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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 3/2/65

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

(June)

5/11/65

~~During a recent conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., and his Executive Assistant, Andrew Young, King indicated that a \$100,000 benefit on behalf of King is to be held in Boston, Massachusetts. King said that the Governor of Massachusetts had declared 4/23/65 as Martin Luther King Day in that state. King further stated that he, along with other civil rights leaders, plan to go to Boston in the Spring of 1965 to "scare the power structure" in that area. King did not elaborate on what methods they would use in "scaring the power structure"; nor did he indicate that this visit would coincide with the testimonial planned for him by the Governor.~~

The Governor of Massachusetts is John A. Volpe (R). He was elected 11/3/64 and had previously served as Governor from 1961-1963. No adverse security information concerning Volpe in Bureau files. Relations with him have been cordial and in January, 1961, upon his first election as Governor he was sent a congratulatory letter and a copy of "Masters of Deceit" by the Director. Pursuant to your request of SAC Handley, Boston, for discreetly-obtained available information concerning a planned "Day" for King, ASAC Whittaker, Boston, today (3/2/65) telephoned the following information to the Bureau. Arrangements for a "Day" for King have already been firmed up. It is to be 4/23/65. An award is to be made to King, the nature of which has not yet been determined. Neither has the place for the testimonial yet been determined. There is no information that the invitation to King has been definitely extended as yet. SAC Handley has met the Governor who is cordial and friendly to the Bureau and Handley believes that the Governor could be safely contacted on a highly confidential basis and briefed concerning King with the end result that the affair for King will be watered down.

OBSERVATIONS:

Because of the known communist influence on King coupled with ~~his moral degeneracy~~, it is believed that it would be in the interests of the Bureau to have SAC Handley personally meet with the Governor and brief him concerning King. Although arrangements have progressed so far for the King Day that the affair will likely come off, our briefing of the Governor will likely induce him to minimize the affair and especially the award for King.

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6 MAR 15 1965

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, this memorandum should be routed back to Assistant Director Sullivan who will telephonically contact SAC Handley and have him brief the Governor on a highly confidential basis and with the proviso that under no circumstances may there ever be any attribution to the FBI for the information furnished him. The Governor will be told that King for some time has been associated with and under the influence of present and former communists and that King, although a clergyman and a family man, is carrying on extra marital activities and engages in acts of moral degeneracy. The Governor will also be told that King and other civil rights leaders plan to go to Boston this Spring to "scare the power structure" in that area.

B *COB/r* *W.L.S.*
OK *A* *V.* *JS*

Handled
3-3-65
W.S.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC* JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
 - 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- DATE: 6/21/69
- 1 - C. D. Brennan
(Attn: Mr. Rozamus)
 - 1 - G. C. Moore
 - 1 - C. E. Glass
 - 1 - J. J. Dunn

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Letter received from Representative H. R. Gross (R) of Iowa expressing concern over controversy involving telephone surveillance on Martin Luther King, Jr. Gross requested additional facts regarding this surveillance and King's communist affiliations. Recommended that Gross be contacted by representative of Crime Records Division, thanked for his interest and advised that due to various ramifications involved in this matter, it is not believed appropriate to furnish him data requested.

We have had cordial relations with Gross. In his letter, Gross stated he believed a more complete accounting of King's activities is due the citizens of this nation and would most definitely be in the national interest. Gross requested: (1) that the Director confirm, in as much detail as possible, that the telephone surveillance on King was occasioned by his association with Communist Party members; (2) that the Director describe the occasion on which approval for the King telephone surveillance was requested and received. Gross asked if it was correct that a conference was held in this matter involving the Director, an aide, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Katzenbach; (3) that the Director furnish any facts deemed appropriate to demonstrate the extent to which King may have dealt with members of the Communist Party.

Data regarding the approval of the King telephone surveillance by former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and general information regarding King's communist affiliations have already received widespread newspaper publicity. In view of the various ramifications involved in the matter of King's telephone surveillance, it is not believed additional information should be furnished Gross. Release of additional facts by him will certainly result in additional widespread publicity and prompt numerous inquiries to us by members of Congress and FBI critics.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, a representative of the Crime Records Division will personally contact Gross, thank him for his interest, and advise him that due to various ramifications involved in the King telephone surveillance, it is not believed appropriate to furnish him any additional data.

BISHOP WILL CONTACT GROSS IF APPROVED
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RB/ST

Tolson:
What is your view?
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6/23/69 ADDENDUM BY MR. TOLSON:

I agree. I see no point in continuing this controversy. I think Mr. Bishop should ~~deliver the letter.~~

handle the matter.

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CT:DSS

mes.
[Signature]

RE - HOUSTUDY 62-116464-

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SENSTUDY 62-116395-841

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 13, 1965

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Phillips
- 1 - Mr. Row

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SECURITY MATTER - C

JUNE

CIRM COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN RACIAL MATTERS

W.C.S.
Public Party

SAC [Roney] of New York called yesterday and advised that Martin Luther King was due to arrive in New York that evening and had reservations at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th and Broadway, New York City. He has been assigned Suite 1690 and New York advised that Suite 1690 is available for the use of the New York Office for monitoring purposes. If the Bureau will approve a microphone installation, New York desires to install a Wasp unit which is a radio transmitter requiring no wires to run from the room and which can then be monitored in Suite 1690.

In the past King has had conferences with [Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel] and other advisors while he was in New York and New York advised that a conference with King, [Levison and Clarence Jones] is scheduled for late afternoon, probably in this hotel room. New York desired to make this microphone installation immediately. [Roney] requested authority so they could proceed with the necessary arrangements.

ACTION:

On New York's assurance that full security was available, and since time was of the essence, I told New York to go ahead with the installation as planned. In accordance to New York's request, New York was also authorized to pay up to \$40 a day for Suite 1690 if necessary for monitoring purposes.

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18 MAY 19 1965

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

SAC, New York (100-136585)

5/21/65

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JUNE

1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Phillips

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM-C

ReBulet 5/7/65 which solicited from your office information concerning the coverage of King being afforded by the New York City Police Department, particularly any technical-type coverage.

The Bureau appreciates the helpful information furnished by your reply airtel 5/18/65. It shall certainly assist the Bureau in its future considerations relative to coverage of King.

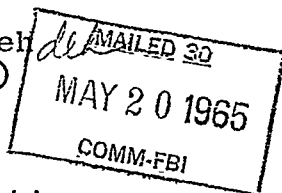
Two items remain, however, concerning which the Bureau would appreciate further information. What facts are known relative to King utilizing the tactic of searching for listening devices in hotel rooms occupied by him or elsewhere? Your airtel noted that your office had developed evidence on at least one occasion where the police had employed microphone coverage of King in a New York hotel. What are the facts relative to that occasion, including reason for the coverage and results obtained?

As origin, Atlanta should be furnished a copy of your reply.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

NOTE: We need to know as full particulars as possible concerning technical coverage being given King by others so that we may be guided accordingly in our own considerations for such coverage.

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Date: 5/18/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM-C

ReBulet of 5/7/65, requesting the New York Office furnish full details of the current interest by the New York City Police Department in KING. Reference is also made to New York teletype of 1/9/65.

Captioned matter has been discussed on an appropriately discreet basis with Deputy Chief Inspector JOHN KINSELLA, head of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD). The NYO has enjoyed an excellent relationship with BSS, and Inspector KINSELLA has always been very cooperative with this office. BSS, it may be noted, is a plainclothes investigative branch of the NYCPD which handles such matters as subversive or security type matters of interest to the PD, racial matters, some criminal intelligence matters, and it also provides on some occasions plainclothes "bodyguards" for visiting dignitaries. In the latter sense, they act in similar capacity to the Secret Service.

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Inspector KINSELLA has advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., is of interest to BSS for different reasons, and that they endeavor to be aware of his itinerary and activities whenever he is in New York City. KINSELLA said that on some occasions in the past, when threats had been made

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- 3 - Bureau (100-106670) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (42)

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8 MAY 18 1965

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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SPEC. AGENT, R.M.

against KING's life, he was afforded close security protection by the Police Department on his public visits to New York City. KING has indicated, however, that he did not desire close security protection, and that if circumstances ever indicate this was desirable, he would ask for it. However, Inspector KINSELLA said that since KING is to some extent a controversial figure as well as being a public celebrity, plus the fact in the past threats against his life have been made, the NYCPD wants to insure that nothing happens to KING while he is in New York. Accordingly, it is now the policy of the Police Department to afford KING a uniformed officer detail whenever he makes a public appearance.

KINSELLA said his office has liaison with "KING's office," the SCLC office in New York City, and tries to be aware of KING's schedule of activities whenever he comes to New York. KING is usually met at the airport by a detail of uniformed police, and on many occasions in the recent past he has been given a police escort into the city to his hotel. He has also been given police escorts when traveling about the city in connection with scheduled public appearances.

KINSELLA said that under ordinary circumstances, or in the absence of some specific necessity, the Police Department would not keep officers outside KING's hotel room door, for example, or in an adjoining room, for protective purposes.

In response to a carefully guarded question as to whether the Police Department would try to be informed of any of KING's conversations or intimate activities for intelligence reasons, KINSELLA said that ordinarily the Police Department did not consider KING a subject of investigative interest; however, KINSELLA said BSS was always very anxious to develop information from any possible sources concerning racial activity or plans of racial leaders, and said that under appropriately secure circumstances, the Police Department would consider employing technical sources against KING. Inspector KINSELLA volunteered to furnish this office any information learned from such sources, but added that to date BSS has not learned anything of any significance concerning KING's activities other than his public appearances.

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It was apparent that Inspector KINSELLA was exercising discretion in advising us at this point concerning BSS activities, since on other occasions he has been much more frank and open in admitting technical activities of his agency. It should be noted that this office has developed evidence on at least one occasion where the Police Department had employed misur coverage of KING in a New York hotel.

In an effort to keep the Bureau more fully informed in this matter, the additional information is included, which might have some bearing on the Bureau's decision.

Re New York teletype of 1/9/65, reported that during the evening of 1/9/65, during KING's stay in the Park Sheraton Hotel, he and other members of his party discussed the possibility and probability of all their conversations being recorded and movies being made of them in dark mirrors. In fact, one of them commented that most of the Justice Department telephone taps were on them.

BERNARD LEE, while in discussion with an unknown male, said there had been a recent burst of pressure. ANDREW YOUNG then mentioned that KING had taken the previous Tuesday off and went to the apartment of EDWINA SMITH in Atlanta to get some sleep, when he was awakened by a false fire alarm. This prompted KING to wonder how he had been traced to the apartment so quickly.

It was agreed that as a consequence of all the confusion, efforts would be made to meet Director HOOVER to inquire if he could shed some light on the matter.

Another observation which tends to indicate that KING is now conscious of security is that when coming to New York on recent visits, he has made reservations at a hotel, then, upon arrival, goes to another.

It is to be noted that as recent as 5/13/65, when KING, JONES and LEVISON met at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, New York City, the source was able to furnish only a portion of their meeting since they either left the suite or went into the foyer.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/14/65

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

J U N E

The New York Office called me this afternoon (10/14/65) and advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., has a reservation for tonight at the Astor Hotel in New York City. He is to be in Room 445. The New York Office has available Room 435 from which it advises it can maintain, with full security assured, a microphone surveillance on King.

King has recently been conferring with his advisors with communist backgrounds, such as Stanley David Levison and Harry Wachtel, on his visits to New York City. We have specific information that he plans to see Wachtel on this visit. His conferences with these advisors have shown the communist influence upon King relative to racial matters as well as the Vietnam situation.

The New York Office requested authority to make the microphone installation immediately with full security assured.

ACTION:

On New York's assurance that full security was available and since time was of essence, I told New York to go ahead with the installation as planned. I also authorized the necessary expenditure for the room for monitoring purposes. Memo to A.G. being prepared.

100-106670

1 - Mr. M. F. Row (Room 6221 IB)

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6 OCT 26 1965

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JUNE

October 19, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. The coverage of these meetings also has developed information concerning King's involvement in the Vietnam situation. These meetings frequently take place in hotel rooms in New York City.

On October 14, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of October 14, 1965, at the Astor Hotel in New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, October 14-15, 1965. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected October 14, 1965, on King in Room 345, Astor Hotel, 44th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on October 15, 1965.

Respectfully,

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100-106670-1989
6 OCT 28 1965

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY [Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTE:

This memorandum is classified "Secret" since it concerns a microphone surveillance, unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

Memorandum from W.C. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont 10/14/65 reported the telephonic request of the New York Office 10/14/65 for authority to make installation of the microphone surveillance. In view of the urgency of the situation and on New York's assurance of full security, they were instructed to make the installation. New York airtel 10/15/65 reported that this surveillance, NY 5250-S*, was installed in Room 345 and monitored in Room 445. It was discontinued 1 p.m., 10/15/65.

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