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**UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

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RE: REQUEST PERTAINING TO
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Reference is made to SSC letter, with attached appendices, dated May 14, 1975, to the Attorney General, requesting certain documents and other information from the FBI.

Appendix D, Item 7, requests all memoranda and other materials which: (a) relate to intelligence activities at or in connection with the Democratic National Convention (DNC) at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in August, 1964, and (b) relate to electronic surveillances of telephones and/or premises at 2414 Atlantic Avenue and/or Clairidge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during August, 1964.

Appendix D, Item 8, requests Committee staff access to all memoranda and other materials reflecting the identities of persons monitored, the contents of conversations monitored, and/or any information obtained from conversations monitored on the surveillances described in 7(b) above.

Appendix D, Item 1G, requests all memoranda and other materials containing the results of any administrative or other inquiry undertaken by the FDI as a result of and/or relating to the allegations contained in the January 20, 1975, issue of The Washington Post concerning activities of the FBI in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in August, 1964.

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During a meeting on May 30, 1975, attended by Mark Gitenstein and John T. Elliff, SSC Staff Members, representatives of the Bureau and K. William O'Connor, Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, the SSC representatives agreed to accept a summary of this Bureau's activities during the 1964 DNC at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The following is a chronological account obtained from a review of logical Bureau files regarding FBI coverage of the DNC held August 24-28, 1964, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

BASIS FOR FBI INTEREST AND COVERAGE OF THE DNC, 1964,
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

On June 1, 1964, Mr. Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department contacted FBI Assistant Director C. A. Evans and advised he had received a call from a representative of the Democratic National Committee who advised that a meeting was to be held that day in Atlantic City to discuss security arrangements for the DNC. Mr. Marshall stated those in charge of the convention were concerned about the possibility of demonstrations by various groups and inquired if the FBI desired to be represented at that meeting. Mr. Evans replied that the only apparent interest the Federal Government had in security measures at the convention related to the protection of the President, who was to attend. Since this responsibility belonged to the Secret Service, Mr. Marshall was told there appeared to be no reason why the FBI should be in attendance at the meeting.

The above information is set forth in a memorandum from Mr. Evans to Mr. A. H. Belmont, dated June 1, 1964, captioned "Security Arrangements for the Democratic Convention," and is enclosed as Exhibit A to this memorandum.

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In July, 1964, the FBI received its first information indicating possible disruptive activities would occur at the Atlantic City convention. Between that initial information and August 21, 1964, there were 19 different occasions when information regarding planned or possible disruptive activities at the convention was furnished to the White House. These possible disruptive activities involved the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA); communist front groups; civil rights groups such as the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Committee for Freedom Now; hate groups such as the American Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, and Muslim Mosque, Inc.; pacifist groups; and hoodlums. The items furnished the White House covered a wide scope of subversive, racial and hoodlum activities.

Two memoranda from Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan to Assistant to the Director A. H. Belmont, both dated August 21, 1964, (Exhibits B and C) summarized disruptive potential and outlined FBI actions to be undertaken to insure adequate coverage of the DNC. Highlights of information disseminated to the White House were included in these memoranda which also indicated the number of live informants available for the convention, that technical coverage had been instituted and that arrangements for local reporting directly from Atlantic City to the Bureau had been arranged.

By teletype dated August 20, 1964, captioned "Disruption of Democratic National Convention, Information Concerning (Internal Security)" (Exhibit D), all continental offices were directed to submit a daily teletype regarding any disruptive activities occurring during course of the convention. These offices were instructed to provide complete informant coverage of any disruptive activities throughout the convention period by attempting to arrange to have informants accompany

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pertinent individuals or groups to Atlantic City. Offices were also instructed to alert all logical informants so that they would receive immediately all information concerning activities or disruptive elements planning travel to Atlantic City. A follow-up teletype, same caption, dated August 21, 1964, (Exhibit E) directed that only positive information was desired and any information of extreme importance or urgency should be submitted immediately by teletype or telephone to the Bureau.

Except as outlined above, no other instructions have been located regarding any type of coverage to be provided at the DNC. Pertinent information developed was given dissemination to appropriate Government agencies and the White House in accordance with our established procedures regarding dissemination, which included Secret Service, Department of Justice and military intelligence agencies.

**SPECIAL SQUAD AT DNC AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY,
AUGUST 22-23, 1964**

"The Washington Post," dated January 26, 1975, carried a front page story by staff writer Ronald Kessler, reporting that during the 1964 DNC, President Johnson received reports on key convention delegates from "wire taps and bugs" installed by the FBI on civil rights leaders. This article summarized a 1973 interview with Leo T. Clark, former Special Agent of the FBI who retired February 1, 1965, as Senior Resident Agent, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Clark was quoted as saying information was reported to President Johnson based on an installation in the hotel suite of Dr. Martin Luther King and a store front used by civil rights leaders. Clark allegedly stated that the electronic and physical surveillances at the convention were carried out by an FBI team ordered by the White House and under direct personal control of Cartha D. DeLoach, then an Assistant Director.

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The above article indicated Clark stated that information obtained by the FBI was transmitted to President Johnson over a telephone line specifically installed to bypass the White House switchboard. Such information included activities of then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, identities of Senators and Congressmen visiting King's hotel suite as well as persons seeking support of civil rights leaders, plans of delegates or delegations and speculation as to vice presidential nominees.

After appearance of above article, the Inspection Division of the FBI initiated an extensive inquiry into the entire scope of FBI activities and investigation during the DNC of 1964. The results of this inquiry were set forth in memoranda of Mr. H. N. Bassett, Assistant Director, Inspection Division, to Associate Director Callahan, dated January 28 and 29, 1975, and a letterhead memorandum dated January 30, 1975. These documents were all captioned "Special Squad at Democratic National Convention (DNC) at Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 22-28, 1964," and copies are enclosed to this memorandum as Exhibits F, G, and H, respectively.

In essence the above documents highlight the following:

(1) A thorough review of Bureau records, including a review of abstracts of Mr. Hoover, Mr. Tolson, Mr. Mohr, Mr. Belmont, Mr. W. C. Sullivan, as well as Mr. DeLoach, all Bureau officials, failed to locate any memorandum or other document pertaining to a request having been received from President Johnson or anyone at the White House instructing the FBI to afford special coverage of the convention.

The only exception to the above occurred post-facto, when on July 25, 1973, this Bureau received the so-called "Sullivan memoranda" referred to on page two of Exhibit F. One of the papers comprising

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the memoranda entitled "President Johnson and the FBI" cited allegations of misuse of the FBI by President Johnson. Item 2 cited refers to the DNC of 1964, and a copy is attached as Exhibit I.

(2) At the time of the convention, Mr. DeLoach was responsible for liaison with the White House and had a direct line at his residence to the President.

(3) The personnel file of Mr. DeLoach contains an 8-page memorandum dated August 29, 1964, captioned "Special Squad, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Democratic National Convention, August 22-28, 1964." In this memorandum, Mr. DeLoach expressed his wish to report the successful completion of his assignment and accomplishments of the Special Squad in Atlantic City. An enclosure to this memorandum contained 43 pages of intelligence data disseminated to Walter Jenkins at the White House in 12 summaries dated August 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1964. The above memorandum and its 43-page enclosure appear as Exhibits J and K to this memorandum.

(4) Headquarters files contain a memorandum written by Mr. Hoover dated September 10, 1964, wherein it was reported that Mr. Walter Jenkins of the White House had called Director Hoover to advise that the President thought the FBI had done a fine job at Atlantic City. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Exhibit L.

(5) Technical coverage of the convention conducted by the Special Squad, and according to the memorandum prepared by Mr. DeLoach in 1964, was carried out against Martin Luther King, Jr., at his hotel and against others at a store front located at 2414 Atlantic Avenue, which served as joint headquarters for SNCC and CORE.

(6) An outline of authorization for technical coverage employed during the convention, as well as FBI basis to investigate organizations and individuals against whom technical coverage was instituted.

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(7) Exhibits F, G and H summarize statements of Special Squad personnel on active duty as of January, 1975, all of whom provided information regarding their participation and recollection as to their duties during the Atlantic City convention.

(8) Exhibits F and H explain news media "cover" used by Agents at Atlantic City to develop intelligence information pertaining to the convention.

No effort is being made in this memorandum to summarize results of the Special Squad's investigative activities during the convention because information in this regard is contained in attached Cartha D. DeLoach memorandum of August 29, 1964, and its enclosure (see Exhibits J and K).

On page 3, paragraph 3, of Exhibit J, Mr. DeLoach noted that thumbnail sketches were prepared on all key dissident groups expected at the convention and separate files were maintained on activities of King and each major disruptive organization present. Recovery of this information would involve extensive research and is therefore not attached. If the Committee has need for access to this information, we will endeavor to make it available. However, it is felt that information obtained during our coverage of the DNC is essentially set forth in memoranda from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Walter Jenkins (Exhibit K).

Exhibit F, page 8, indicates there were approximately 50 pages of overhears on coverage of King's telephone during the DNC. Actually there are 78 pages of logs recording such overhears. A review of these handwritten logs indicates several Congressmen, Senators and State Governors, who were acting in their capacity as delegates to the convention, were mentioned and/or overheard. Also obtained was information relating to seating of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Should the Committee feel that a review of the above logs is necessary to substantiate the results set forth in Mr. DeLoach's summaries and reports of FBI Inspection Division, these logs can be made available for review on FBI premises by Senators Frank Church and John G. Tower.

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The "Official and Confidential" files, which were at one time maintained in the office of former Director J. Edgar Hoover, were reviewed during preparation of attached material and no information relative to this matter was located.

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1 - The Attorney General (Enclosures - 12)

NOTE:

All references to prosecution of Mr. Sullivan have been deleted from the memorandum to the SSC and excised from the exhibits upon specific instruction of Mr. O'Connor to Inspector John B. Hotis of Legal Counsel Division on 7/8/75. This action was based on the fact that a prosecutive opinion is presently pending with the Department.

The "Official and Confidential" files were reviewed by SA Hugh Mallet.

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SSC furnished a chronological account obtained from a review of logical Bureau files regarding FBI coverage of the Democratic National Convention held 8/24-28/64 in Atlantic City, N.J.

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EXCISED VERSION

MR. BELMONT

DATE: June 1964

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Mr. Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division telephoned. He advised that he had received a call from [redacted] of the Democratic National Committee who advised that a meeting is to be held at 4:00 p.m., today at the Convention Manager's Office at Atlantic City to discuss Security Arrangements for the Democratic National Convention. Those in charge of the convention are said to be concerned about the possibility of demonstrations by civil rights groups and others. [redacted] stated to Mr. Marshall that he would certainly want to invite the FBI to participate in this meeting if this would be appropriate. Marshall inquired as to whether we would like to attend.

I told Mr. Marshall that the only apparent interest which the Federal Government had in the security measures taken at the convention related to the protection of the President who was to be in attendance. This responsibility of course belongs to the Secret Service. In addition, Mr. Marshall was told there appeared to be no FBI interest and no reason why we should attend the meeting today. Marshall said he fully understood that only the Secret Service had a direct interest in this matter and that organization would be invited to have representatives at the meeting.

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