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Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4)

(S) [NY 694-S*] Source utilized to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY 1190-S* and anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH 7/19/50 at WFO re "NLG; IS - C". Source utilized to characterize ROSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER FITTS C'DELL are NY 4171-S* and [NY 694-S*] (S)

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(1 - 157-3423) (1 - 100-5580) (1 - 157-331) (STEPHEN YOUNG)

(1 - 100-3370) (1 - 100-43710) (1 - 157-335) (ROSEA WILLIAMS)

(1 - 170-3311) (1 - 100-3974) (LEONARD LAMARCA)

AGS:jhc (C) (1 - 100-7279) (WILLIAM RUTHERFORD)

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AT 157-2924
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Atlanta, Georgia
March 1, 1968

2/24/68
C. J. Sprague

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 29, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), during the latter part of February 1968 mentioned to several officers of SCLC that he had recently discussed SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) with Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. According to Rutherford during this discussion consideration was given to: one, whether Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, should endeavor to discuss with President Lyndon B. Johnson problems of Ghetto people; two, the advisability of Reverend King addressing a joint session of Congress as to problems and complaints of Ghetto people; and three, whether SCLC should consider legal action against the United States Government for financial redress to Negroes based upon the many years the American Negro has been held in "slavery". Rutherford offered no further details regarding these points.

It was source's understanding that Rutherford would discuss these matters subsequently with Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; and Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC.

Concerning the possibility of him meeting with President Johnson, Reverend King merely commented he felt that at the present time the President would realize a greater publicity advantage from such a meeting than he or SCLC.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. (S)

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PETER O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee. (S)

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWIMA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him. (u)

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself: Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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Atlanta, Georgia
March 1, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference INTERNAL SECURITY - C

 Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated
 and captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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CG 7116-R (PROB) (GHETTO) has recently furnished information pertaining to SCLC's concern with the security of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in connection with the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

On 2/29/68 [JFK Act 6 (4)] advised he understood FRED L. BENNETTE, Southern Director of Project Breadbasket, SCLC, and ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, have recently been concerned with matters believed to be connected with the security of KING and that there have been discussions by some SCLC officers relating to this topic on more than one occasion recently. He said he has not had occasion to participate in these discussions and could furnish no specific information.

Regarding BENNETTE, informant said he is a "light weight" in the SCLC hierarchy. Informant recalled that an incident relating possibly to the safety of KING during the past fall (Atlanta teletypes to Bureau 9/11/67 and airtel and LHM 9/12/67 captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C") appeared to upset BENNETTE greatly and as a result he purchased a gun (make, etc., unknown) and allegedly obtained a permit to carry same.

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 - (1 - 100-5881)
 - (1 - 100-4710)

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- (1 - 100-5881) (FRED BENNETTE)
- (1 - 100-491) (ANDREW J. YOUNG)

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Informant expressed the opinion that particular interest in the safety of KING on the part of BENNETTE without participation of other officers of SCLC would impress him as an effort by BENNETTE to ingratiate himself with KING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924) (P)
SUBJECT: POCAM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 5/24/68
captioned Poor People's Campaign.

Enclosed for Bureau is original and seven
copies of LHM, and for Albuquerque, Denver, and WFO
one copy each of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is
AT-1387-R.

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Atlanta, Georgia

June 3, 1968

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Poor People's Campaign
Racial Matters

On May 23, 1968, a confidential source advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had recently discussed with several officers of SCLC the inclusion in SCLC's Poor People's Campaign (PPC) of approximately 500 Mexican-American people under the leadership of Reies Lopez Tijerina. Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, commented he had not been in favor from the beginning of including minority groups in the PPC. Young observed that SCLC would not be able to "dictate" to these people as it has in the past with most Negro groups with which it has dealt. Young said Tijerina is a very erratic person, extremely strong willed, and would be expected to remove his people from the PPC for the slightest provocation.

William A. Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, pointed out that Tijerina already had demanded from SCLC approximately \$2000 expense money in order to handle what he claimed were anticipated expenses of his own people. In addition he had demanded other money from SCLC with which to pay financial obligations of his organization, the Alianza Federal De Mercedes. Rutherford said to date that these demands of Tijerina have not been met by SCLC and so far as he was aware Tijerina will still participate in the PPC.

Young again stressed Tijerina's unpredictable nature. He said Rudolph Gonzales possessed an appreciable

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quieter temperament than Tijerina and he was hopeful that SCLC would be able to control Tijerina through Gonzales.

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RUDOLPH GONZALES

RUDOLPH GONZALES is chairman of the Crusade for Justice, a militant Spanish-American group.

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ALIANZA FEDERAL DE MERCEDES
(Federal Alliance of Spanish Land
Grant Heirs), (AFDM), also known as Federal
Alliance of Free City States (Alianza
Federal de Pueblos Libres) (FAFCS)

On October 8, 1963, the Alianza Federal de Mercedes (Federal Alliance of Spanish Land Grant Heirs) (AFDM) filed Articles of Incorporation in New Mexico. Its stated purpose was to organize and acquaint the heirs of all the Spanish Land Grants covered by the Treaty of Guadalupe - Hidalgo. REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA, 1010 Third Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico, was shown as the president of this organization.

An article in the May 26, 1967, issue of the "Albuquerque Journal," a daily newspaper published at Albuquerque, New Mexico, quoted REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA as stating that his entire staff of AFDM had resigned as of April 29, 1967, indicating the AFDM would be replaced by a "Political Confederation of Free City States."

The "Albuquerque Journal" August 20, 1967, issue on page one carried an article stating that at a meeting of the AFDM at Albuquerque on August 19, 1967, the name of the organization was changed to "Federal Alliance of Free City States," (FAFCS), (Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres).

The "Albuquerque Journal" on October 17, 1966, in an article datelined at Abiquiu, New Mexico, related that a group called the Federal Alliance of Land Grant (Heirs) had staked out a new "republic" of the Pueblo San Joaquin del Rio de Chama in Northern New Mexico, elected a town marshal, mayor, and sheriff and fifty armed men were deputized and dared authorities to move them out.

JAMES EVANS, Criminal Investigator, U. S. Forest Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 22, 1966, advised that he had observed individuals who had identified themselves as members of the FAFCS seize two Forest Service employees and two Forest Service pickup trucks.

The records of the U. S. District Court, Albuquerque, New Mexico, reflect that five of these individuals including REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA were arrested on October 26, 1966, charged with assaulting a Federal officer and conversion of Government property. On November 11, 1967, REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA and other defendants were found guilty.

The June 6, 1967, issue of the "Albuquerque Journal" datelined at Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, stated that on June 5, 1967,

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members of the AFDM had "blasted" their way into the Tierra Amarilla Courthouse where members of AFDM were being arraigned on state charges, wounding a State Policeman and the jailer by gunfire and taking a deputy sheriff and a news reporter as hostages.

On October 18, 1967, ROBERT GILLILAND, Criminal Investigator, New Mexico State Police, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA and some members of the FAFCS met at Canjilon, New Mexico on June 5, 1967. On that same date, this group went to Rio Arriba County Courthouse at Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, for the purpose of taking the members of FAFCS who had been arrested on June 2, 1967, on charges of assembling to do an unlawful act with force and violence, away from the New Mexico State officials and the taking of New Mexico State District Attorney as a prisoner. At Tierra Amarilla they forcibly held individuals as hostages, shot and wounded a New Mexico State Police man, and a Deputy Sheriff of Rio Arriba County and kidnapped another Deputy Sheriff and one LARRY CALLOWAY, a news reporter.

Records of the First Judicial District, State of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, as of January 4, 1968, reflect that 20 individuals, including REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA, have been charged in State Court on various counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to commit felonies.

On October 18, 1967, a source advised that PAT BLAU BLAWIS of Santa Fe, New Mexico, claims she has been assisting REIES TIJERINA and the Federal Alliance of Free City States, formerly known as Alianza Federal de Mercedes, in their activities. BLAWIS states she is acting as an advisor to TIJERINA and claims him as her protege. PAT BLAU BLAWIS and REIES TIJERINA are described as individualists and opportunists and they are both trying to use the other one to further their own objective. TIJERINA undoubtedly would accept assistance and counsel from PAT BLAWIS but TIJERINA is not controlled by BLAWIS and/or any other individual.

On June 28, 1966, a second source advised that PAT BLAU BLAWIS had been elected to the National Committee, Communist Party (CP), USA, at the 18th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in New York City June 22-26, 1966.

A third source on October 17, 1967, and a fourth source on December 5, 1967, individually advised that REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA for all intents and purposes is the FAFCS. No one tells REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA what to do. He will listen to other persons but makes his own decisions.

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