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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: INTD, S.F. PHILLIPS)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: SENSTUDY '75

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Re telephone conversation between Mr. S.F. PHILLIPS, Division 5, and ASAC RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR., Chicago, on 5/5/76.

On 5/5/76 JOHN CARDINAL CODY, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, telephonically advised SA HUBERT M. HART he had been informed by a Washington contact that a Senate Committee report being released at 3:00 PM that date would indicate that on 2/24/66 he had agreed to help the FBI "hold down" Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Chicago. Cardinal CODY said he could not recall any meeting or agreement of that nature although he has conferred with various FBI officials over the years.

The excerpt from the Senate Committee report furnished by Mr. PHILLIPS was telephoned to the Cardinal by SA HART at 5:35 PM, 5/5/76. He was also informed our records indicated he was visited by former SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON on 2/24/66. Cardinal CODY said he still had no independent recollection of this meeting or what was discussed and he would so indicate if the press inquired. He did not request a copy of the communication prepared by SAC JOHNSON and none was offered to him.

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It is noted the Cardinal was released from the hospital on 5/5/76 where he had been recovering from the removal of his gall bladder. SA HART has been the liaison between the Chicago Office and the Cardinal since 1966 and has developed a friendly personal working relationship with him.

Attached as the last page of this airtel is a copy of an article which appeared in the 5/6/76 edition of the Chicago Daily News. In view of the quality of the xeroxing the last sentences at the bottom of the first two columns are repeated hereafter:

Column 1

"Cardinal Cody is convalescing in Chicago's Columbus Hospital after April 25 gall bladder surgery and couldn't be reached directly for comment, but a spokesman for the archdiocese quoted the Cardinal as saying the committee's report is "absolutely untrue."

Column 2

"Wednesday to accompany its monumental two volumes released last week on the nation's domestic and foreign intelligence operations.

"The supplement is the second of 13 such volumes of detail on the committee's schedule."

For information.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

FBI's try to use Cody against Dr. King told

By Robert Gruenberg
of our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The FBI tried to use John Cardinal Cody of Chicago and Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York to discredit the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

The committee reported Wednesday that in 1964 the FBI sent an agent to try to persuade Cardinal Spellman to warn Pope Paul VI that a planned audience for Dr. King would be "embarrassing."

Cardinal Spellman, however, refused to do the FBI's bidding, and Dr. King in September of that year was granted a 20-minute audience with the Pope, who agreed to make a public declaration against racial injustice.

In 1965, according to the committee, the FBI sent an agent to try to convince Cardinal Cody to help "neutralize the effect" of Dr. King in Chicago.

The committee reported that Cardinal Cody apparently was briefed "about alleged Communist influence on Dr. King and about Dr. King's private life."

According to the committee, an FBI internal memo states that the agent who briefed the Chicago archbishop came away with the feeling that Cardinal Cody would "do everything possible to neutralize King's effect."

Cardinal Cody is convalescing in Chicago's Columbus Hospital after April 25 gall bladder surgery and couldn't be reached directly.

At the time of the alleged briefing Dr. King was active in the Chicago civil rights movement.

THE APPROACHES to Cardinals Cody and Spellman were part of a six-year campaign by the FBI to destroy the reputation of Dr. King, according to the committee headed by Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida.).

The campaign continued even after Dr. King was assassinated in 1968, the committee said.

A year after the civil rights leader's death, the committee reported, the FBI considered but rejected a proposal by the Atlanta office of the FBI to begin a covert operation against his widow, Coretta Scott King.

The nature of the proposed program against Mrs. King wasn't disclosed to the committee.

But it was to serve "in the event the bureau (FBI) is inclined to entertain counterintelligence action against (her) and/or the continuous objection of the public image" of the slain Negro leader, the Atlanta office said.

J. Edgar Hoover rejected the idea, saying "the bureau does not desire counterintelligence action against Coretta King of the nature you suggest at this time."

THE QUOTATION attributed to the late FBI chief is virtually the only positive statement in his behalf in the 103-page supplementary study issued by the committee Wednesday to accompany its monumental two volumes released last week on the nation's domestic and foreign in-

The volumes are destined to become the reference works for the coming debate in the Senate over establishing an independent intelligence oversight committee — a proposal that already has met with stubborn opposition among some veteran lawmakers.

"I find it hard to understand how anyone can read the detailed accounts of the vendetta (against Dr. King) and not appreciate the need for an independent congressional oversight committee," said Sen. Church.

DURING A nine-hour conference Dec. 23, 1963, in FBI headquarters here, 22 proposals were suggested for discrediting Dr. King, the report said.

These included "using" ministers, "disgruntled" acquaintances, "aggressive" newsmen, "colored" FBI agents, Dr. King's housekeeper and even Dr. King's wife, the report said.

There even was discussion of "placing a good-looking female plant" in Dr. King's office, according to an FBI work paper.

Attempts also were made to have universities withhold honorary degrees, prevent publication of articles favorable to Dr. King and to find news sources "friendly" to the FBI to publish damaging articles, the committee case study said.

The "extreme personal vindictiveness" that marked Hoover's attitude toward Dr. King was recorded as early as 1962 with a statement by the FBI chief that "King is no good," the study found.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
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TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director
Legal Counsel Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Steven Blackhurst
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Morgan Dated May 11, 1976

Attached for your information is a letter
Senator Morgan sent to the Attorney General following
their meeting earlier this week.

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cc: Paul Daly

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FROM	MORGAN, Robert Senator Select Com to Study Govt Operations with Respect to	DATE OF DOCUMENT	SUSPENSE DATE
TO	Intelligence Activities Edward H. Levi Attorney General	5/11/76	5/19/76
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RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 11, 1976

The Honorable Edward H. Levi
The Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

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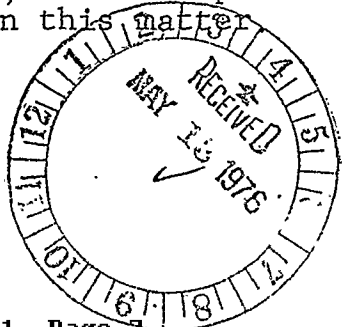
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Again, let me express my appreciation to you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely,

Robert Morgan

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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TO: John A. Minna, Assistant Director
Legal Counsel Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Steven Blackhurst
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

SB

SUBJECT: Attached Letter Dated May 11, 1976

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Let to A.G., cc DA 5/28/76
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Assistant Special Counsel for
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Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Blackhurst:

Forwarded herewith are copies of FBI documents which Senator Morgan wishes to have cleared for public release. The documents were the subject of the meeting yesterday with Attorney General Levi which we attended. Please notify me of the results of your efforts to have the documents cleared as soon as possible.

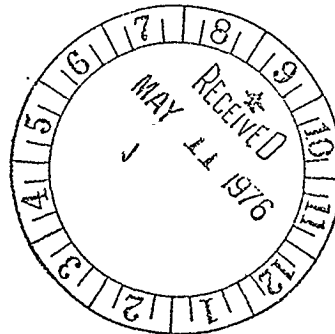
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Ricks, III

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OFFICE OF
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Office of Legislative Affairs

5/11/76

To: Attorney General
Deputy Attorney General
FBI, Attn: Paul Daly ✓

From: Michael M. Uhlmann

The attached correspondence has been sent to Mike Shaheen asking him to prepare a response for the Attorney General's signature.

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TO : Mr. T.W. Leavitt *TW/SE*

FROM : J.G. Deegan *JGD*

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY '75

DATE: 5/10/76

5-Phillips

PURPOSE:

To advise of a telephone call from former Section Chief George C. Moore on Friday, 5/7/76, concerning a request he received from a representative of Rolling Stone Newspaper (an underground newspaper) in connection with the publication of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC).

Former Section Chief Moore said he received the call from an individual who identified himself as a reporter for the Rolling Stone Newspaper and who wanted to interview him in detail concerning "Moore's testimony before the SSC." Mr. Moore told this individual that he had no comment to make and when the individual pursued it further he was told by Mr. Moore that any information concerning matters which he supervised in the FBI would have to come from a representative of the FBI and not from him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : S. F. Phillips

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY 75

- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
 - 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
 - 1 - Mr. T. J. Jenkins
 - 1 - Mr. D. W. Moore
(Attn: H. A. Boynton)
- DATE: 5/10/76
- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(1 - Mr. P. V. Daly)
 - 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
 - 2 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

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PURPOSE: To advise of a falsehood in a Senate Select Committee (SSC) report, its possible impact on the Bureau and the writer personally, and the writer's request that this matter be taken up, through the Department, with Senator Church personally.

SYNOPSIS: SSC report on FBI investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., contains falsehood in stating that supervisor of King case (mid-1960's) still in "high position with the FBI." Writer is person referred to and never, since supervision of King case, served higher than Unit Chief, which is next to lowest of nine official Headquarters ranks ranging from Director to Supervisor. Statement containing falsehood in a footnote of report added after FBI review and contrary to agreements by the SSC, Department and Bureau on our review of SSC's drafts prior to publication. This matter subject of a page 1 "Los Angeles Times" article 5/6/76 which could lead to further media or other exploration with result that writer's name may be publicly revealed. This raises great personal concern for writer and also impacts on Bureau. This is latest of many SSC abuses revealed to us during Committee's life. Writer requests Bureau address itself to Senator Church personally on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION: Legal Counsel Division address, through the Department, an appropriate communication to Senator Church personally, which should voice the Bureau's and writer's concern, dismay and protest.

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Memorandum for Mr. Leavitt
Re: SENSTUDY 75

ADDENDUM: J. B. ADAMS:ams 5/13/76

I can appreciate Mr. Phillips' concern over this matter; however, I do not feel the issue is of such magnitude in comparison to the overall quality of the Senate Intelligence Committee product to warrant any formal action at this time.

JBA

I agree the magnitude of this situation is not great enough to choose this course. This is not to be taken as a disclaimer of the feeling evidenced by SA Phillips who rightfully may be concerned. It is only that the publicity has been made and no action on our part at this point can really be effective in destroying it. I might even add credibility for such is our experience at times.

J

Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Senstudy 75
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DETAILS: An Appendix to the SSC's Final Report on the FBI's domestic intelligence work, entitled "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Case Study," was publicly released 5/5/76. On page 146 appears information concerning the FBI's attempt to determine the validity of an allegation in 1965 that King had a numbered account in a foreign bank with a balance of over \$1,000,000. The information, as reported by the SSC, indicates that the allegation was received by the King case supervisor (writer) at the time and that he conceived the plan to check out the allegation. Four footnotes relating to this information (#289-292) appear at the bottom of page 146. Three of the footnotes identify specific FBI documents, copies of which we had furnished to the SSC. One of the footnotes, #289, states, "If should be noted that the Supervisor in charge of the King case is still in a high position with the FBI and handled the committee's documents requests in the King case investigation."

The 5/6/76 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" contains an article on page 1 headed, "FBI Supervisor Who Sought to Discredit King Still There." (Attached to the original and to each copy of this memorandum is a Xerox of the article.) The article reports rather fully the information on this matter contained on page 146 and quotes almost in its entirety the footnote quoted above. The article outlines the author's (writer not identified in article but believed to principally be Ron Ostrow) efforts to identify the supervisor in charge of the King case and includes his contacts with the SSC and Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger. It appears that the author's interest prompting such a highlighted story stems from an earlier-released statement by Pottinger that "the top nine persons responsible for the FBI campaign all are either dead or retired." When this statement of Pottinger is compared with the footnote quoted above, the inconsistency is glaring.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Senstudy 75
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This memorandum and the recommended action is prompted by a deep concern of the writer for his own personal safety. Without being theatrical or exaggerating, the writer recognizes that walking the streets today are individuals mentally or otherwise so affected that they might attempt some act of violence in what they would consider retaliation for the death of a martyred hero. While this is a personal concern, there is an obvious simultaneous impact on the Bureau should anything impair the safety of the writer. While the writer's name is not yet a matter of public record, it is certainly not unlikely that the footnote in question will serve as the springboard for such media or other investigation which will finally result in an exposure of the writer, by name, as the King case supervisor.

Two principal derelictions on the part of the SSC are noted in relation to this matter. (1) The statement that the writer is in a high position with the FBI is an absolute falsehood. At the time the writer assumed supervision of the King case, he held the lowest ranking Special Agent position at FBIHQ, that of a Supervisor. During the supervision of that case, he was elevated to the position of Unit Chief and has never risen above that position since supervising the King case. Significantly, of nine position ranks at FBIHQ, from the Director to a Supervisor, the Unit Chief is the next to lowest rank. (2) By agreements between the SSC, the Department and the Bureau, we were permitted to review drafts of the SSC's reports so that we might call to its notice necessary changes relating to classification, sensitivity of material, and identities of personnel below rank of Section Chief. When the draft of this Appendix was reviewed by the writer,

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Senstudy 75
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it did not contain the quoted footnote. Not only is there considerable question as to the validity of the quoted portion as a footnote rather than as being included in the details of the material, but its mere post-review addition raises considerable questions.

The writer hesitates to become accusatory as to motive but is hard put to be dissuaded from belief that this addition of the footnote was a deliberate act with intention to eventual public uncovering of the writer's name. The SSC has been furnished documents and the writer, upon interview by the SSC Staff, furnished information fully revealing of the positions which the writer has held in the Bureau since his supervision of the King case. In short, the SSC knows full well that the claim that the writer is in a high position is a falsehood.

As the Director and other Bureau officials are aware, an abuse by the SSC is nothing new to us. The Department is also similarly aware. The current instance is just the latest of many SSC abuses and, notwithstanding the writer's personal feelings and involvement, he must consider this as an extreme abuse.

I am, therefore, requesting that the Bureau, through the Department, personally bring this matter to attention of Senator Church and make crystal clear to him that the Bureau, and I personally, consider this action by the SSC with deep concern, dismay and that the Bureau and I protest the SSC's action. Under normal circumstances, as head of our Senstudy 75 Project, I would handle this aspect insofar as necessary correspondence and arrangements are concerned. However, for obvious personal considerations, I believe this should be handled by our Legal Counsel Division.

