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The Attorney General U.S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTVTS (HSC)

ReHSClet 7/22/75 req'ng materials and documnts
previously provided to SSC. Enclsd for ur aprovl
& forwrng to HSC is orig of memo w/enclosurs
which r sbmtd as partial respns to abov cited of
HSC. A cc of this memo being furnshd for ur
records. "K."

271-10056

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 10-15-63

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT--
A CURRENT ANALYSIS

The enclosed article, captioned as above, is the one we have been preparing in line with approval of our recommendation to disseminate it on a select basis at a very high level to show current communist activities in relation to the Negro movement. It incorporates up-to-date material just received from our New York Office relating to the recent meeting of the Communist Party's National Executive Committee. Discussion of racial matters was a primary topic at the week-long meeting.

The enclosed article is a factual, documented analysis of the over-all current situation. We believe that it would be of interest not only to the Attorney General but also to Mr. O'Donnell, at the White House; Mr. McCone, at the Central Intelligence Agency; Mr. Rusk, at the Department of State; as well as to Mr. McNamara and the three Armed Forces intelligence agencies of the Defense Department. Accordingly, if the article as prepared is approved, we propose to disseminate it to the afore-mentioned individuals and agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed article be approved. If approved, it should be returned to the Domestic Intelligence Division for preparation of appropriate letters of transmittal.

Enc.

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10/17/63

MR. TOLSON:

The attached analysis of Communism and the Negro Movement is highly explosive. It can be regarded as a personal attack on Martin Luther King. There is no doubt it will have a heavy impact on the Attorney General and anyone else to whom we disseminate it. It is labeled TOP SECRET. However, even such a high classification seems to be no bar today to a leak, and should this leak out it will add fuel to a matter which may already be in the cards as a political issue during the forthcoming Presidential campaign.

The memorandum makes good reading and is based on information from reliable sources. We may well be charged, however, with expressing opinions and conclusions, particularly with reference to some of the statements about King.

We must do our duty. H

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This memorandum may startle the Attorney General, particularly in view of his past association with King, and the fact that we are disseminating this outside the Department. He may resent this. Nevertheless, the memorandum is a powerful warning against Communist influence in the Negro movement, and we will be carrying out our responsibility by disseminating it to the people indicated in the attached memorandum.

I am glad that you recognize at last that there exists such influence. H

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A. H. Belmont

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: 10-18-63

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT--
A CURRENT ANALYSIS

Re my memo in captioned matter 10-15-63, attached, in which it was recommended and approved that we disseminate the prepared analysis regarding communist activities and the Negro movement on a select basis to individuals and agencies set forth in referenced memo.

Attached are appropriate letters of transmittal for dissemination. Through them, we are sending a copy of the analysis to the Attorney General, with a copy each for the Deputy Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorneys General Burke Marshall and J. Walter Yeagley. In addition, a copy is being sent as an enclosure to attached letters for P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence Agency; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Director of Naval Intelligence; Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence; and Brigadier General John S. Samuel, Director of Special Investigations for the Air Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters be approved and sent.

Enclosures

OK
W

The Attorney General

October 18, 1963

Director, FBI

"COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT--
A CURRENT ANALYSIS"

There is enclosed a copy of a current study dealing with communist activities in relation to the Negro movement. A copy of this document is being furnished to the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, and to other interested officials of the Government.

The sources used in the enclosure, entitled "Communism and the Negro Movement--A Current Analysis," have furnished reliable information in the past, and because of their sensitive nature, the document has been classified "Top Secret." Upon removal of classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General

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October 18, 1963

BY LIAISON

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed current study entitled "Communism and the Negro Movement-- A Current Analysis." Copies of this document are being furnished to interested officials of the Government.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 18, 1963
BY LIAISON

Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rusk:

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October 18, 1963

BY LIAISON

Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

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October 18, 1963
BY LIAISON

Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

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October 18, 1963

BY LIAISON

Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor
Director of Naval Intelligence
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Taylor:

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October 18, 1963

BY LIAISON

Major General Alva R. Fitch
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Fitch:

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October 18, 1963
BY LIAISON

Brigadier General John S. Samuel
Director of special investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
Fourth and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Samuel:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: October 25, 1963

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND THE
NEGRO MOVEMENT

The Attorney General telephoned at approximately 10:15 a. m. He advised that he had tried to call the Director who was temporarily out of the building. The Attorney General stated he had just learned that the Army had received a copy of a report submitted to the Attorney General about the communist activities of Martin Luther King. The Attorney General was referring to the report captioned "Communism and the Negro Movement -- A Current Analysis," dated October 16, 1963. There is no question this is the report to which he is referring, although he persisted on calling it the report on the communist background of Martin Luther King.

The Attorney General said he would like to know what other dissemination was made of this report in addition to the Army and the purpose for such dissemination. He was obviously irritated. He went on to ask if the Army got copies of all reports submitted to him. I told the Attorney General that obviously the Army did not get copies of all reports we sent to him personally, but that there were hundreds of reports that did go to the Army that did not concern matters of sufficient importance to warrant the Attorney General's personal attention. I pointed out to him that we regularly submitted some type of reports in matters of current interest under our Internal Security jurisdiction, and that dissemination of these summaries was made to the military authorities as well as other top governmental officials because of responsibilities they have in this connection.

The Attorney General asked what responsibilities the Army had in relation to the communist background of Martin Luther King. I told the Attorney General the report went beyond this and that the Army had an interest in communist activities particularly in relation to racial matters because the military had to be called on if civil disturbances arising out of such matters went beyond the ability of the civilian authorities.

This explanation seemed to serve no purpose. The Attorney General said he still could not understand why we sent a report to the Army on King's communist activities. He reiterated his request for information as to the dissemination of the report in question and the purpose for it.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

We are getting together the facts regarding the dissemination of this report and the basis therefor which will be incorporated in a memorandum for the Attorney General.

*I have talked to A. G.
& he is satisfied.*

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 25, 1963

Director, FBI

COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT--
A CURRENT ANALYSIS

With reference to your inquiry concerning the dissemination of the summary prepared under date of October 16, 1963, captioned "Communism and the Negro Movement--A Current Analysis," as you were advised in my letter dated October 16, 1963, this memorandum was disseminated on a "Top Secret" basis to Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, and to other interested officials of the government. These included: The Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; The Honorable John A. McCone, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; The Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Director of Naval Intelligence; Major General Alvin H. Kitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence; Brigadier General John S. Samuel, Director of Special Investigations for the Air Force; and General D. M. Shoup, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In view of the interest which these individuals and organizations have in communism and its attempts to infiltrate various groups and activities in the American community, it has been our standard procedure to periodically disseminate to them information which indicates the communist efforts in this connection, and in this particular instance we followed the usual procedure.

With reference to the dissemination to the Army, the Army has specifically requested that, in view of its responsibility for the control of activities and demonstrations beyond the capacity of local agencies, we keep it currently advised of communist activities in the racial field and in other areas which might result in demonstrations or difficulties.

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UNITED STATES

MENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 25, 1963

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM COMMANDANT, MARINE CORPS,
FOR TOP SECRET DOCUMENT ENTITLED
"COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT -
A CURRENT ANALYSIS"

On 10/24/63, Major Henry R. Marshall, Counterintelligence Branch, U. S. Marine Corps, personally requested a copy of captioned report, which had been disseminated to Admiral Rufus Taylor, Director of Naval Intelligence. According to Major Marshall, Marine Commandant David J. Shoup had expressed a personal desire to review this information and inasmuch as his office had not been furnished this data, he requested that an extra copy be disseminated to him.

In accordance with General Shoup's request, a copy was furnished to Major Marshall on 10/24/63. Major Marshall was impressed with the extremely sensitive nature of the information set forth in the document and was appropriately admonished to insure that proper security is afforded it.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

4:14 p. m.

October 25, 1963

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. BELMONT
MR. MOHR
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN

The Attorney General called and advised me there was a lot of talk at the Pentagon regarding the document, Communism and the Negro - "A Current Analysis, dated 10-16-63, which had been disseminated to the military and intelligence agencies by the Bureau. The Attorney General anticipated that this information would leak out as the military didn't like the Negroes.

The Attorney General felt we should get back all copies of the document. I told him we had a tally of all copies and we would get them from all agencies to which they were disseminated. The reason to be given for recalling would be revisions. I also told him if any newspapers asked about this, no comment would be made and no mention would be made that such a document existed.

4:40 p. m.

I advised the Attorney General that Liaison representatives had been sent to get all copies of this document.

The Attorney General wants all copies disseminated to Department officials recalled also.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 7, 1963

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN

On October 28, 1963, the Attorney General called at my office and discussed a number of matters.

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JEH

Memorandum to Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, DeLoach,
Rosen, Sullivan

November 7, 1963

The Attorney General then mentioned the recent monograph on Communism in the racial situation. He stated that the Defense Department had advised him of it. I told him that he had also been furnished a copy at the same time that we had made distribution to the Defense Department, the White House, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the State Department. He stated that he was quite concerned about the contents because while it did not state that King was a Communist, nevertheless, one could quickly draw that conclusion. I told him that every statement made in the document was accurate and supported by facts.

He stated he of course realized this but felt that it would be desirable to recall all of the documents because he did not know who else might see it other than those to whom we had distributed the document. I told the Attorney General that his request would be immediately acted upon, and after the Attorney General left my office I communicated with Mr. Belmont and asked him to see that all copies of the document had been obtained and kept in security.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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