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Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation provide this Committee with the information contained in a letter from Melvin A. Sexton to various Klan organizations as found in Volume I of I of the Arthur J. Hanes File, Serial #157-370-10-167.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (175-64)
 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Kansas City, 6/5/78.

Special Agents assigned to the Jefferson City, Missouri Resident Agency between January, 1960, and May, 1967, were SAs ROWAN B. AYERS and THOMAS H. WEAVER. SA AYERS died on 11/23/74. SA WEAVER is still assigned at Jefferson City.

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Date 6/9/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attn: Congressional Inquiry Unit
 Records Management Division

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (66-1228) (RUC)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

ReBuTel 6/5/78. ⁹³²

Enclosed herewith are 2 copies each of communications requested by Bureau in retel.

The enclosed communications from the files of the Mobile Division, meeting the requirements in referenced teletype, are being sent to the Bureau as instructed. No other records in Mobile fall into this category.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE

MARTIN LUTHER KING
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

ReBuTelCall to me 3/12/68, and BuRad 3/21/68.

I have considered this matter, discussed it with appropriate agent and supervisory personnel of the Mobile Office and the following is proposed as a counterintelligence move on KING's Washington Spring Project.

KING has quite a following in and around the Selma, Ala. area and has appeared recently in Selma on one occasion at the church of Reverend L. L. ANDERSON, who, at the time of KING's appearance, was running for mayor of Selma. ANDERSON was tentatively endorsed by KING and was subsequently defeated in his race for mayor of Selma.

Reverend FREDERICK DOUGLAS REESE, who is head of the Dallas County Voters League and is quite influential among the Negro community in the Selma area, did not endorse ANDERSON for mayor and informed sources indicate he more or less contributed to the defeat of ANDERSON. REESE has been known to make derogatory remarks concerning KING and was allegedly miffed that KING did not advise him, REESE, of his, KING's, contemplated visit to Selma.

In view of the above, it is felt that if some method can be devised whereby REESE can be advised of certain items relative to the Washington Spring Project, he would take action to discourage individuals from participating therein.

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It is not believed that REESE could be contacted by a Bureau Agent, although he has on occasion furnished us information which has proven to be reliable.

It is, therefore, proposed that an anonymous letter be directed to REESE at his home address, 1566 Range, Selma, Alabama 36701, wherein it is called to the attention of REESE that KING is merely using the Negroes of the Selma area for his own personal aggrandizement; that he is not genuinely interested in their welfare, but only in their donations; that in all probability the individuals going to Washington for the Spring Project will be left stranded without suitable housing or food. The letter should also play up the possibility of violence, particularly the fact that although CARMICHAEL and BROWN of SNCC have a so-called gentlemen's agreement with KING not to take over this action, there exists a strong possibility that such will occur. There is also the possibility of RAM and NOI taking over the project since it lacks organization and direction. The letter should also point out that KING was in Alabama on about 3/21/68, and did not make his schedule in the Selma and adjoining counties area, which was another indication that KING was talking out of both sides of his mouth.

It is felt that this letter should be mailed from either Washington or Baltimore since, if the letter is mailed from anywhere in the south, REESE may feel it is the work of the Klan or some other racist group. It is felt that Baltimore would probably be the best since a letter from Washington would indicate the possibility of the government doing this.

Simultaneous with mailing the letter from Baltimore, it is proposed that a copy of the letter to REESE, together with a cover letter, be mailed to ROSWELL FALKENBERRY, Editor and Publisher, Selma Times-Journal, Selma, Alabama. The cover letter should indicate that attached was a letter directed to REESE and that he, FALKENBERRY, might want to contact REESE relative to REESE's receipt of the letter and what it said.

The thought behind this is to give FALKENBERRY a chance to interview REESE concerning receipt of the letter and thereby create a news story which could legitimately be published and read by the Negro community in the Selma area. It is known that the Selma Times-Journal has a large circulation among the Negro community in Dallas and adjoining counties and has taken a rather liberal attitude in connection with civil rights movements.

By handling as above, we would eliminate the possibility of these rumors being attributed to the FBI.

Consideration has been given to some method of discouraging ALBERT TURNER, who is Field Secretary for KING's project, and is spear-heading the recruitment throughout our territory and other portions of Alabama. From our contact with TURNER, who is a liaison source, it is the opinion of contacting agents that he is so sold on the project that it is almost impossible to disillusion him.

It is also felt that some method of getting an article in the "Southern Courier" along the lines of the above would have a discouraging effect on the Negro community in and around Montgomery, Ala., since the Courier is very widely read. Consideration is being given to the method of accomplishing this.

The Bureau is requested to consider the proposal set forth above and advise.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

3/27/68

SAC, MOBILE (157-2578) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to Albany,
3/4/68.

SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON has been designated to
coordinate this program in the Mobile Division.

As the Bureau has been separately advised, in-
vestigation has not been developed that any militant Black
Nationalist group has been in existence in the Mobile
territory. There has been no activity of The Revolutionary
Action Movement (RAM), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE),
or Nation of Islam (NOI). The Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) has representatives in this division, but
no organizational headquarters or office. The Student
Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has representatives
coming to the Mobile Division periodically, particularly
coming to Selma, Tuskegee or Montgomery, Ala, but investi-
gation has not shown that SNCC has any office in this territory.

The Lowndes County Freedom Organization (LCFO),
which is also known as the Lowndes County Freedom Party and
the Black Panther Party, is a Negro civil rights organization
established in Alabama November, 1965. It is a political
party, designed to run candidates for public office. It has
received publicity as the Black Panther Party, but is not
affiliated with the Black Panther Party established in New
York City during 1966. In the organization of LCFO, assistance
was granted by STOKELY CARMICHAEL of SNCC. JOHN HULETT,
President of LCFO, is a source of the Mobile Division.

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There has been no information developed to show that violence is intended or expected by persons active in the racial and civil rights matters.

There is only one person on the agitator index who might be the subject of future counterintelligence by this office. This individual is JOHN EDWIN JACKSON, Route 1, Box 191, Hayneville, Alabama. He is a Negro male, born 2/17/48, and is employed as a farmer. Much of the militant civil rights activity in Lowndes County, Ala., is believed traceable to JACKSON, and he is a contact of STOKELY CARMICHAEL when CARMICHAEL comes to Lowndes County.

Investigation is being conducted at the present time to determine if SNCC reopens an office at Selma, Ala., which was maintained by SNCC in the past. If this office is reopened to direct SNCC activities, then that office would be a logical target for counterintelligence activities.

Concerning suggestions for the over all counter-intelligence action, it is felt that the Bureau might consider the creation of a paper Negro nationalist group for the purpose of drawing together militant leaders and militant groups in order to plant seeds of dissension among such leaders. It also should be considered that counterintelligence action could be aimed against radical racial leaders in any organization by the use of reliable press contacts being given information which would serve to discredit these leaders. Such information, indicating that leaders are using the civil rights movement for their own gain and are not instituting programs aimed at encouraging a Negro to help himself, could be used through reliable press contacts or responsible national Negro leaders. This type of action might serve to bring about a feeling of distrust among radical Negro leaders.

Specific suggestions, as may be developed for possible use in the counterintelligence field, will be sent to the Bureau by separate letter. Quarterly letters will be submitted as suggested.

FBI

Date: April 2, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Mobile

JMS From: Director, FBI *NT*
157-2578

Subject: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

Reurairtel 3/25/68.

You are authorized to send the two anonymous letters set out in reairtel. Prepare the letters on commercially purchased stationery and take all necessary precautions to insure they cannot be traced to the Bureau.

When the letters and envelopes are prepared, send them to the Baltimore Office for mailing. For the information of Baltimore these two letters are designed to bring the true nature of the Washington Spring Project to the attention of Negro leaders in Selma, Alabama. Mail the letters the same day they are received from Mobile.

The Bureau appreciates Mobile's suggestion. // Advise the Bureau, under the above caption, of results. //

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ON *9/26/82*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2578)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Mobile letter to Bureau, 3/27/68.

1. Operations Under Consideration

Since submission of referenced letter, a new organization has developed at Montgomery, Alabama, which could be a primary target of counterintelligence action. The Young Mens Progressive Committee (the organization is in the process of changing its name to Youth Progressive Committee), was started at Montgomery, with about 15 members at the present time and is reliably reported as an affiliate of SNCC. It is opening a bookstore as a memorial to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and is setting up a bar, both of which are reportedly means to raise money for SNCC. It is contemplated that action against this group can be taken through local police authorities and state liquor authorities concerning the operation of the bar and concerning reported information that some members of this group carry firearms.

2. Operations Being Effected

None

3. Tangible Results

None

4. Developments Of Counterintelligence Interest

None

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 8/5/68

JLB
FROM : Director, FBI (100-448006)

157-2578

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

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The Miami Division developed a source at a local television station and the source produced a news special on black nationalists and on the New Left. Miami requested Bureau authority to furnish the source background data of a public source nature when the source indicated an interest in producing a show exposing these groups.

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Each counterintelligence office should be alert to exploit this technique both for black nationalists and New Left types. Miami learned from sources that those who appeared on the show realized that it presented them in a most unfavorable light. One even complained to the television station about it. This counterintelligence operation will be of great value in the South Florida area

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Each office should be alert to the possibility of using this technique. No counterintelligence action should be taken without Bureau authority. For your information operations of this type must be handled through reliable, established sources and must be set up so that the FBI is not revealed as the source.

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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Albany
From: Director, FBI (100-448006)

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RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, (VISUAL AIDS)
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to receive, under this caption, visual material relating to violence by black extremists. Photographs of scenes of racial violence, sniping attacks on police such as those at the Cleveland, Ohio, riot this year, photographs of arsenals of black extremists, and of black extremists engaged in military-type drill, are needed. Diagrams of explosive and sabotage devices and booby traps that are being circulated among black extremists are also desired.

By return airtel under this caption, each office should furnish any available material not previously furnished the Bureau or advise no such material is available. Photographs furnished should be clear, glossy, 8" X 10" photographs, if available, and only one copy of each item submitted is needed. Material submitted will not be returned so any item that is needed by the field should be copied for submission to the Bureau.

Thereafter, as items of interest are received, they should be submitted to the Bureau under this caption on a continuing basis so that the Bureau can have the benefit of new material that would be useful for visual aid purposes.