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MEMPHIS (SSC)

re: memo to the 5/1/75,

and request forwarded

to the Dept of Justice

by let dated 5/2/75, listing certain documents  
and other info which desired from the FBI.

Enclosed herewith approval and transmittal to the  
Committee is an copy of a memo in response to

one of the requests. Also hold for us records

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: November 5, 1964

SUBJECT: SARAH MC CLENDON  
HELENE MONBERG  
PRESS BRIEFING GROUP  
REQUEST TO INTERVIEW DIRECTOR  
NOVEMBER 18, 1964

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Sarah McClendon called late in the afternoon of November 4, 1964, and said that for some time she and Helene Monberg had been lining up "press briefings" for various women correspondents here in Washington. She said this is an informal group and that 5 to 20 women correspondents usually participate in these press briefings. Miss McClendon said that their group contacts prominent Washington leaders and then arranges to have the members meet in the individual's office and spend approximately one hour questioning them on their responsibilities, current problems of interest, etc. Miss McClendon said that recently their group of women correspondents met with Republican Chairman Burch and with Democratic Chairman Bailey. Miss McClendon inquired whether it might be possible for the Director to be host to their group for about one hour on November 18, 1964, and if that date was not possible she would like to arrange for her group to meet the Director on some following week for about an hour's quizzing.

Miss McClendon was advised regarding the very heavy nature of the Director's commitments and the fact that it was extremely difficult for him to set up arrangements for a briefing of this type in view of the emergency nature of our business. Miss McClendon said she fully understood the problems but asked that her request for a press briefing for her group of women correspondents be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that we return Miss McClendon's call and advise her that the Director's schedule for the 18th is entirely filled and that at this time it is just not possible for him to make a definite commitment for her group in the following weeks. SHE HAS NOT BEEN TOO FRIENDLY OF LATE.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 16, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: SARAH MC CLENDON  
HELENE MONBERG  
INTERVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR  
NOVEMBER 18, 1964

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I talked with Miss McClendon this afternoon and she advised that right now she feels the group which will come in to interview the Director will number "close to 25." I asked her to let me know as soon as possible when her list of acceptances was completed and Miss McClendon promised to call me back.

Earlier Miss Monberg had sent over an alphabetical list of all the female correspondents who belonged to this briefing group. There are 41 names on this list. Miss McClendon knows that some of these ladies are going to be involved in other assignments or out of town; however, we are getting up a brief run-down on each of the women correspondents whose name appears on attached list.

In talking with Miss McClendon, I explained to her that the ladies must fully understand that some of the Director's comments may have to be "off the record." Miss McClendon said her group fully realizes this, that they have run into this situation before and that quite naturally they will abide by any "off the record" answers. Miss McClendon said she did hope that the bulk of the briefing would be "on the record," and I assured her that this would be the case.

The above is for the Director's information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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URGENT 11-19-62 9-40 AM EST JP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA, RM.

*Handwritten signature and initials*

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE NOVEMBER FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING REPORT OF DR. HOWARD ZINN, HISTORY PROFESSOR, SPELMAN COLLEGE.

AN ARTICLE APPEARING ON PAGE EIGHTEEN OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION MORNING OF NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, TAKEN FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES QUOTED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN WHICH HE SAID HE AGREED WITH THE REPORT ISSUED NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST IN ATLANTA BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT THE FBI HAD NOT BEEN VIGOROUS IN LOOKING INTO DENIALS OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN ALBANY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. STATED QUOTE "AGENTS OF THE FBI IN ALBANY, GA., SIDED WITH SEGREGATION UNQUOTE. QUOTE "ONE OF THE GREAT PROBLEMS WE FACE WITH THE FBI IN THE SOUTH," UNQUOTE HE SAID, QUOTE "IS THAT THE AGENTS ARE WHITE SOUTHERNERS WHO HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE MORES OF THEIR COMMUNITY. TO MAINTAIN THEIR STATUS, THEY HAVE TO BE FRIENDLY WITH THE LOCAL POLICE AND PEOPLE WHO ARE PROMOTING SEGREGATION. EVERY TIME I SAW FBI MEN IN ALBANY, THEY WERE WITH THE LOCAL POLICE FORCE," UNQUOTE.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FIVE AGENTS, ONE FROM INDIANA, ONE FROM BOSTON, ONE FROM KINGSTON,  
N. Y., ONE FROM MINNEAPOLIS AND ONE FROM GA. CLIPPING BEING  
FORWARDED SPECIAL TODAY. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS  
MATTER.

END AND ACK PLS

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9-45 AM OK FBI WA TAT

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CC-MR. ROSEN



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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11/26/62

FROM : A. H. Belmont *ahb*

cc Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. DeLoach  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION, Albany, Ga.,  
 RACIAL MATTERS (Article by  
 Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
 critical of FBI) *11/26/62*

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11/26/62  
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Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, 11/20/62 (copy attached), referring to the article of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., criticizing the work of the FBI in relation to the Albany situation. The question has been raised as to whether we should not try to talk to King and set him straight as to the Bureau's approach and activities.

At the outset, it should be stated that it is questionable whether an interview with King will be fruitful. We have picked up information in the past that King admits to being a Marxist, but cannot afford to admit this publicly. We know of his close tie-in with Hunter Pitts Odell, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and we have seen various instances where King received advice and his actions were apparently controlled, at least to some extent, by the Communist Party.

On the other hand, we do know that King has been in touch with the Attorney General from time to time, and in view of the public image he has built up as a Negro leader he may fancy himself as a leader using the assistance of, but independent of, the Communist Party.

(1) Mr. DeLoach feels that it would be desirable to interview King. He recommends that he and Assistant Director Sullivan jointly interview King. He feels that two Bureau representatives should interview King in order that there will be a witness and there can be no charge of provincialism inasmuch as DeLoach comes from the South and Mr. Sullivan comes from the North.

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(2) Mr. Sullivan feels that King should be interviewed. He feels, however, that if two Bureau representatives approach King, King will be immediately on the defensive and no progress will be made. He feels that King should be interviewed, initially, on a broad basis,

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showing the Bureau's understanding of the racial and sociological problems of the Negro, and thereafter the Bureau's position should be built into this frame of reference. He believes that either Mr. DeLoach or himself should undertake the interview, individually.

(3) Mr. Sullivan suggests a third alternative. He is very well acquainted with Dr. Douglas Jackson, a well known sociologist (white) and a member of the faculty of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Dr. Jackson is known to Sullivan as a man thoroughly and soundly interested in solving the racial question in the South. He is well known in different Negro areas for the stand that he has taken and he is respected by them. Additionally, Dr. Jackson has been quite interested in the work of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King is president.

Jackson has told Sullivan, as recently as a week and a half ago in Indianapolis, that if he at any time can do anything which would assist the FBI he should simply make the request of him. Sullivan believes we should also give consideration to having Dr. Jackson approach King and discuss this whole matter with him very thoroughly, from a racial and sociological point of view, and ultimately clarify in this discussion King's ideas on the FBI, and lay the groundwork for King's support of the FBI. Sullivan would be perfectly willing to brief Jackson on this entire matter and set the machinery in motion, if it is so desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above three courses of action are set forth for the Director's consideration. I personally favor #2.

I favor #1  
D. J. / 1/26

Suggest Sullivan and DeLoach handle. 2

John I agree  
1/26

Yes. 11

Mr. Belmont

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lavin

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RACIAL SITUATION  
ALBANY, GEORGIA  
RACIAL MATTERS

An article has appeared in the "Atlanta Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, on 11/19/62 which article was taken from the "New York Times." In the article, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., stated he agreed with the report written by Howard Mann issued by the Southern Regional Council concerning the recent racial situation in Albany, Georgia. The report referred to criticized the work of this Bureau in relation to the Albany situation. King has stated among other things that "Agents of the FBI in Albany, Georgia, sided with segregationists."

There are no facts to support this and it is noteworthy that the comments by King would appear to dovetail with information which has been furnished to this Bureau indicating that King's advisors are Communist Party (CP) members and he is under the domination of the CP.

King is the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and it should be noted that on 10/25/62 a communist infiltration investigation of this organization was initiated. (100-430794)

DETAILS:

The "New York Times" quoted King as stating he agreed with report issued 11/14/62 by the Southern Regional Council that the FBI had not been vigorous in looking into denials of civil rights in Albany and the surrounding areas. He stated "Agents of the FBI in Albany, Georgia, sided with segregationists." "One of the great problems we face with the FBI in the South, "according to Reverend Mr. King, "is that the Agents are white southerners who have been influenced by the mores of their community. To maintain their status they have to be friendly with the local police and people who are promoting segregation. Every time I saw FBI men in Albany they were with the local police force." It should be noted there are five Agents assigned to the Albany, Georgia, Resident Agency. One is from Indiana, one is from Massachusetts, one is from New York, one is from Minnesota and one is from Georgia.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: RACIAL SITUATION

Howard Zinn, the author of the report for the Southern Regional Council, was mentioned in my memorandum 1/15/62 and has been the subject of a security investigation by this Bureau (100-800217). Zinn was reportedly a member of the CP from 1949 through 1953 and attended CP meetings during that period. Zinn is a history professor at Spelman College in Atlanta. It was the second slanted and biased document written by Zinn on the Albany situation.

Reverend Mr. King is the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who arose to prominence during the 1955 - 1956 successful boycott which ended bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama. He has been active in Negro segregation matters since that time.

*Informant*  
NY 694-S\*, a top-level informant, has advised that Stanley Levison, a secret CP member, sent word to Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP USA, during February, 1962, that King is a wholehearted Marxist who had studied it, believed in it and agrees with it. He cannot, however, publicly espouse it in view of his position as a minister of religion. Levison is an Associate Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and is actively involved in the operations of that organization.

*Informant with the same operation*

The New York representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is Hunter Fitz O'Dell who was elected under a pseudonym, Cornelius James, to the National Committee of the CP USA in December, 1959. On 3/7/62 James Jackson then Editor of "The World" told NY 694-S\* that an article attributed to King in the 2/3/62 issue of "The Nation" magazine was actually written by O'Dell. The article was captioned, "Fumbling on the New Frontier," and purports to be a report on Civil Rights.

NY 694-S\* advised that Lament Harris, CP USA functionary, had commented that Stanley Levison by reason of his association with the Martin Luther King Movement was doing the most important work in the CP at that time. Harris stated "The party has had Kennedy in its pocket" since the Kennedy Administration is politically dependent upon King. This was furnished to the White House and to the Attorney General on 5/4/62.

NY 3580-S\* advised on 8/7/62 that while in conversation with O'Dell, Levison asked how things were in Albany, Georgia. O'Dell replied that there was a leadership problem down there and things could get quite disorganized if "our" staff was not there.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: RACIAL SITUATION

On 9/10/62 NY 3533-S\* advised that on the afternoon of that date Clarence Jones, a member of the Labor South League in 1954 (a cited organization) and Levison were discussing burning of churches in the South, both expressed the opinion that King should not be silent in this matter but should send a hot wire to "Kennedy" expressing his indignance at the Government's failure to control one small community. This was furnished to the Attorney General on 9/11/62.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration has been given to contacting King to straighten him out; however, this seems unadvisable in view of the above facts and it is recommended he not be contacted.

The background information regarding King, Levison and Zinn has been furnished to the Department.

Nothing would seem to be gained by contacting the "New York Times", or the "Atlanta Constitution" as we obviously cannot give them background data we possess on the CP influence of King.

The Department and the Attorney General have been publicly criticized on many occasions by King and yet they are cooperating with him.

It is recommended that the Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division bring King's comments in the article to the attention of Staff Director Earl L. Bernard of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights and point out to him that there is no basis in fact for King's remarks and in addition point out that 4 of the 5 Resident Agents assigned at Albany, Georgia, are from northern states and one is from Georgia.

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ACTION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate handling.

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

DATE: 11-27-62

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan

*FMDR/S*

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
ALBANY, GEORGIA  
RACIAL MATTER

*11/1/62*

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*H Hunt*

*W. J. Brennan*

Memorandum Rosen to Belmont dated 11-20-62 in captioned matter discusses a speech of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., wherein he stated among other things that "Agents of the FBI in Albany, Georgia, sided with segregationists." Referenced memorandum instructed Liaison to bring King's comments to the attention of Staff Director Berl I. Bernhard of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights and to point out to Bernhard that there is no basis, in fact, for King's remarks and, in addition, that four of the five Resident Agents assigned at Albany, Georgia, are from northern states.

On 11-26-62 the Liaison Agent discussed this matter with Bernhard. Bernhard was particularly interested in the fact that four of the five Agents in Albany, Georgia, are from northern states. He indicated this is definitely contrary to what King said in his speech.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Civil Rights Section
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Cregar

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November 29, 1962

Mr. John H. Sengstacke  
Publisher  
Chicago Defender  
24th Street and Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear John:

I certainly regret that we haven't had a chance to get together in the last several months. Both Mr. Hoover and I remember with a great deal of pleasure your visit to FBI Headquarters. Perhaps on my next visit to Chicago we can get together for lunch, if your schedule permits.

I wanted to call to your personal attention an article entitled "FBI Sides With Dixie, Says King" which appeared in the November 20, 1962, issue of your newspaper and which contains a number of false and unwarranted assertions by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., about the FBI and the work of its Special Agents in the South. As I know you are interested in fairness and accuracy, I thought you may wish to pass along to your readers the true facts with respect to Dr. King's charges.

One of the unfounded statements by Dr. King during his New York interview was "because FBI agents have sided with segregationists, they have not investigated beatings and other intimidations of Negroes who are fighting for equality in Albany, Ga., or surrounding areas." Perhaps Dr. King has had a lapse of memory in recalling that last August and September five Negro churches were burned in Georgia and firearms were discharged into several homes. Based upon indications that the purpose of these acts was to discourage Negroes from voting, the FBI instituted extensive investigations which led to the prompt solution of the burning of a church in Terrell County, Georgia, on September 17, 1962, and to the charging of two persons with another church burning--one near Leesburg, Georgia, on August 15, 1962.

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You may also be interested in knowing that two of our Special Agents in Albany, Georgia, were assaulted while conducting an interview on September 9, 1962, in connection with the early morning burning of the Terrell County church on that date. The assault was reported for assaulting Federal

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