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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/5/68

Attached refers to advisors and associates of the late Martin Luther King, in New York, who are planning to go to Atlanta and Memphis, in light of the assassination of King. They are reconsidering joining the 4/8/68 march in Memphis, in support of sanitation workers there and the poor peoples march King had planned for Washington, D. C. during April, 1968.

Atlanta has been advised. Memphis and WFO will be advised.

Pertinent parts of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department.

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- Miss Gandy _____

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FBI NEW YORK

~~12-53~~ AM URGENT 4/5/68 ~~WPK~~

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO- ATLANTA.

Source

NY THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO DASH S ASTERISK (INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED APRIL FOUR SIXTY EIGHT, THAT ON THAT NIGHT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, ON LEARNING OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, INITIALLY DECIDED TO GET FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO MEMPHIS FOR SIX PERSONS. THESE RESERVATIONS INTENDED FOR WACHTEL AND HIS WIFE, LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND POSSIBLY BAYARD RUSTIN. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS, WACHTEL MENTIONED HE WAS CALLED BY RUSTIN WHO HAD BEEN

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GC Moore
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Pls. inform...
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DE-INDEXED LEVISON AND BELAFONTE IN THIS SERIAL ON 12-3-70, #34 HIS SERIAL IS SI TO 100-106670-3289

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Supr. John Keary, NY
called 3:50 AM 4/5/68
advised of correction to file
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lets, being sent ME 4/5/68
WFO on this on 4/5/68

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CALLED BY ~~JIM~~ ^{T. J. J.} LAWSON (IN MEMPHIS) AND SAID THEY ARE TRYING
 TO GET ALL TYPES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DOWN THERE (MEMPHIS)
 TO KEEP THINGS FROM BREAKING WIDE OPEN. LEVISON FELT HE AND
 WACHTEL SHOULD GO TO MEMPHIS SO THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO
 PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WHICH THE (SCLC) STAFF WILL BE FACED
 WITH. LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT ~~THEY~~ ^H ^{THEY} SHOULD GO ON
 "THIS MARCH" (MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT)
 AND " THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN)?
 LEVISON SAID HE THINKS "WE'VE GOT TO BE ANGRY". HE ADDED THAT
 YOUNG IS PROBABLY THINKING THERE ARE MANY NEGROES WHO ARE
 GOING TO GET HYSTERICAL AND GO OUT AND GET THEMSELVES SHOT.
 LATER, LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA,
 NOT MEMPHIS, AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE AND LET WACHTEL
 AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT THEMSELVES.

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISED.

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Re: SSCLet 12/18/75 containing requests for material re
Martin Luther King, Jr., the Poor People's Cam-
paign & the Sanitation Workers Strike in Memphis,
Tennessee. Memo in part re: to itm 6 in re
SSC let enclosed for review & finding.

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FBI MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS URGENT 4-3-68 SAR

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 157-1092 2P

OR RACIAL MATTERS

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND SCLC STAFF MEMBERS DOROTHY COTTON,

ANDREW J. YOUNG, BERNARD LEE AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ARRIVED

MEMPHIS FROM ATLANTA, GA. NO RETURN OR OUTGOING RESERVATIONS

FOR ANY OF ABOVE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT STRATEGY MEETING HELD NIGHT APRIL TWO LAST ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE

FOR LOCALITY (COME), THE MINISTERIAL GROUP IN MEMPHIS SUPPORTING SANITATION STRIKE, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, SPOKESMAN FOR WHICH WAS HOSEA WILLIAMS, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN

FEDERATION OF COUNTY, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, SPOKESMEN BEING WILLIAM LUCY AND JESSE EPPS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

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THEREOF. AT THIS STRATEGY MEETING, THE MASS MARCH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LED BY KING WAS RE-SCHEDULED

FOR MONDAY, APRIL EIGHT, REASON BEING THAT UNION REPRESENTATIVES

JP

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FEEL THAT STRIKE HAS BECOME A RACIAL ISSUE AND THAT THERE IS DEFINITE NEED FOR A MORE UNIFIED SUPPORT BY UNION PEOPLE ASSUMING MORE ACTIVE ROLES IN STRATEGY AND DECISION. EPPS IS ARRANGING THROUGH UNKNOWN UNION OFFICIALS TO BRING TWO CHARTERED PLANE LOADS OF "UNION PEOPLE," MANY OF WHOM WILL BE OF WHITE RACE, FROM NEW YORK CITY AREA DUE TO ARRIVE MEMPHIS SOMETIME APRIL SEVEN NEXT, AND THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE AS MANY WHITES AS POSSIBLE IN THE FRONT OF THE MASS MARCH. SOURCE ONE ADDED KING SCHEDULED TO HAVE STRATEGY MEETING WITH ABOVE GROUP AT NOON APRIL THREE AND TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT MASS SUPPORT RALLY MASON TEMPLE, NIGHT APRIL THREE.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, WILL THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES INCLUDING AIRPORT OFFICIALS DETERMINE SPECIFICS OF GROUP OR GROUPS WHICH MAY BE LEAVING NEW YORK AREA TO COME TO MEMPHIS TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS MARCH AND RELATED STRIKE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BUREAU OF POSITIVE INFORMATION BY TELETYPE. AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.

P. END.

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FBI MEMPHIS

~~2:50 AM~~ URGENT 4-3-68 CNP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ~~RM~~

RE ME TEL APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF APRIL TWO ACTIVITIES.

Racial Matter

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LT. E. H. ARKIN, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED APRIL TWO, LAST THAT LARRY PAYNE'S BODY WAS INTERRED FOLLOWING FUNERAL WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

ARKIN ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIXTY SANITATION WORKERS MARCHED DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWO, LAST. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS REPORTED.

EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALONG WITH RALPH D. ABERNATHY, BERNARD LEE, AND ANDREW M. YOUNG SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ME., TEN FIFTEEN AM APRIL THREE, FROM ATLANTA.

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORNE TEMPLE APRIL TWO, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT NIGHTLY MASS STRIKE SUPPORT MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, NEXT WITH KING AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER. MASS MARCH TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE, NEXT AND ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN.

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Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date *4-3-68*

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LT. ARKIN ADVISED MEMPHIS CITY OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING SEEKING A COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ANY MASS MARCH LED BY KING OR AN INJUNCTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MARCH COULD TAKE PLACE.

CAPTAIN J. G. RAY, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST THAT ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS OF BRICK THROWING AND SMALL GATHERINGS OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTED. RAY ADVISED NO MAJOR DISTURBANCES OR ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST OR EARLY AM APRIL THREE, INSTANT.

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM

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ReAttel to Bureau 4/2/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Chicago two, and for Memphis two, of LHM.

Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4)

Source utilized to characterize JAMES BEVEL is CG 6905-S.
Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*
Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*.

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Atlanta, Georgia
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTER

On April 1, 1968, a confidential source advised that as of that date Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; James Bevel, SCLC Executive staff member; and James Orange, SCLC Field Representative, were in Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of re-organizing striking Sanitation Workers in that city along the lines of SCLC's philosophy of nonviolence.

The aforementioned SCLC officials expected Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, and Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, to arrive in Memphis on April 2, 1968. In the near future, (date not known), Reverend King intended to lead a nonviolent demonstration of the Memphis Sanitation Workers.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HENRY PETER O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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JAMES BEVEL

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BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
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