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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, Anaheim Police Department, Anaheim, California, advised March 14, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to address the convention of the California Democratic Council at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1968.

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, supra, advised on March 16, 1968, that Dr. King appeared at a press conference at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, that date. He stated that he never endorsed any presidential candidate, but spoke highly of Senator Eugene Mc Carthy, Minnesota, and indicated that he might endorse him as a presidential candidate in the 1968 election, claiming that he is passive, non-violent but militant against poverty and the Vietnam War.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that Dr. King also appeared as the main speaker at the luncheon of the California Democratic Council which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on the same date. Dr. King stated that if the Government would do something about Negro poverty in the winter time there would be less likelihood of summer violence. He also indicated that there would be a march on Washington, D. C., in April 1968 and the participants will conduct a "stay-in" at Governmental offices until the end of the congressional session to protest Negro poverty. He stated that it was ridiculous to spend money to kill Vietnamese in Vietnam and not help underprivileged Negroes.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that King left Anaheim at 2:30 p.m. for an unknown appointment in Los Angeles.

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1968, that Dr. King spoke at an Elk's Club somewhere in Los Angeles on the afternoon of March 16, 1968. There he received donations for the Washington Spring Project in the amount of \$6,000, in cash and an undisclosed amount in checks.

The "Los Angeles Times"; a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 17, 1968, carried an article which quoted Dr. King while he was in Anaheim, California, on March 16, 1968. He stated, "The problem is the Government has many programs but nothing has been done." He stated that the spring demonstrations which he will begin in Washington, D. C., on April 22, 1968, are to appeal to the conscience of Congress to escalate the war on poverty and racism and de-escalate the war in Vietnam.

Officer J. Fredericks, Airport Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, advised on March 18, 1968, that Dr. King was staying at the Hyatt House Hotel, 5547 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, and would be leaving Los Angeles for New Orleans and Memphis about noon on March 18, 1968, via National Airlines.

The "Los Angeles Times", previously mentioned in its issue of March 18, 1968, indicated that Dr. King had spoken at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 17, 1968. He stated that it was time for someone in Washington to admit that a mistake has been made in Vietnam and that this nation is involved in a "senseless, reckless, immoral and unwinnable war." He also indicated white racism is "still a glaring reality in our country" and that Congress, dominated by the rural South "stands as a stubborn force in the way of social progress."

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., *Racial Matter*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

RE ME TEL APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF APRIL TWO ACTIVITIES.

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.

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ¹⁰⁰⁻¹⁰⁶⁶⁷⁰ ~~100~~ CLAYBORNS 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.

END PAGE ONE.

Included in letter to White House
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, 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 WEDNESDAY APRIL TWO LAST ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE FOR EQUALITY (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 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

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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.

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Atfile 100-5586

D.M. [Handwritten initials]

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Bufile 157-8428
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ReAttels to Bureau 3/30 and 31/68 captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM", "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C" and 4/2/68 captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM."

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

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Source utilized to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is [Redacted] Source
Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [Redacted] Source
Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [Redacted] Source

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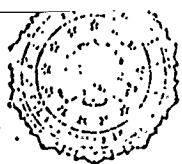
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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On April 1, 1968, a confidential source advised he understood that following the racial disturbance which occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 28, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) called a meeting of several SCLC Executive officers which was held March 30, 1968, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta. Among those attending this meeting were James Bevel, SCLC Executive Staff member; Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; and Stanley Levison.

Reverend King arranged this meeting for the purpose of reviewing the recent disturbance in Memphis and evaluating the effect thereof upon SCLC's contemplated Washington Spring Project (WSP). Reverend King opened this meeting by again stressing to those present how greatly concerned he was as to the effect of the Memphis disturbance on his image as a civil rights leader and the position of SCLC as a leading civil rights organization. This entire matter apparently upset Reverend King to the extent he found it desirable to excuse himself from this meeting shortly after its commencement. Source was unable to advise whether Reverend King returned to the meeting.

This meeting lasted most of the day and concluded with a decision on the part of those present that SCLC officials would immediately return to Memphis, re-organize the striking Sanitation

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Workers in that community particularly along the lines of nonviolence and subsequently conduct a peaceful demonstration in that community. Having accomplished this SCLC will have shown to the nation it can conduct a peaceful demonstration and therefore the way should be clear for it to proceed with its WSP.

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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 I.W.O. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussions 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 his 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 Communists.

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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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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964,
that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist
Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. ~~_____~~

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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) HENNER PETER O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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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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