, LT. E. H. ARKIN, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPT., ADVISED THAT THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS AND ON DUTY AND ON PATROL, MEMPHIS, IN TACTICAL UNITS, EACH UNIT ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMPHIS PD. HE ADDED THAT THE MASS RALLY SCHEDULED FOR NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, ORIGINALLY TO FEATURE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AS SPEAKER, HAS BEEN CANCELLED; THAT CITY OF MEMPHIS HAS INSTITUTED A CURFEW TO BEGIN SEVEN PM, TO KEEP ALL PEOPLE OFF STREETS EXCEPT THOSE WHO CAN GIVE LOGICAL EXPLANATION AS TO THEIR MOVEMENTS.

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HE STATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A TOTAL OF THREE SHOOTINGS DURING THE DAY, ONE BEING THAT OF SIXTEEN YEAR OLD MALE NEGRO, LARRY PAYNE, WITHCELL ROAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, WHO WAS SHOT DEAD WHILE LOOTING AT NINE HUNDRED SOUTH FOURTH, AND PD STILL INVESTIGATING TO DETERMINE WHETHER POLICE OFFICER OR STOREKEEPER FIRED

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FATAL SHOT. A SECOND SHOOTING WAS THAT OF A NEGRO RIOTER WHO WAS SHOT IN NECK BY A POLICE OFFICER. HIS WAS MERELY A FLESH WOUND. A THIRD LOOTER WAS SHOT ON LATE AFTERNOON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT ON NORTH THOMAS ST. WHILE IN ACT OF LOOTING AND HE WAS SHOT BY A STORE OWNER. ARKIN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS, NAMES, AND PERTINENT DATA RELATIVE TO LATTER TWO SHOOTINGS.

ARKIN STATED IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JOINED THE MARCH AT LINDEN AND HERNANDO STS. AFTER IT HAD PROGRESSED ABOUT ONE BLOCK. HE MARCHED TO VICINITY OF MAIN AND BEALE AND AFTER OBSERVING THAT RAMPANT WINDOW BREAKING AND LOOTING WAS TAKING PLACE IN THAT PORTION OF MARCH BEHIND HIM, KING AND SEVERAL COMPANIONS RAN AHEAD TO INTERSECTION OF MC CALL AND MAIN STREETS, AND WERE PICKED UP IN AN AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY UNKNOWN DRIVER. ONE BLOCK WEST AT MC CALL AND FRONT STREETS, THEY ASKED A MEMPHIS POLICE LIEUTENANT, M. E. NICHOLS, TO ESCORT THEM TO HOTEL PEABODY. NICHOLS TOLD THEM THAT DUE TO HEAVY CONGESTION HE COULD NOT FOLLOW THIS ROUTE AND THEY THEN CHOSE TO GO TO HOLIDAY INN-RIVERMONT.

END PAGE TWO

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ARKIN STATED KING WAS OBVIOUSLY SCARED AND STATED, "I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE," WHEN THE TROUBLE STARTED.

KING HAS NOT LEFT HIS ROOM DURING AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT AND IS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO LEAVE MEMPHIS TONIGHT. OFFICER NICHOLS TOLD ARKIN THAT NEITHER KING NOR ANY MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE PARTY WAS INJURED. KING MADE NO EFFORT TO QUIET THE MOB, AND ACCORDING TO OFFICER NICHOLS, HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS TO RUN AND TO PROTECT HIMSELF.

ARKIN STATED THAT MEMPHIS POLICE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION KING MADE ANY PUBLIC UTTERANCES DURING MARCH OR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JOINING MARCH. ARKIN STATED THAT NATIONAL GUARD UNITS WILL PATROL MEMPHIS ALL NIGHT AND THE LENGTH OF THEIR REMAINING ON DUTY IN MEMPHIS IS INDETERMINABLE AT THIS POINT. HE ASSUMES THAT OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS, NAMELY, THE MASS RALLY MARCH TWENTY NINE TO FEATURE DR. C. L. FRANKLIN, AND THE MASS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR MARCH THIRTY WILL BE CANCELLED.

END

SVW

FBI WASH DC*

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Included in letter to White House
and Attorney General. Date 3-29-68
CEG-ly.

*Karen Maroney
Advised 3/28/68
J. [unclear]*

*1cc 110.
1cc AG*

CC MR. SULLIVAN

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/28/68

The attached specifically relates to Martin Luther King's involvement in the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis, Tennessee, the mass march which occurred 3/28/68, and resulting violence. When violence began King said "I've got to get out of here," and departed scene. A separate summary teletype has been sent to you relating to the violence which occurred today, 3/28/68, in Memphis Tennessee.

A copy of attached has been sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General. Pertinent parts of same to be included in racial summary teletype to White House, military, and other appropriate agencies.

JFM:chs

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials: WCS/m]

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MAR 28 1968

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

813PM URGENT 3/28/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 4P

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① SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., -RM.

RE MEMPHIS TELS MARCH TWENTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MASS ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH
CAPTIONED STRIKE WHICH BEGAN FEB. TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, LT. E. H.
ARKIN ADVISED THAT SOON AFTER STRIKE STARTED, A GROUP OF ABOUT
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE NEGRO MINISTERS CONNECTED WITH MEMPHIS
INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FORMED A STRIKE SUPPORT
GROUP KNOWN AS "COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE FOR EQUALITY" (COME).

THIS GROUP SPONSORED DAILY MARCHES IN DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AND
BOYCOTTING OF DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS IN EFFORT TO FORCE CITY TO GIVE
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TIME HAD COME TO ESCALATE PRESSURE IN SUPPORT OF STRIKERS AND THAT

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INCH SNOW STORM RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH TWENTY EIGHT. HE SAID THE MARCH STARTED ABOUT ELEVEN AM, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT. KING MADE NO SPEECHES PRIOR TO MARCH AND IN FACT DID NOT JOIN IT UNTIL IT HAD PROGRESSED ABOUT ONE BLOCK. HE WALKED WITH NEWSMEN AND OTHER MINISTERS TO INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND BEALE STREETS. THERE HE BECAME AWARE THAT RAMPANT BREAKING OF STORE FRONT WINDOWS AND LOOTING WAS BEING PERPETRATED BY MARCHERS BEHIND HIM. HE TOLD ONE MINISTER, "I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE." KING, ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL ASSOCIATES, RAN AHEAD TO MC CALL AND MAIN STREET, JUMPED INTO A CAR AND DROVE ONE BLOCK WEST TO FRONT AND MC CALL WHERE THEY INDUCED MEMPHIS PD LT. M. E. NICHOLS TO ESCORT THEM TO RIVERMONT MOTEL SEVERAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF TROUBLE AREA, WHERE HE REGISTERED IN AT ELEVEN TWENTY FOUR AM. ARKIN SAID KING AND ASSOCIATES REMAINED IN ROOM ALL AFTERNOON.

AFTER SPORADIC LOOTING CONTINUED ALL AFTERNOON, AND THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED NATIONAL GUARDSMEN PLACED ON DUTY IN MEMPHIS AND THE PLACING OF A SEVEN PM CURFEW, ARKIN SAID KING IN A TAPED T.V. INTERVIEW SAID HE DID NOT FINISH WHAT HE STARTED TO DO. HE DIDN'T ELABORATE. KING'S ASSOCIATE, REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, APPEALED TO STRIKERS AND STRIKE SYMPATHIZERS TO STAY OFF STREET BUT DID NOT

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cc to Leonard T. Stegall, NSA by courier 3/6/68.

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources for the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense.

See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/29/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:lmr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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PURPOSE:

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BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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It is felt that the President would be interested in receiving information showing the communist help King is receiving in his proposed "Washington Spring Project."

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

cc to Leonard T. DeLoach by SA My Cowin 3/6/68

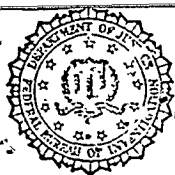
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/25/68

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; ^{RACIAL MATTER} RM.

RE MEMPHIS TEL MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST.

ON MARCH TWENTY FIVE INSTANT LT. E. H. ARKIN, INSPECTIONAL
^{POLICE DEPARTMENT}
BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED MEDIATION OF STRIKE RESUMED AT TWO
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NINE NEXT AND PARTICIPATE IN MARCH. ARKIN ADVISED A SMALL MARCH
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DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY FIVE INSTANT.
NO ARRESTS. NO INCIDENTS. P.

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~~SHLD BE MINISTERIAL GROUP SUPPORTING...~~

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CC: MR. SULLIVAN

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/26/68

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Martin Luther King scheduled to lead mass march in downtown Memphis 3/28/68.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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Police Department
PD ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA AND DETROIT. P.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092) (P)

**SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

RM

Re Memphis airtel and LHM, 3/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM captioned as above and dated 3/26/68.

Copies are being furnished to USA, Memphis, and U. S. Secret Service, Memphis, and to Regional Offices of military intelligence.

Two copies of LHM are being furnished to Atlanta and 1 copy is being furnished to Detroit.

The information set out in the enclosed LHM was orally furnished on 3/26/68 to WILLIAM BRAY, 111th Military Intelligence, Memphis, and to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department.

Source one is ME 338-R (Ghetto).

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ATLANTA AND DETROIT DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Copy is being furnished Detroit as Dr. C. L. FRANKLIN lives there, and copies are being furnished to Atlanta since MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and SCLC are headquartered there.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will continue to follow and report pertinent activities.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
March 26, 1968

Re: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS

The "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, Memphis, Tennessee, reported in its issue of March 26, 1968, that mediation talks on the issues of the 7-week-old sanitation strike in Memphis, Tennessee, ran for more than four hours on the afternoon of March 25, 1968, after a brief interlude during which Chancellor Robert Hoffman, Shelby County Chancery Court, ruled that members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who were under injunction in his court could represent the workers in their negotiations with the City.

It will be recalled that it was originally reported on March 25, 1968, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., ^{TENN} President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would lead a massive march in support of the strike in downtown Memphis on Friday, March 29, 1968.

On the late night of March 25, and the morning of March 26, 1968, a first source advised that this was erroneous information and that a meeting had been held on the evening of March 25, 1968, by the Community on the Move for Equality (COME), the name adopted by the Memphis Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, a group of some 125 Negro ministers in Memphis, who are leading the strike support, during which time plans for the remainder of the week beginning March 25, 1968, were formulated. These plans are as follows, according to source one:

On Wednesday night, March 27, 1968, Dr. Ralph ^{TENN} Abernathy, Vice President-at-Large, SCLC, will speak at Mason Temple, Memphis, at which time he will urge a massive work stoppage on the part of Memphis Negroes and a boycott of the city schools by Negro students in order that thousands of Negroes can participate in a mass march

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
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to commence at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 1968, to leave from Clayborn Temple, Hernando and Pontotoc Street, Memphis. This march will be led by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who is expected to arrive in Memphis early on the morning of March 28, 1968.

On the night of March 28, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., will address a mass strike support rally also to be held in Mason Temple; and on Friday night, March 29, 1968, also in Mason Temple, a mass strike support rally will be addressed by Dr. C. L. Franklin, also known as Reverend C. L. Franklin, Negro minister of Detroit, Michigan.

Source one stated Franklin is a former Memphian, is a leader in the National Baptist Convention, USA, headed by Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, Illinois, and is a renowned Negro evangelist who formerly lived in Memphis and whose daughter, Aretha Franklin, is a nationally known rhythm and blues singer. In the source's opinion, Franklin will draw a tremendous crowd due to not only his personal popularity in the Negro religious community, but by virtue of the popularity of his daughter.

It is planned by the COME leaders that both Dr. Franklin and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., will remain in Memphis until Saturday, March 30, 1968, at which time another mammoth march is scheduled in downtown Memphis, this again to commence at Clayborn Temple at 10 a.m., March 30, 1968.

Source one stated that in all probability when the marchers come up Main Street in front of the Memphis City Hall that King and others will probably stop and address the marchers from the plaza area in front of the Memphis City Hall. The government plaza consists of four major buildings, all facing Main Street between Adams and Poplar, these being the City Hall, the Federal Building, the Tennessee State Office Building, and the Memphis Police Department; and several thousand people could easily congregate on the plaza.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The above information furnished by source one was orally furnished on March 26, 1968, to Lieutenant E. H. Arkin, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, and to William Bray, 111th Military Intelligence Corps, Third Army, Memphis, Tennessee.

Lieutenant Arkin advised on March 26, 1968, that on the late afternoon of March 25, 1968, a small march of strike sympathizers again was conducted in downtown Memphis, consisting of approximately 200, mostly adults, who marched from Clayborn Temple into the downtown Memphis area on Main Street. There were no incidents and no arrests.

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SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS

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REMEairtel and LHM dated 3/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Copies are being furnished to USA and U. S. Secret Service, both Memphis, and to regional offices of Military Intelligence.

Information in enclosed LHM was furnished to Mr. WILLIAM BRAY, 111th MI Group, Memphis, on 3/27/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Memphis, Tennessee
March 27, 1968

RE: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 27, 1968, Lt. E. H. Arkin, Inspectional Bureau, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the sanitation strike in Memphis which began February 12, 1968, continues unabated and that negotiations between Memphis city officials and representatives of the striking workers continue under the leadership of the appointed mediator, Frank Miles.

Tenn Lt. Arkin advised that a reliable source of the Police Department has stated that a mass meeting in support of the strike was held at the Trinity CME Church, Thomas and Wells, the night of March 26, 1968, with the guest speaker being Father Parker, affiliated with the World Council of Churches. He spoke, endorsing the sanitation workers, and called for Negro people to get together and for teachers in the school system to stop feeling as though they were above the sanitation workers and for the sanitation workers to stop feeling they are below everyone else.

Tenn It was learned that after this meeting Harold Middlebrook, who claims to be assistant pastor at Little Baptist Church; Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, head of the Minimum Salary Board of the CME church; Rev. Sam B. Kyles, head of the Metropolitan Baptist Church; and Jesse Epps, Field Director, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and others held a strategy meeting, at which time Jackson, who is representing the union in negotiations with the city, was of the opinion that he should "walk out" on the negotiations as the negotiations were getting nowhere.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

Those present agreed that the strike cannot last much longer, with EPPS stating that the union has already spent over \$15,000 and the union has to do something, that it just cannot go on day by day marching downtown.

It was further agreed that the mass meetings, which have been held on a nightly basis, should now be held only three times a week and efforts should be made to bring in "big name" people to speak at these meetings.

With regard to future plans, it was still agreed that Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice-President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, would speak at a mass meeting at Mason Temple on the night of March 27, 1968, and that the mass march scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 1968, beginning at 10:00 a.m. from Clayborn Temple, to be headed by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would take place. The march route has still not been resolved, but people were to assemble not later than 9:00 a.m., and parade marshals are to be there as early as 7:00 a.m. Martin Luther King is still scheduled to speak at a mass meeting at Mason Temple beginning at 7:30 p.m. March 28, 1968. It was also reported that on Friday night, March 29, 1968, Rev. C. L. Franklin of Detroit, Michigan, a Baptist evangelist, would speak at a mass meeting at Mason Temple and then Franklin would lead a march of a massive nature in downtown Memphis to begin Saturday morning, March 30, 1968, at 10:00 a.m.

Lt. Arkin further advised that he had learned a small downtown march took place on the late afternoon of March 26, 1968, in which approximately 150 strike supporters participated. There were no arrests and no incidents.

The above information was furnished to a representative of Military Intelligence in Memphis March 27, 1968.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Memphis airtel and LHM dated 3/27/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are 11 copies and
for WFO 2 copies and Atlanta 3 copies of LHM dated 3/28/68,
captioned as above.

Copies of LHM are being disseminated to USA, Memphis;
U. S. Secret Service, Memphis; and to Regional Offices of
Military Intelligence.

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Source one is D. A. MURPHY, Chief, Reservations
Section, American Airlines, Memphis, Tenn.

Information in the enclosed LHM was orally
furnished 3/28/68 to WILLIAM BRAY, 111th MI, Third Army,
and to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Memphis Police Department.

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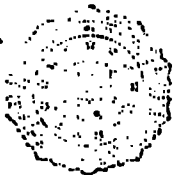
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Information copies are being furnished in view of these offices' interest in MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the Washington Spring Project.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will follow and advise Bureau pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
March 28, 1968

Re: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS

It will be recalled that it was reported in a communication dated March 26, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was scheduled to lead a mass march in downtown Memphis on the morning of March 28, 1968, in support of the striking Memphis sanitation workers who are still on strike, this strike having begun February 12, 1968. It was further reported that he was scheduled to address a mass strike-support rally at Clayborn Temple, Mason Street, Memphis, Tennessee, which Temple is operated by the Church of God in Christ, at 7:30 p.m., March 28, 1968.

On the evening of March 27, 1968, a first source advised that Reverend King, accompanied by one (First Name Unknown) Lee, was scheduled to arrive in Memphis, Tennessee, at 10:22 a.m., March 28, 1968, on American Airlines Flight No. 247, from New York, New York.

This source at that time had no information concerning any scheduled departure of Reverend King from Memphis.

On the morning of March 28, 1968, source one advised that it had been reliably ascertained that King and Lee have reservations to depart Memphis, Tennessee, at 9:05 p.m., Central Standard Time, March 28, 1968, aboard Eastern Airlines Flight 398, due to arrive Atlanta, Georgia, 11:03 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, March 28, 1968; and that King has a reservation to depart Atlanta, Georgia, at 6:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, March 29, 1968, aboard Delta Airlines Flight 304 due to arrive at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, at 7:42 a.m., March 29, 1968.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, issue of March 28, 1968, reported that Union leaders representing the striking sanitation workers walked out of mediation talks with City government representatives at Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with the 7-week sanitation strike, said walkout being at 6 p.m., March 27, 1968. The break-off came during the third day of mediation talks headed by Mediator Frank B. Miles.

The Union called a press conference at 6:30 p.m., March 27, 1968, at Clayborn Temple where individuals connected with the Union charged Mayor Henry Loeb in effect had tied the City Committee's hands on the crucial issue of Union recognition. The Union charged, according to the paper, that the biggest roadblock was a contention by the City Committee that it had no power to agree on anything--that only the Mayor could make any binding agreements. The City Committee, however, claimed that the Union demanded that it first be recognized as an exclusive bargaining agent before any other points of issue could be discussed, with the impasse resulting.

The same issue of the newspaper reported that on the night of March 27, 1968, Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President at Large of the SCLC, spoke to about five thousand strike supporters at Mason Temple, at which time he stated that Negroes should prepare to block sanitation trucks with their bodies. The paper further reported that sanitation officials had reported that 95 trucks were on the streets, March 26, 1968, the most since the curb-side pick-up system was started shortly after the start of the strike.

Also on the morning of March 28, 1968, source one advised that it had been ascertained that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy would also accompany King and Lee on their departure from Memphis via Eastern Airlines Flight 398, to leave Memphis at 9:05 p.m., March 28, 1968.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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FROM MEMPHIS 157-1092 2 P

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

RE MEMPHIS TELS TODAY.

LT. E. H. ARKIN, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT THAT SPORADIC LOOTING CONTINUES PRIMARILY IN SOUTH MEMPHIS, A HEAVILY POPULATED NEGRO AREA, AND THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED ISOLATED ARRESTS RELATING TO LOOTING AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT HAVE BEEN MADE BY MEMPHIS PD. HE ADDED THAT RAMPANT RUMORS EXISTED IN MEMPHIS THAT CITY BUS DRIVERS WERE BEING ASSAULTED BUT THAT THIS DEFINITELY WAS NOT TRUE, THAT OFFICIALS OF MEMPHIS TRANSIT AUTHORITY, WHICH OPERATES CITY BUSES, MET WITH MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB AND DIRECTOR OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPTS. FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, AND DECIDED TO STOP THE OPERATION OF BUSES INDEFINITELY AS DRIVERS FEARED BEING ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

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LT. ARKIN ADDED, AS DID WILLIAM BRAY, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CORPS, THIRD ARMY, MEMPHIS, THAT MEMPHIS

UNITS OF TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD ARE NOW ON DUTY BUT CURRENTLY

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CONFINED TO NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS NEAR FAIRGROUNDS AREA OF MEMPHIS IN MID-TOWN, AND THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR THOUSAND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS WEST TENN. UNITS ARE ON A STAND-BY BASIS. DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER TO HAVE GUARDSMEN PATROL MEMPHIS NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT.

LT. ARKIN ADDED THAT THE MASSIVE RALLY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MASON TEMPLE AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M., FEATURED SPEAKER TO BE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED. HE FEARS THAT SPORADIC TROUBLE WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT, PARTICULARLY IF THE RALLY TAKES PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

SOURCE ONE ADVISED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN KING'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, AND THAT KING, ALONG WITH SPECIAL AIDE BERNARD LEE AND REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC, ALL SCHEDULED TO DEPART MEMPHIS AT NINE ZERO FIVE P.M., CST, EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE NINE EIGHT, EN ROUTE ATLANTA.

LHM FOLLOWS.

Included in letter to White House
and Attorney General. Date 3-29-68

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN.; RM.

ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT, LT. E. H. ARKIN, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS, TENN., PD, ADVISED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ARRIVED MEMPHIS AROUND TEN A.M. AND PROCEEDED TO CLAYBORN TEMPLE LOCATED HEART OF NEGRO AREA, MEMPHIS, AND HEADED THE SCHEDULED DOWNTOWN MASS MARCH IN SUPPORT OF MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKE WITH MARCHERS ESTIMATED BY POLICE TO BE FIVE TO SIX THOUSAND IN NUMBER, LEAVING TEMPLE AREA AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A.M. CST. THE PARADE MARSHALS WERE UNABLE TO FORM ANY ORDERLINESS TO MARCHERS AND AS CROWD MOVED IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOOD IT BEGAN BREAKING WINDOWS AND ENGAGING IN SPORADIC LOOTING. KING REMAINED WITH CROWD, BEING IN AN AUTOMOBILE IN FRONT, UNTIL IT REACHED SOUTH END OF MAIN NEAR GAYOSE, WHICH PUT IT INTO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA. AT THIS POINT KING DISASSOCIATED SELF FROM MARCH AND LEFT OSTENSIBLY TO GO TO PEABODY HOTEL. AS CROWD CAME NORTH ON MAIN FROM BEALE, AN AREA OF ONE BLOCK, SEVERAL STORE FRONT WINDOWS WERE BROKEN, AND SOME LOOTING WAS REPORTED IN A LIQUOR STORE AND AT YORK ARMS CO., A LARGE SPORTING GOODS ESTABLISHMENT. NO GUNS WERE TAKEN AS ALL HAD

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BEEN LOCKED UP PREVIOUSLY. SOME LOOTING WAS REPORTED. AS GROUP REACHED GAYOSO AND MAIN, POLICE BLOCKADED STREET AND ATTEMPTED TO DISPERSE THE CROWD AND SUCCEEDED IN DISPERSING CROWD IN A REVERSE DIRECTION BACK TOWARD CLAYBORN TEMPLE. ADDITIONAL WINDOW BREAKING AND SOME LOOTING REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AS GROUP RETURNED TO TEMPLE AREA, ACCORDING TO LT. ARKIN, AND POLICE HAVE USED TEARGAS TO FURTHER DISPERSE CROWD WHICH HAS NOW DISPERSED IN FOUR DIRECTIONS FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE STILL BEING CONCENTRATED IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS NEARBY.

AT THIS POINT, MEMPHIS PD DOES NOT KNOW IF ANY ARRESTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY INJURIES OR DEATHS. ONE UNVERIFIED REPORT STATES A POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN INJURED, NATURE OF INJURIES NOT KNOWN. LT. ARKIN CONTINUED THAT MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD TO DISPERSE THE MOB AND RESTORE ORDER IN MEMPHIS BEFORE NIGHTFALL. MEMPHIS NATIONAL GUARD EXPECTED TO BE MOBILIZED AND ON DUTY BY TWO P.M. CST AND ANOTHER UNIT FROM JACKSON, TENN., APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY MILES EAST OF MEMPHIS, EXPECTED TO BE IN MEMPHIS BY SIX P.M. CST.

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A FIRST SOURCE ADVISED MARCH TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT KING ACCOMPANIED BY ONE (FNU) LEE AND REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE-PRESIDENT, SCLC, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MEMPHIS NINE ZERO FIVE P.M. CST, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE NINE EIGHT TO ARRIVE ATLANTA, GA., ELEVEN ZERO THREE P.M. EST AND KING SCHEDULED TO DEPART ATLANTA SIX TWENTY A.M. EST, MARCH TWENTY NINE NEXT ON DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FOUR TO ARRIVE BALTIMORE, MD., SEVEN FORTY TWO A.M. EST, FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MEMPHIS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH MEMPHIS PD. MEMPHIS MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH MEMPHIS PD AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. ALL RACIAL SOURCES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE OF ANY PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED BY THEM.

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