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

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

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November 3, 1964

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. DeLoach:

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

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

DATE: July 17, 1964

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

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

*Barth*

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 Jenkins*

*Be*

*V. J. GR*

*100-3-116-1866*

Enc. **REG-117**  
 100-3-116  
 1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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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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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
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*RACIAL MATTER*  
SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM. OO: ME.

*G. C. [unclear]*

REFERENCE TELETYPE  
RE MEMPHIS TELS MARCH TWENTY NINE, INSTANT.

*[Handwritten initials]*

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,

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 EMMPHIS.

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.

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\* National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People

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- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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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.

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*Robins*  
*Tolson*

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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 TEASURER, SCLC; AND BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE  
TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC.

*Palmer* - 1390

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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.

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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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11:47PM URGENT 3-28-68 ARK  
 TO DIRECTOR (100-106672) AND MEMPHIS  
 FROM ATLANTA (100-5536)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. RM.

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 T. J. [unclear]  
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*(INFORMANT)*

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722PM URGENT 3/28/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR AND WFO

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 3P

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN.; RM.

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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, MITCHELL 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.

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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  
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Advised 3/28/68  
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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.

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