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ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, BUDED FEBRUARY 11, 1977
 RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH DATED 2/4/77.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
 WAS INVESTIGATED IN THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION UNDER PITTSBURGH
FILE 44-578, CAPTIONED MURKIN. IT IS NOTED THAT ALL SERIALS AND
 ALL EXHIBIT SECTIONS OF THIS FILE ARE IN TACT AND NONE HAVE
 BEEN DESTROYED. IT IS NOTED FURTHER THAT COPIES OF ALL SERIALS
 OF THIS FILE NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU WERE DONE
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: VERNON R. THORNTON)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE, v.
CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL
(U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185
PG FILE: 100-18637 (RUC)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE v.
CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL
(U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1186
PG FILE: 100-15026 (RUC)
BUDED: 2/28/77

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated
2/17/77, dual captioned as above.

Pittsburgh has no tape recordings, transcripts,
logs, documents or portions of documents as requested in
Judge SMITH's order.

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SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE v. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185
BUFILE: 62-117194
PG 100-18637 (RUC)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) v.
CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ETAL, (U.S.D.C. - D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186
BUFILE: 62-117193
PG 100-15026 (RUC)
BUDED: 5/15/77

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/21/77.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are two copies of an inventory list which sets forth the identity of Atlanta communication mentioned in referenced airtel enclosure and the single copy of the communication mentioned in enclosed inventory list.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED JUNE 12, 1978.

RE: BULET TO ALBANY, ET AL, AUGUST 25, 1967, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY" AND "BUAIRTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, MARCH 4, 1968, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE".

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THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT OUR RESPONSE IN THIS MATTER BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF KING INVESTIGATION.

FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) FILES HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY PROCESSED IN RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR REQUEST, BUT TO INSURE COMPLETENESS AND THOROUGHNESS, EACH RECIPIENT OFFICE FURNISH FBIHQ TWO XEROX COPIES OF ANY COMMUNICATION MEETING ABOVE CRITERIA. COPY SHOULD REACH FBIHQ BY JUNE 12, 1978.

ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND SHOULD BE SENT REGISTERED MAIL, MAILED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED BY CONTACTING SUPERVISOR RICHARD C. BUSCHING, EXTENTION 3685.

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6/8/78

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

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3697) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
 ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
 BUDED: 6/12/78

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, et al, dated
 6/5/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an
 airtel from the SAC, Pittsburgh to the Bureau dated
 10/26/68 and captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
 BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE,
 (RALPH ABERNATHY), (SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
 CONFERENCE)."

It is noted that in response to Bureau letter to
 Albany, et al, dated 8/25/67, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
 PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL
 SECURITY," and Bureau airtel to Albany, et al, dated 3/4/68,
 captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALISTS -
 HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE," the Pittsburgh Division
 opened PG File; 100-15780.

A review of this file determined only one
 communication dealing with the Southern Christian Leadership

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Conference. (see enclosures). There were no communications dealing with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

REFERENCE PITTSBURGH LETTER TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 19, 1970,
CAPTIONED "MURKIN." 157-698 44-578

BY LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED JUNE 20, 1978, THE HSCA ADVISED IT MUST DETERMINE IF ANY ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE FBI IS ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMITTEE IS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IF THE FBI WAS INVOLVED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY DIRECT AGENT OR INFORMANT CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY. THE HSCA ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER A 34-PAGE LIST OF KNOWN, PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE CONTACTS OF RAY AND REQUESTED THESE NAMES BE SEARCHED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE PERSONS IS A PRESENT OR FORMER INFORMANT, SOURCE OR OPERATIVE OF

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ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, FORMER KC 644-C, WHITE MALE, LAST KNOWN TO BE AN INMATE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. INFORMANT WAS OPERATED DURING 1958-1959 AND REOPENED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD IN 1968. INFORMANT IS SUBJECT OF BUREAU FILE 137-7738, KC FILE 137-4907. DURING INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION, INFORMANT FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEANS ONE COULD UTILIZE IN GAINING ENTRY INTO CANADA, PROCURING PASSPORTS, CONTACTS FOR PASSPORTS, AND METHODS OF TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WHILE IN A FUGITIVE STATUS.

BY TELETYPE DATED JULY 19, 1978, THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED THAT ITS INFORMANT FILE CONCERNING EDMONDSON WAS

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DESTROYED DURING ROUTINE FILE DESTRUCTION JANUARY 7, 1978, AND
INDICES PURGED. KANSAS CITY ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF JEFFERSON
CITY PENITENTIARY RECORDS REVEALED EDMONDSON WAS PAROLED JUNE 1,
1972, AND RECEIVED FINAL DISCHARGE SEPTEMBER 5, 1972. KANSAS
CITY WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
EDMONDSON'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

A REVIEW OF FBIHQ FILES CONCERNING EDMONDSON DISCLOSED,
CONTRARY TO THE ABOVE PAROLE DATE FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY, THAT
EDMONDSON APPEARED AT THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE ON JULY 31, 1970.
THIS CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN REFERENCED LETTER, WHICH DISCLOSED
THAT AT THAT TIME EDMONDSON RESIDED IN APARTMENT 403, 721
BRIGHTON ROAD, PITTSBURGH, AND WAS EMPLOYED AS A PROJECT ENGI-
NEER WITH RUST ENGINEERING, PITTSBURGH. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS
USING THE ASSUMED NAME OF ALEX BORMANN.

PITTSBURGH LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDMONDSON TO DETERMINE IF
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AND IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE HSCA. EDMONDSON SHOULD BE OBJECTIVELY TOLD OF THE HSCA
INTEREST AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS TELETYPE. HE SHOULD
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FROM THE FBI OR THE HSCA OF IMMUNITY OR CONFIDENTIALITY; THAT THE FBI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT RESULTING ACTION THE HSCA MAY TAKE; AND THAT TO DATE THE FBI HAS NOT ADVISED THE HSCA OF HIS FORMER INFORMANT STATUS, AND THAT THE HSCA MAY HAVE HIS IDENTITY BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION FILE.

IF EDMONDSON IS AGREEABLE TO DISCLOSURE, A WITNESSED, SIGNED WAIVER SHOULD BE OBTAINED, WORDED SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS (FBIHQ AND FIELD) CONCERNING HIMSELF TO THE HSCA, INCLUDING THOSE RECORDS PERTAINING TO ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI.

IF EDMONDSON DESIRES HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED, HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THE FBI WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY; HOWEVER, HIS FILE COULD BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENA.

PITTSBURGH SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH EDMONDSON AND FORWARD WAIVER, IF OBTAINED, BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. IF INFORMANT HAS RELOCATED, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEAD TO EFFECT HIS INTERVIEW.

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