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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel  
 ATTENTION : Richard H. Lansdale  
 FROM : Robert A. Bartheaux  
           Chief, Information Processing Group  
 THROUGH : Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
 SUBJECT : Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 REFERENCE : OGC 76-5403 dated 4 October 1976

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1. An intensive search of the files and indices of this Directorate has surfaced 12 documents pertaining to correspondence between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning Dr. Martin Luther King. The time frame of this correspondence extends from before to after Dr. King's assassination. These documents, which are summarily capsulized below, indicate the extent and nature of contact between CIA and the FBI regarding Dr. King.

2. The context of the surfaced documents mentioned above concerns Dr. King's associations, discussions, travel and items possibly related to his assassination. The subject matter, briefly, is as follows:

- a) discussions with one C.L.R. James
- b) correspondence from one Paul Krassner concerning an interview with King.
- c) travel to European countries
- d) alleged meeting with members of the Italian Communist and Socialist Parties.
- e) a request from a union leader asking King to grant an audience with Josiah Mwangi Kariuki, a member of the Kenyan Parliament
- f) departure schedules for European trips
- g) planned appearance at Oslo, Norway rally.
- h) fund raising activity by Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in behalf of King's proposed trip to the Holy Land.
- i) request for King and Dr. Benjamin Spock to visit England for meetings aimed at campaigning against the Vietnam War.
- j) a plot by a female Dominican Republic citizen involving Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, to assassinate King.

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- k) reaction to King's assassination by Carmichael, Floyd McKissick and others, as aired on Havana Radio.
- 1) a 1964 offer of employment to a Panamanian national who, in retrospect, believed it was an assassination plot.

3. The above mentioned documents are arranged in chronological sequence below:

DFB 82024 dated 19 April 1957  
DBA 07422 dated 23 April 1962  
DBA 80546 dated 10 August 1964  
CSCI-316/02051-64 dated 30 November 1964  
DBB 14763 dated 13 July 1965  
DBB 22473 dated 24 September 1965  
OWOA 19623 dated 30 March 1966  
DBB 56930 dated 17 August 1966  
DBC 05564 dated 23 January 1968  
DBC 12561 dated 10 April 1968  
DBC 13895 dated 18 April 1968  
CSCI-316/01702-68 dated 2 May 1968

4. For additional information on Dr. Martin Luther King, which was compiled from the files of Operation Chaos in response to FOIA request 76-382 (submitted by Harry Weisberg) and sent to DDO/PICG on 27 July 1976 via ITG memo dated 27 July 1976, see the 13 October 1976 memorandum from Paul Haefner, Chief IPG/SCB.

5. The files and documents concerning this case are available in IPG/EIS for review.

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for Robert A. Barteaux

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