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**STANLEY LEVISON**

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STANLEY LEVISON

100-392452

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)(P\*)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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1-New York (100-120002) (BEATRICE LEVISON)  
2-New York (100-111180)

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LOUIS BUDENZ

On 2/21/63, the Boston Division advised by airtel to the Bureau with an extra copy for NYO that BUDENZ had been interviewed and exhibited a photograph of LEVISON. BUDENZ did not recognize the subject as being anyone active in CP<sub>USA</sub> affairs and stated that the name of the subject was unfamiliar to him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452) DATE: 4/12/63

FROM: *PLW* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-5055) (RUC)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated  
3/13/63.

From statements of MARTIN LUTHER KING and subject, it appears subject of their discussion pertained to the current efforts of KING toward integration in Birmingham.

As the Bureau has been advised in the matter captioned "Sit-ins, Birmingham, Alabama. Beginning April 3, 1963, R.M."

Negroes in Birmingham under the leadership of KING began racial demonstrations on April 3, 1963, to further the cause of integration. These demonstrations are currently on a day to day basis. Over 100 demonstrators have been arrested to date.

*NO*  
Birmingham has received information of CP Activity in connection with these demonstrations and no Communists are known to be participating. CP Activity in Birmingham area has been very limited in past few years and there are only two persons who are considered to be members.

Should any information of a subversive character be received, the Bureau and appropriate offices will be advised under appropriate captions.

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1 - Birmingham

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- Assign.....Reassign.....
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline.....
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- Open Case
- Prepare lead cards
- Prepare tickler
- Recharge serials
- Return assignment card
- Return file
- Return serials
- Search and return
- See me
- Send Serials.....
- to .....
- Submit new assignment
- Submit report.....
- Type

RE BHLET 4/12/63

P5 LINE ONE, SHOULD READ  
"BH HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION"

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BH #100-5055

Rough Draft  
SAC R. G. Jensen  
Office Birmingham

FBI

Date: April 18, 1963

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI {100-392452}  
 SAC, NEW YORK {100-111180}

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-46872) (RUC)

RE : STANLEY DAVID LEVISON (NY 100-111180)  
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 OO: New York.

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(1) Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated 4/3/63

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 2 - New York (100-111180) *75*  
 3 - Los Angeles (100-46872)  
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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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It is noted that no reports of CP or related activity on the part of LUDWIG have been received during his residences in this area. An attempt was made to interview him in February, 1959, at which time he stated he did not care to discuss his activities with the FBI and that should he decide ever to discuss his activities, he would contact the FBI office. He was again contacted by Los Angeles Agents on 2/9/62, at which time he advised that he considers himself a loyal American and was not connected with any subversive organization. He added that he did not feel that anyone had the right to inquire into the thinking of any individual. When informed that the purpose of the contact was to solicit his cooperation by discussing his activities on behalf of and his affiliation with the Communist Party, he replied that he was not a member of the Communist Party and that if he felt that he had any information whatsoever of value to the Government, he would immediately communicate such information to the proper authorities. When informed that information concerning his past Party activities would be of value, he evaded a direct answer by replying that he was convinced that no one had any right to inquire into an individual's thinking.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-4)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-867)

SUBJECT: SIT INS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
RACIAL MATTERS

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[REDACTED] advised on the evening of 5/10/63,  
that STANLEY LEVISON was notified that the delegation  
from the American Jewish Conference had cancelled their  
planned trip to Birmingham on 5/12/63, in view of the  
peace that had been announced in that city on 5/10/63.

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead  
memorandum regarding the activity of STANLEY LEVISON with  
respect to the above captioned matter.

5-Bureau (157-6-4) (Encl. 7) (RM)  
(1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
(1-100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)

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2-Birmingham (Encl. 2) (RM)

1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)

1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)

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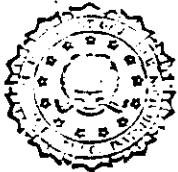
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This letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential because it contains information from the above three sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which could seriously impair the investigation of the CP, USA, thereby hampering the defense interest of the US.

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New York, New York

May 14, 1963

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Re: Sit Ins  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Racial Matters

A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 13, 1963, that Clarence Jones, Counsel, Ghandi Society for Human Rights, held a discussion with Stanley Levison.

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According to the first source, Jones told Levison that Jones had a very positive conversation with labor leader Harry Van Arsdale last week and Jones thinks the Central Labor Council is planning a rally on May 16th. Jones said that he also had heard that another organization was planning a large meeting and demonstration around the White House on May 16th. Jones said that it occurred to him that maybe a coordination between the existing plans for mass expression

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Re: Sit Ins  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Racial Matters

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in New York and Washington could be quite effective. He reminded Levison that May 16th is the date that Martin Luther King and his associates start their jail sentences.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on May 13, 1963, Levison, in conversation with an unknown female, stated that there is no leadership for the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) in New York, that what they have in New York is a workshop for fund raising. According to Levison, this (Birmingham situation) is the one action that they (SCLC) planned in advance. Levison stated that they planned it in January in Dorchester, Georgia, but they forgot one thing - money. Levison averred that everything was planned, down to the exact tactics for each day, but they forgot money. Levison mentioned that a recent ad in the "New York Times" by the SCLC soliciting funds, was bringing in about \$1,000.00 per day. He concluded by stating that the "New York Times" did not want to take the ad as they already have a million and half dollar judgment against them due to "our" ads.

Martin Luther King is the President of the SCLC.

According to the first source, Levison travelled to Dorchester, Georgia, in January, 1963, to confer with Martin Luther King and other officials of the SCLC.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: 5/17/63

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-12017) RUC

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[REDACTED] advised on 1/28/63, that STANLEY LEVISON contacted "Joe" regarding business and "Joe" advised that "all negative on their part." Subsequent conversation indicated that an unsuccessful business transaction was involved and that "Stan" was to see "Roy" on the following day.

The "Joe" in the above paragraph was not further identified by [REDACTED] (PG 100-51-629).

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Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a conversation between MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON that took place at 1:35 a.m. this date.

In accordance with instructions set forth in Buairtel 3/26/63, entitled, "STANLEY LEVISON; IS-C," no mention is being made of LEVISON's "disenchantment" with the CP in the characterization of LEVISON in the attached letterhead memorandum.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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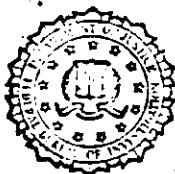
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New York, New York  
May 21, 1963

Re: Sit Ins  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Racial Matters

A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 21, 1963, that on that date, Martin Luther King had a lengthy discussion with Stanley Levison.

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Levison inquired of King as to the feeling of the Birmingham community to the expulsion of Negro students by the Birmingham Board of Education. King replied that he thought "we" could hold them together. He does not, in his opinion, want to follow an unwise act on the part of the Board of Education, with an unwise act on "our" part. King believes that (Eugene) "Bull" Connor, City Commissioner of Public Safety, is

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Re: Sit Ins  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Racial Matters

doing this to provoke the Negro community to the point that they will do something to so confuse the situation that it will upset the agreement now in effect. Levison suggested that King issue a statement that he will not be trapped by these tactics. King stated that he had made it very clear that this was a temporary move and that it would be unwise to move without looking at the total situation.

Levison told King that he had a discussion with Clarence Jones, Chief Counsel, Ghandi Society of Human Rights, concerning setting up temporary educational facilities for the expelled students and going to the public and to prominent individuals, to ask for contributions for this purpose. King thought this was a good idea, but he hoped it would not be necessary as he felt that "we are going to get them back in school."

Levison then suggested that King write a book concerning his experiences in Birmingham. Levison indicated that King had previously discussed writing a paperback book in collaboration with New York Attorney William Kunstler, but Levison feels that Kunstler is attempting to make a joint venture out of the book and this is not fair to King as King should be the only recipient of royalties from the book.

Levison informed King that Negro writer Ossie Davis had told Levison that he would be glad to assist King in a few weeks when he finishes a movie script he is working on. Levison stated Davis would only want a fee for his work, and that the book published simultaneously in clothbound and paperback editions would sell 150,000 to 200,000 copies. Levison stated it would be "a sure fire book." King indicated his approval to Levison's suggestions regarding the book.

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Re: Sit Ins  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Racial Matters

Levison informed King that Clarence Jones had been in contact with labor arbitrator Theodore Kheel, who told Jones that labor leader Mike Quill has \$15,000 that he wants to turn over to the Ghandi Society for Human Rights, but Quill wants the \$15,000 to go to King personally and not for the use of the Ghandi Society. Kheel and Quill want to arrange a luncheon at which Quill would make his presentation, and at the same time, get the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) officially to launch a drive for one million dollars for "Voter Registrations." Levison stated that it would be a small luncheon. They discussed possible dates and agreed on May 29th. Levison will check out this date with Kheel and let King know.

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May 31, 1968

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that on May 30, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stanley Levison held a discussion concerning a conference which Reverend Mr. King reportedly has requested with the President and the Attorney General.

Levison and Reverend Mr. King agreed that this is a good time for such a conference and Levison stated that no Administration has ever been as worried about the Negro problem as is the present Administration. Levison added that this is based upon the Administration's concern with the problems arising from the Common Market in Europe. Levison expressed the opinion that the prestige of the United States is very important at this time and that inability to control the racial situation makes the Administration's task more difficult. He also said that the President is ready for a different policy if it can bring about the kind of controlled situation that he feels he needs.

Reverend Mr. King and Levison agreed that it was necessary to keep the situation moving so that the President will be forced to look for an alternative. It was stated that the President can then be presented with certain alternatives which will benefit the Administration as the President's fear of violence will be done away with. Levison expressed the thought that the President is ready to make change and that a conference at this time would be fruitful. He added that if a conference cannot be worked out, then the movement must be enlarged. Reverend Mr. King said

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

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he would like to put so much pressure on the President that he will have to sign an Executive Order making segregation unconstitutional.

Levison stated that the method of negotiation used in Birmingham, Alabama, will set the pattern for a series of Southern cities. He explained this method by stating that you come in with a package, come up with demands, discuss them and come out with a victory, and that in doing so you ask for more than you expect to get. He described the goals of the movement as desegregation, jobs and the right to vote. He described the methods of obtaining these goals as being direct action, nonviolence and negotiation.

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I advised the Attorney General of the above information and he suggested that the President should see this letter.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: This memorandum is being classified "Co~~N~~idential" because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the Communist Party, USA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358916)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-91330)  
SUBJECT: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL  
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On 6/4/63, [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a telephone call to STANLEY LEVISON from MARTIN LUTHER KING in Birmingham. LEVISON told KING that he wanted to discuss the promotion which the Saturday Evening Post is planning for an interview with KING that is to appear in the next issue of that magazine. LEVISON stated that the public relations man for the magazine wants to know if KING would be willing to appear on some T.V. program in NYC.

LEVISON continued that he knew that KING had some question as to what the interview will be like since the writer indicated some hostility. LEVISON suggested that the article should be read before any commitment is made as to a T.V. appearance because if the article should be unfriendly KING would be placed in an embarrassing position. KING agreed and added that "he raised a lot of questions about JACK and that kind of thing. He kept prying into that." KING further stated that "...this had been in the press and he could have been just trying to clear it up... he raised some of the critical questions that people raise..."

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(1-100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)  
(1-100-166670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
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They agreed that the magazine is looking for sensational articles and that LEVISON should read the galley proofs of the article and that if LEVISON could not arrive at a decision as to its fairness he would call KING and read him excerpts from it.

It is the opinion of the NYO that the JACK referred to by KING is JACK O'DELL. It is noted that information had appeared in the "Long Island Star Journal" and southern newspapers in October, 1962, relating O'DELL's background and his connection with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. is President. However, since the information furnished by [redacted] does not definitely identify O'DELL, this information is not being disseminated via letterhead memorandum.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)\*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies  
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"The Worker" issue of October 30, 1960, on page 1 identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the Communist Party.

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was held in honor of HENRY WINSTON in the Skyline Ballroom of  
the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York, N. Y. X  
██████████ one of the speakers was MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. X

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██████████ that STANLEY LEVISON is MARTIN LUTHER KING's "Assistant Chief." LEVISON has b1  
been described as a real estate man in New York City who spends half his time advising and helping KING. X

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
May 29, 1963

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Reference      Letterhead memorandum dated  
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URGENT 6-6-63 12:40 AM SAV/DE  
 TO DIRECTOR -2-  
 FROM SAC, NEW YORK 052230

CONFERENCE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL, NEW YORK CITY, MAY 24, 1963, b2  
 CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, RACIAL MATTERS. b7D

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY 29, 1963  
 AND NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE 4, 1963.

ON JUNE 4, 1963 [REDACTED] ADVISED ON ABOVE DATE THAT STANLEY LEVISON WAS IN CONTACT WITH CLARENCE JONES. LEVISON INQUIRED WHEN "PHIL" (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH) WAS COMING BACK. JONES SAID HE WAS AT THE HAMILTON HOTEL IN CHICAGO, COMING BACK ON THURSDAY. JONES SAID "PHIL'S" REACTION WAS POSITIVE BUT WANTED TO REFLECT TO WHAT EXTENT THE EMPLOYMENT ISSUE SHOULD BE PLAYED UP. HE (PHIL) FELT IT WOULD BE "ANTI CLIMATIC TO HAVE A MARCH IN OCTOBER." JONES SAID THAT "PHIL" WANTS TO TALK TO MARTIN "LUTHER KING" AND ADDED THAT HE, JONES, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH MARTIN. JONES FELT THAT MARTIN SHOULD CALL PHIL.

JONES ALSO STATED THAT HE SPENT ALL DAY SUNDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING WITH JAMES BALDWIN. HE TOLD LEVISON THAT HE WENT INTO SOME DETAIL WITH BALDWIN ABOUT SOME OF THE THINKING FOR POLITICAL ACTION THIS SUMMER. JONES SAID THAT IF MARTIN (KING) ISSUES HIS STATEMENT THEN BALDWIN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BECAUSE HE, BALDWIN, WOULD ALSO ISSUE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING IT, AND BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL. JONES TOLD LEVISON "I TOLD HIM IT (THE STATEMENT) WOULD BE AROUND THE TWELFTH." JONES SAID "HE (BALDWIN) AGREES WITH IT VERY MUCH WHICH IS THE IMPORTANT THING." JONES COMMENTED THAT BALDWIN SORT OF GAVE HIM A BLANK CHECK TO DO WHATEVER HE WANTED IN HIS NAME.

JONES NEXT INFORMED LEVISON OF A STATEMENT THAT BALDWIN IS PREPARING. "HE SEEN SOME STATEMENTS OF THE FBI BUT I HAVE"

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PAGE TWO    FROM SAC, NEW YORK    052230

NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE THIS. HE (BALDWIN) IS GOING TO NAIL THEM TO THE WALL." LEVISON INQUIRED "BECAUSE OF THE QUESTIONING OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE MEETING." JONES REPLIED "NO, BECAUSE OF THE HARRASSMENT OF HIMSELF. THIS IS GOING TO BE LIKE AN ATOMIC BOMB WHEN IT IS DROPPED." LEVISON THEN COMMENTED "IT REALLY WILL BECAUSE HE IS A NAME IN THE NEWS." LEVISON THEN ASKED "HAVE THEY BEEN HARASSING HIM. WHAT IDIOTS, HOW IDIOTIC."

CONTINUING, LEVISON THEN COMMENTED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT BOthers HIM ABOUT SOME OF HIS (BALDWIN) STATEMENTS. "I THINK HE IS OVERSTATING THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH. THERE IS MORE OF A KIND OF POETIC EXAGGERATION." JONES REPLIED "THERE IS SOME POETIC EXAGGERATION, THAT IS TRUE." LEVISON COMMENTED "IT TROUBLE ME BECAUSE WHAT IT CAN LEAD TO IS THE EXPECTATION OF SOMETHING AND WHEN SOMETHING LESS OCCURS, IT LEADS TO AN ATTITUDE OF WELL, NOW THEY HAVE Miscalculated. I JUST DO NOT HAVE THE SAME FEELING ABOUT THE INTENSITY OF ATTITUDES HERE." JONES REPLIED "HE (BALDWIN) AND I DIFFER ON THIS, BUT HE FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT IT."

INFORMANT ADVISED THAT LEVISON AND JONES NEXT DISCUSSED A FORTHCOMING ARTICLE TO APPEAR IN "THE SATURDAY EVENING POST" CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING. LEVISON COMMENTED THAT KING WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE ARTICLE BECAUSE THE INTERVIEWER APPEARED SOMEWHAT HOSTILE. LEVISON INFORMED JONES THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FROM "THE SATURDAY EVENING POST" AND LEVISON IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE FORTHCOMING ARTICLE MAY ONLY BE GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO MARTIN (LUTHER KING).

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1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Malley  
1-Mr. McGowan  
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1-Mr. Mohr  
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June 6, 1963

100-392452- BY COURIER SERVICE

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

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Attached for your information is a memorandum prepared by our New York Office dated June 4, 1963, setting forth information concerning a discussion held by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison on June 1 and 2, 1963. Levison and Jones are more fully identified in the memorandum.

In addition to the information contained in the memorandum, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 4, 1963, that on June 4, 1963, Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones. Levison inquired of Jones when "Phil," presumably A. Philip Randolph, was coming back. Jones indicated that "Phil" was at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago and would return on Thursday. Jones indicated that "Phil's" reaction was positive but desired to know to what extent the employment issue would be played up and that "Phil" thought it would be "anticlimactic to have a march in October."

Jones indicated to Levison that "Phil" wants to talk to "Martin," presumably Martin Luther King, Jr., and added that he, Jones, has been unable to reach "Martin." Jones felt that "Martin" should call "Phil."

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Jones also indicated to Levison that he had spent all day Sunday and Sunday evening with James Baldwin and that he had gone into some detail with Baldwin concerning political action this summer. Jones commented to Levison that if King issues a statement then he, Baldwin, would like to know about it because he would also issue a statement supporting it, and he believes such action might be helpful.

Jones indicated to Levison that the statement would be made around the 12th. Jones stated that Baldwin agrees with the statement very much which is the important thing. Baldwin reportedly gave Jones a blank check to do whatever he wanted to in his name.

Jones informed Levison of a statement that Baldwin is preparing and mentioned to Levison, "I have seen some statements on the FBI but I have never seen one like this. He (Baldwin) is going to nail them to the wall." Levison inquired if this was because of the questioning of the people who were at the meeting, which presumably refers to a conference the Attorney General held in New York on May 24, 1963. Jones told Levison that Baldwin's statement was not because of the alleged interviews of persons at the meeting but was because of the harassment of himself and Baldwin reportedly told Jones that "This is going to be like an atomic bomb when it is dropped." Levison agreed with this, commenting that "It really will because he (Baldwin) is a name in the news." Levison then asked Jones, "Have they been harassing him? What idiots, how idiotic."

It should be noted that an allegation had previously been made that Agents of our New York Office had attempted to enter Mr. Baldwin's apartment on May 27, 1963, and the further allegation had been made that persons attending the conference on May 24, 1963, had been interviewed by Agents following the conference. Both allegations are completely without foundation. In addition, we have not conducted any investigation of Baldwin and he has not been harassed in any way by Agents of this Bureau.

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Levison then commented to Jones that there is only one thing that bothers him about Baldwin's statements. Levison stated, "I think he is overstating the situation in the North. There is more of a kind of poetic exaggeration." Jones replied, "There is some poetic exaggeration, that is true." Levison then commented, "It troubles me because what it can lead to is the expectation of something and when something less occurs, it leads to an attitude of well, now they have miscalculated. I just do not have the same feeling about the intensity of attitudes here." Jones replied, "He (Baldwin) and I differ on this, but he feels strongly about it."

Our source indicated that Levison and Jones next discussed a forthcoming article to appear in "The Saturday Evening Post" concerning Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison indicated that King was apprehensive about the article because the interviewer appeared to be somewhat hostile. Levison informed Jones that he had spoken to the public relations man from "The Saturday Evening Post" and Levison is of the opinion that the forthcoming article may only be generally favorable to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

As additional information is obtained concerning the plans of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Jones and Levison, this information will be promptly brought to your attention.

The Attorney General is being furnished a copy of the attached New York memorandum and the information set forth above.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: This memorandum is being classified "Confidential" because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the Communist Party, USA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-826) OTHERWISE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Atlanta)

Remyairtel, 6/4/63.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, that took place on 6/6/63.

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It should be noted that LEVISON is attempting to arrange for a television appearance for MARTIN LUTHER KING in conjunction with KING's appearance in New York City, for the commencement exercises at CCNY on 6/12/63. KING has told LEVISON that he is only interested in appearing on a program for no less than 15 minutes. This program would have to be a national network show such as the "Today" show. LEVISON has not been able to set up any program of this nature as yet.

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The characterizations of individuals mentioned in the attached letterhead memorandum are listed at the end of the memorandum in order to insure that the reader is not distracted from the continuity of the memorandum.

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On 6/19/63, [REDACTED] advised that STANLEY LEVISON had a discussion with his secretary re MARTIN LUTHER KING. LEVISON stated that KING is going to "give up" his planned trip to Europe this summer. According to LEVISON, KING hated to do this because KING really needs a vacation and his wife was looking forward to it. Also, KING had arranged a whole series of engagements abroad including the Baptist World Convention. LEVISON then stated that "KING is so busy with civil rights that we forget that KING is not only a minister but that he was born and bred in it; that it means a lot to him."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)  
 SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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 (OO: NY)

*M E. Gandy Jr.*  
*[Redacted]*  
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Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that STANLEY LEVISON is taking his annual business trip to Ecuador on 6/19/63.

In view of information contained in NY airtel to Director 6/13/63, entitled, "MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM-C", the characterization of LEVISON has been changed as reflected in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

It should be noted the WFO determined that it was not necessary for LEVISON to apply for a passport when he travelled to Ecuador in July, 1962.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bu 100-392452

New York, New York  
June 18, 1963

Re: Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 17, 1963, that Stanley Levison stated on that date that he planned to leave New York City on June 19, 1963, at 10:00 p.m., to take his annual business trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador. Levison stated that he plans to spend four to six weeks in Ecuador inspecting his various business holdings in that country.

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[REDACTED] that Stanley Levison is a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

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REC-3 (SC) 100-392452 — 204

Date: June 21, 1963

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Information has been received that the captioned individual planned to depart for Ecuador on June 19, 1963. In this connection there is enclosed one copy of a memorandum dated June 18, 1963, containing available information of subject's contemplated travel.

This Bureau would appreciate receiving any pertinent information your Department or the Central Intelligence Agency may receive concerning subject's activities while he is out of this country.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

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2 - New York (100-111180) (See note)

Mr. NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

Remain alert in this matter and immediately furnish the Bureau any information you may receive concerning ~~the~~ <sup>on</sup> subject's activities and his travel status. Include specific information which you may have with reference to various business holdings of Levison in Ecuador and which he planned to inspect during his trip to that country.

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Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452) b7c

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

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(OO: NY)

Re Bureau letter to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, 6/21/63.

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that STANLEY LEVISON left for Ecuador, on 6/19/63.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Bureau 100-392452

New York, New York  
June 25, 1963

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Re: Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 25, 1963, that Stanley Levison departed Idlewild Airport, New York City, on June 19, 1963, via Pan Agra Flight 81, enroute to Guayaquil, Ecuador. Levison expects to return to New York City, on or about July 20, 1963.

The source stated that during his stay in Ecuador, Levison can be contacted in care of Secomatico, Casilla 4017, Guayaquil. The source stated that Levison is an officer in Secomatico, which is believed to be a dry cleaning business.

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that Stanley Levison is a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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(OO: NY)

Re New York airtel to the Director, 6/25/63.

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that STANLEY LEVISON returned to New York City from Ecuador on 7/21/63.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.  
Bureau 100-392452

New York, New York  
July 22, 1963

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Re: Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 22, 1963, that Stanley Levison and his son, Andy Levison, returned to New York City, from Ecuador, in the late evening of July 21, 1963. According to the source, Levison returned to the United States from Ecuador a week early because his son was suffering from an asthmatic condition.

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Director, FBI 101-101679-

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1- Mr. Belmont      August 2, 1963

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Reference is made to my letter dated July 17,  
captioned "Request From Senator Kenroncy Concerning  
Current Racial Agitation."

Information was contained in referenced communica-  
tion to the effect that while Stanley David Levison, a  
secret member of the Communist Party and a close associate  
of captioned individual, still retains his strong communism  
convictions and still acts as an effective Party advisor  
to King, he was becoming critical of the Party's role in  
this relationship.

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TITLE OF CASE  STANLEY DAVID LEVISON		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/21/63,  
at New York.  
New York letter to the Bureau dated 4/4/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

For the convenience of the Bureau, a separate section of this report will contain information concerning LEVISON's association with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. In the event the Bureau does not desire this section of the report disseminated outside the Bureau, it can be removed from the details of this report. Consequently, the synopsis of this report will not mention the relationship between LEVISON and KING.

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On 6/3/63 [REDACTED] advised that an unsub male who possibly was identical with LEM HARRIS contacted LEVISON. The unsub male suggested that he and LEVISON should get together for a brief interview at the "Lions" because "this is urged upon me". LEVISON stated that he was very busy at the moment, preparing for a trip and that he did not know whether he would be able to get together with the unsub male, but LEVISON would contact the

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unsub male and see if they could work something out.

As a result of the above conversation, a surveillance of LEM HARRIS was immediately instituted by the New York Office in a hope that LEVISON and HARRIS could be seen meeting together. In addition, all sources concerning HARRIS and LEVISON were alerted to the possibility of a recontact between these two.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's activity dealing  
with the Communist Party.

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3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
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5.  Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7.  This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) it contains information furnished by [REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED] b1  
the disclosure of which could jeopardize the security of these informants and, therefore, effect the defense interests of the United States.

8 [REDACTED]

9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject continues to be a secret member of the Communist Party, USA. X
11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
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Date:

JUL 29 1963

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

100-111180

Bureau File #: 100-392452

Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

STANLEY LEVISON resides at 585 West End Avenue, New York City.

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As of July, 1963, LEVISON is still a secret member of the Communist Party, USA. LEVISON traveled to Ecuador on 6/19/63 and returned to the United States on 7/2/63.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence

STANLEY LEVISON continues to reside with his wife, BEATRICE, and son, ANDREW, at 585 West End Avenue, New York City.



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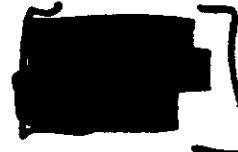


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A. Affiliation with  
the Communist Party,  
United States of  
America (USA)

1. Membership

STANLEY LEVISON continues to be a secret member of the Communist Party, USA.



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B. Travel

STANLEY LEVISON and his son, ANDREW, departed Idlewild Airport, New York City, on June 19, 1963, via Pan Agra, Flight Number 81, en route to Guayaquil, Ecuador.



LEVISON and his son returned to the United States from Ecuador in the late evening on July 21, 1963. The source advised that the purpose of LEVISON taking this trip was to inspect his business holdings in Ecuador, which include a dry cleaning business.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

JUL 29 1963

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New York file 100-111180

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Title      Stanley David Levison

Character Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

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August 23, 1963

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Director, FBI (100-392452) -210

1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Haack

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Rerep 7/29/63.

Part II of rerep which begins on page 4  
is being destroyed and the words "Part I" on  
page 2 are being eliminated. Do likewise with  
your copies of rerep.

In the future it will not be necessary  
to include information concerning Levison's  
influence on King in reports on Levison since  
such information should, and more properly so,  
be reported in the King case. You should make  
certain that this is done.

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TO : SAC, New York

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Enclosed herewith are 12 copies of a letterhead  
memorandum reflecting information furnished by [REDACTED]

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New York, New York  
August 26, 1963

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New York 100-151548

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Re: Communist Party, USA  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

All sources mentioned in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted.

On August 23, 1963, a source advised that on that date Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison discussed a concert sponsored by the Gandhi Society for Human Rights. They indicated that Frank Sinatra and Lena Horne would participate in the concert which is to be held at Carnegie Hall. X

Jones said he would give Levison some material from Ossie Davis, presumably dealing with the March on Washington X

As of July 3, 1963, Clarence Jones was General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights X

(c) X has identified a photograph of Jones as a person he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a leadership position in the Labor Youth League (LYL). X

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that Stanley Levison is a secret member  
of the Communist Party, USA. b1

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Subject JUNE MAIL Stanley David Tevison

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM : *J. J. M.*

SUBJECT: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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(OO: NY)

DATE: 8/27/63

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Re New York letter to Director, 10/29/62.

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[REDACTED] has recently furnished information that LEVISON has been utilizing his son ANDREW's private phone for calls to CLARENCE JONES and other civil rights leaders.

Bureau authority is requested to conduct a survey directed toward instituting teletype coverage on the son's phone. This telephone, at LEVISON's residence, 585 West End Avenue, Apartment 3-D, is TR 3-6542, and is listed in the name of ANDREW LEVISON.

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From: Director, FBI (100-392452) - 211

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Authority is granted to conduct survey for tesur on subject at 585 West End Avenue, Apartment 3-D, telephone TR 3-6542, which is listed in the name of Andrew Levison, the subject's son. Advise age and other vital statistics of Andrew Levison and furnish any subversive information concerning Andrew in your possession. Insure full security.

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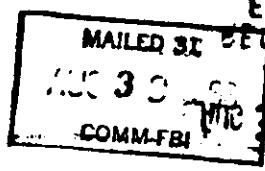
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead  
memorandum which deals with STANLEY LEVISON's observations  
regarding KING's appearance in Washington on 8/28/63.

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because it contains information from sources, the unauthorized  
disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation  
of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect  
upon the national defense interests of the country.

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(1-157-286) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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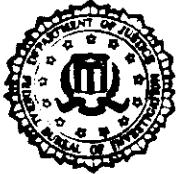
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New York, New York  
August 29, 1963

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Re: Martin Luther King  
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A confidential source advised on August 28, 1963, that Stanley Levison in commenting on the March on Washington that day, singled out Martin Luther King as the "Man of the hour" for everybody. Levison stated it was marvelous the way King handled the white and Negro question in his speech, completely repudiating "the nonsense" of Adam (Clayton) Powell and the "Muslims" (Nation of Islam). Levison also said King measures up to his introduction "the moral leader of America." Levison described this as the "mark of a man." Levison characterized King as a "pure guy."

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Martin Luther King is the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

A characterization of the Nation of Islam is contained in the appendix of this memorandum.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

On July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2,5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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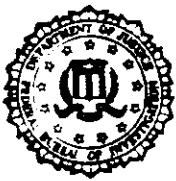
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NATION OF ISLAM

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On July 10, 1963, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.



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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

DATE 11-1280

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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RACIAL MATTERS

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{1 - 100-358916} (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)  
{1 - 100-3-116} (CP, USA, COM INFLUENCE - RACIAL MATTERS)  
{1 - 157-970} (MARCH ON WASHINGTON)  
{1 - 100-392452} (STANLEY LEVISON)  
{1 - 100-438794} (SCLC)

2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Encl. 2) (RM)

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1 - Washington Field (157-257) (MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (Encl. 1) (RM)

1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (421)

1 - New York (100-91330) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (414)

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1 - New York (157-905) (MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (412)

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The letterhead memorandum makes reference to a conversation between MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES wherein JONES makes reference to "our friend". "Our friend" is undoubtedly STANLEY LEVISON. The full text of the conversation at this point is as follows:

JONES states "Well, let me reflect upon it and I'll discuss it with our friend and get his feelings about it". KING states "He understands why I haven't called him?" JONES answers "Yes, absolutely, in fact, he would be a little upset if you did". KING then states "I'm trying to wait until things cool off ..... until this civil rights debate is over ..... as long as they may be tapping these phones you know ..... but you can discuss that with him".

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Re: Martin Luther King  
Security Matter - C  
Racial Matters

[REDACTED] furnished information which indicated that on that date Martin Luther King held a discussion with Clarence Jones regarding the March on Washington. One matter discussed was the making of a record album which would contain the speech made by Martin Luther King at the March on Washington. This discussion also included how the proceeds from this record would be distributed. Jones indicated that he felt that the proceeds should go to the three civil rights groups equally and that King should discuss this matter with A. Phillip Randolph (head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters) before he entered into an agreement with RCA, because the other groups would think that King was trying to capitalize on the March for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) or for himself. Both men agreed however, that King and the SCLC would make much more money if they had the album exclusively. They also agreed that the people would buy the album because of King's speech and therefore it would not be fair to split the money among the other organizations. It was also agreed that King would be in a difficult position in discussing this point with Randolph and that therefore Jones should discuss this matter with Randolph.

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[REDACTED] that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photo of Clarence Jones as the person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). f4

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[REDACTED] further stated that Jones and King also discussed the replacement of Jack (presumably Hunter Pitts O'Dell, previously employed as an administrator in the New York Office of the SCLC) and that in this conversation the name of Bayard Rustin (Deputy Director - March on Washington) was brought up by King. King wondered whether it would be possible for Rustin to come back into the civil rights movement inasmuch as he had now received good press publicity as a result of the March on Washington. According to [REDACTED] b1 these two individuals, in referring to Rustin, discussed the reasons why "we had to let him go". [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I just don't know .... maybe you ought to talk with our friend about it because he knows the problem very well ...." Jones indicated that he would discuss the matter with "our friend" and get his feelings about it. King further inquired as to whether "our friend" understood why he, King, had not called him and Jones answered "Yes, absolutely". King further stated that "I'm trying to wait until things cool off .... until this civil rights debate is over .... you can discuss that with him". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b1 also advised that a short time later Jones held a discussion with Stanley Levison in which he stated that the question had been put to him regarding Rustin as to whether Rustin could take a position like heading up the New York Office (presumably of the SCLC) without causing undue harm to the organization.

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[REDACTED] b7c Levison answered "Yes - that was some years ago". Jones indicated that this matter arose out of a question regarding the supervision and

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Martin Luther King

disposition of the New York Office (presumably the New York Office of the SCLC). Levison then stated that the matter required some thought, commenting that Rustin acts impulsively when leading the organization. Jones further stated that he had been thinking of others for the job and mentioned the name Ted Brown. Levison stated that he did not like that idea.

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C [REDACTED] advised that Stanley Levison was at that time a secret member of the Communist Party, USA.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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It should be noted that in the conversation with JCNES, LEVISON claimed that the FBI, in all this time, has not been able to apprehend the person responsible for the earlier bombings and could not avert future ones which he thought should be relatively easy as "there are not so many guys who could handle dynamite".

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b7DANDREW [REDACTED] has advised the following concerning  
ANDREW LEVISON, subject's son:

He is in his early teens, and attends New Lincoln School (Bufile 100-405980), an accredited elementary and secondary school located at 31 W. 110th St., NYC. New Lincoln School is a private school known for its liberal mode of education.

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Sources of the NYO have furnished no subversive information concerning ANDREW LEVISON.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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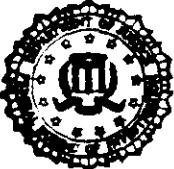
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September 20, 1962

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Communist Party, USA  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
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On September 20, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with John O. Killens, Negro author, and Jones stated that he is outraged over the meeting of the civil rights leaders and the President; that he was very leery of the meeting with the President in the first place, and that the leaders had been outmaneuvered. Jones said it is an absolute insult and an affront to 20 million Negroes to send a commission to study the murder of six Negroes. This has served the purpose of getting the Federal Government completely off the hook; completely absolved the Federal Government of its duty to protect the life and property of Negroes in the country and in Birmingham.

As of July 3, 1963, Clarence Jones was the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED] advised that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photo of Clarence Jones as the person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL).

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[REDACTED] Jones continued b1  
that this matter should not be permitted to pass without  
a severe critical comment and must be unmasked for what  
it is, the worst of the old gradualism. X

[REDACTED] Jones then said b1  
that there will be a meeting on September 20, 1963, of  
Louis Lomax, Ruby Dee, John Killens, James Baldwin and  
himself in Room 440 of the Hotel Astor at 3:30 p. m.,  
to plan strategy on a statement that will be released  
after another 5:00 p. m. meeting this date. X

The "New York Times" of September 20, 1963,  
page 21, reflects that Louis Lomax and John O. Killens,  
Negro authors, at a press conference held at New York  
City on September 19, 1963, announced a memorial service  
in Town Hall, New York City, at 5:30 p. m., September 20,  
1963, for the six children killed in Birmingham, September  
15, 1963.

[REDACTED] also b1  
advised that Jones, in speaking to another individual  
on that date, advised that John Killens and James  
Baldwin are going to blast Martin Luther King today on  
his actions in Washington, D. C. Jones said, "There is  
going to be a bombshell between now and Sunday." X b1

[REDACTED] C [REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past X  
advised that Clarence Jones had contacted Stanley Levison  
on that date, stating that he urgently needed to see  
him today before noon, since Martin Luther King was  
"likely to get a very bitter blast from James Baldwin  
and a couple of other writers" regarding the meeting which  
King and other Negro leaders had with President Kennedy. X

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the  
past, advised that Stanley Levison was at  
that time a secret member of the Communist Party,  
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and CLARENCE JONES as received from [REDACTED] on 9/20/63. X b7D

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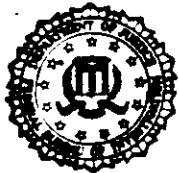
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Re: Communist Party, USA  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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On September 20, 1963, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that on that date Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison held a brief discussion regarding the meeting of the Negro civil rights leaders with President Kennedy on September 19, 1963. ~~X~~

As of July 3, 1963, Clarence Jones was the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photo of Clarence Jones as the person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). ~~X~~

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison was at that time a secret member of the Communist Party, USA.

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Communist Party, USA

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[REDACTED] Jones advised Levison that he urgently needed to see him that day inasmuch as Martin Luther King was "likely to get a very bitter blast from James Baldwin (negro author) and a couple of other writers" regarding the meeting which King and other Negro leaders had with President Kennedy. Jones further indicated that he had had a discussion with Baldwin and had received the impression that Baldwin and another writer were in disagreement with King indicating that their point was that the Negro leaders had only gone to the White House to tell the President what he "should know in the first place" and that it had resulted only in the President's appointing a Commission "when he knows the problem doesn't need this study". ~~OK~~

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL;  
STANLEY LEVISON;  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

DATE: September 20, 1963

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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall telephoned and advised that on instructions of the Attorney General he wanted to clear with us the rough draft of a memorandum which he was going to send to the Bureau. As a matter of fact, the Attorney General has approved the rough draft contingent upon our approval.

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Subsequently, on June 22, 1963, according to Marshall's proposal, he brought this matter very explicitly to Dr. King's attention. Later that same date, both the Attorney General and the President, separately, strongly urged Dr. King that there should be no further connection between O'Dell and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Thereafter, the Attorney General and Marshall received copies of a letter dated July 1, 1963, from Dr. King to O'Dell. In this letter King makes reference to a resignation which O'Dell submitted some months ago which was accepted because of the SCLC's firm policy that no communist or communist sympathizer would be on the staff. Dr. King's letter continues by noting an investigation

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

| had been conducted but they were unable to discover any present connections with the Communist Party by O'Dell.

King further tells O'Dell that the situation is such that the organization cannot even afford the risk of impressions about communist inspiration and therefore O'Dell's temporary resignation is being made permanent.

Mr. Marshall's proposed memorandum also advise that he informed Dr. King on June 22, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party. This action was taken on direction of the Attorney General and the President. Marshall had previously warned Dr. King about any association with Levison. This was the first indication given him of firm information Levison was under communist control.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

While Mr. Marshall's proposed memorandum does not spell out the sequence of events here in detail, his summary is nevertheless accurate and it is therefore believed we should inform Mr. Marshall that he should feel free, of course, to submit the memorandum as he drafted it. If approved, Mr. Marshall will be so advised telephonically.

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 to cover TR 3-6542, telephone at LEVISON's residence,  
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Authority is granted to extend teletype coverage on the subject at Apartment 3-D, 585 West End Avenue, NYC, to include telephone TR 3-6542, in the above location which is listed in the name of Andrew Levison, the subject's son. Advise Bureau date and time of installation. Justification should be handled in conjunction with the justification for [REDACTED]

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We telephonically instructed  
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diately with any additional informa-  
tion which may be developed.

A. H. Belmont

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*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
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STANLEY LEVISON advised 9/21/63, that on that date  
Mrs. ALICE LOEWI, NYC. During the conversation, LEVISON  
criticized BAYARD RUSTIN, described him as "a shrieker."  
LEVISON referred to the situation in Birmingham and  
stated that the Birmingham Police are so tied in with all  
kinds of rackets that exist in an industrial city that  
they are undoubtedly completely infiltrated by the "Klan."

⑤ - BUREAU (100-106670)(RM) 9-17-63 m.j.  
(1 - 100-39452) (STANLEY LEVISON) <sup>10-22-63</sup> <sup>CONFIDENTIAL</sup> (COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
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LEVISON praised the appointment of the men selected by President KENNEDY to go to Birmingham stating that they are military men and Southerners who will understand the situation there. According to LEVISON, MARTIN LUTHER KING is having difficulty in understanding the Birmingham situation because it is basically a police problem. At this point, Mrs. LOEWI asked LEVISON why he does not see KING and advise him in this respect. LEVISON replied "he made a promise and has got to keep it." It is the opinion of the informant that this remark by LEVISON indicates that LEVISON has been informed that KING has made a commitment to people of influence that he will not contact LEVISON under any circumstances.

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SLIP(S) OF *Clarke*  
DATE *10-2-63*

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a LHM reflecting  
opinions expressed by STANLEY LEVISON on 9/23/63, regarding a  
forthcoming book by MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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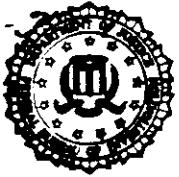
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A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 23, 1963, that Stanley Levison discussed a forthcoming book that is being written by the Reverend Martin Luther King.

[REDACTED] that Stanley Levison  
is a secret member of the Communist Party, United  
States of America.

[REDACTED] Levison expects the  
book by King to be published approximately January 15, 1964.  
This book, which will deal with King's experiences in Birmingham,  
Alabama, is being handled in part by Clarence Jones.

As of July 3, 1963, Clarence Jones  
was the General Council for the Gandy Society  
for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York  
City.

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Martin Luther King  
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that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as the person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954, to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). ~~SECRET~~

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The first source stated that Levison is not satisfied with the manner in which Jones has been handling some of the material for the book, and he intends to speak to Jones in this regard.

According to the first source, Levison has prepared the forward for this book which will be approximately a page and one half long. The source was unable to state whether or not Levison's name will accompany the forward of the book.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
October 6, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA)  
~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED~~ Negro Question  
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On October 5, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison had accepted a request of Clarence Jones to meet him later that date at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City. Jones advised Levison that he made arrangements to meet Martin Luther King at this time and that he desired Levison to be there also.

As of September 15, 1963, Clarence Jones was the General Consul of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised that on February 25, 1957, he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954, to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL).

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
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SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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RACIAL SITUATION  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: NY)

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting opinions expressed by STANLEY LEVISON on 10/1/63, regarding a possible forthcoming article by CORETTA KING, Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING's wife, in a popular national woman's magazine.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 2, 1963

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BU 100-5-110

Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question; Communist Influence In Racial Matters Internal Security - C

A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 1, 1963, that Stanley Levison discussed the possibility of having Coretta King, wife of the Reverend Martin Luther King, write an article for publication in the magazine, "Good Housekeeping."

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Stanley Levison is a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

According to the first source, Levison stated that the Reverend King is anxious to express that Negroes have found the tactical solution to social change in the expression of non-violent resistance. Therefore, Levison urged that Mrs. King should be advised to express her faith in this tenet and thus enhance the possibility that the Reverend King would have a positive attitude towards approving the article.

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The Attorney General

1 - Mr. Belmont September 22, 1963

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - [REDACTED]

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Forsyth

ATTEND QUESTION

1 - Mr. Bland

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Stanley David Levison, in discussing the racial situation in Birmingham on September 21 and 22, 1963, praised the appointment of the men selected by President Kennedy to go to Birmingham to study the Birmingham situation stating that they are military men and Southerners who will understand the situation there.

Levison indicated that Martin Luther King, Jr., is having difficulty in understanding the Birmingham situation because it is basically a police problem. When it was suggested to Levison that he see King and advise him in this respect, Levison replied that "he made a promise and has got to keep it."

Levison and his brother, Roy Bennett, were critical of James Baldwin and his group. They agreed that the condemnation of the presidential commission to study the Birmingham situation and their idea of boycotting Christmas shopping in Birmingham were extremely ridiculous. The opinion was expressed that Baldwin's group was "not too deep intellectually."

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James Baldwin, a Negro author, has been prominent in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and in 1960 was an active member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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The Attorney General

Bayard Rustin served as Deputy Director of the August 23, 1963, March on Washington. He was a self-admitted member of the Young Communist League in the 1930's.

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

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NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM reflecting a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES as received by [REDACTED] on 10/1/63.

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Negro Question  
Communist Influence on Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On October 1, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that on that date, Stanley Levison held a discussion with Clarence Jones about a book written by Martin Luther King soon to be published.

Jones remarked that King is very much concerned about finishing his book and is particularly concerned about writing an effective chapter concerning Birmingham. Jones stated that King is coming to New York on Saturday at which time he plans to make inquiries on the progress of his book.

Levison remarked that the chapter following the one on Birmingham is very dull and will need a lot of rewriting. He said that King discussed his book with persons in Richmond and the impression is that King's book will be "the book of books" and will be released shortly.

Levison told Jones that he had something to discuss with him and would like to see him that evening. Jones agreed to meet with Levison that evening after dinner.

As of September 15, 1963, Clarence Jones was the  
General Consul of the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.  
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[REDACTED] advised that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photograph of Clarendce Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). [REDACTED]

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MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Atlanta)

There are enclosed seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by [REDACTED] on 10/8/63, concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and ALICE LOEWI which concerned a forthcoming book by MARTIN LUTHER KING which LEVISON is assisting KING with.

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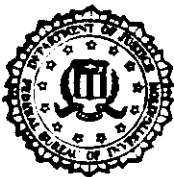
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United States of America -  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
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Martin Luther King  
Racial Matters

On October 8, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Alice Loewi, a business associate of Stanley Levison inquired as to how his day with Martin Luther King had been.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

Levison informed Loewi that it had been a good day with King, but added, "you know I'm not going to be seeing him, but I have to finish off this book thing that was started."

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Re: Communist Party,  
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Martin Luther King  
Racial Matters

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[REDACTED] Levison is referring to a forthcoming book by Martin Luther King relating to King's experiences during the racial demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama.

Levison continued that he had promised the publisher to get an editor to polish the book in professional style, but that Martin got an editor who turned out to be "a real phony and who clipped Martin for \$3,000.00".

Levison informed Loewi that he has now gotten an editor and is interested in getting the job done. He added that when this is off his hands he will be very relaxed. He stated it is "a very annoying thing, I don't want to maintain contact and yet this was an obligation I took..and you can't just let it go."

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CPUSA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 10 copies of a LHM reflecting that an unknown woman who was with the American Committee on Africa advised CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON that they planned to picket a ship from South Africa.

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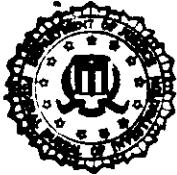
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This memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Both of these sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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New York, New York  
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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On October 8, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that an unknown woman associated with the American Committee on Africa, advised the office of Clarence Jones on that date that the picketing they had planned for tonight was being postponed. She said that they planned to picket a ship coming in from South Africa. She indicated that the ship will arrive on the afternoon of October 9, 1963, and that the picketing will take place at Pier Number 6.

As of September 15, 1963, Clarence Jones was the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised that on February 26, 1957, he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). *✓*

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Organization  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

American Committee on Africa

A "Selective Directory" of African programs compiled by the Department of State and made available April 13, 1961, lists captioned organization as:

"A committee of ministers, missionaries, social workers and others interested in influencing American policy toward a greater encouragement of African Nationalism and responsible self-government".

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that on that date an unknown woman who was with the American Committee on Africa advised Stanley Levison in regard to the South African freight ship which was to be picketed would not arrive until tomorrow night. She requested that he check with them later in the event of additional information.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

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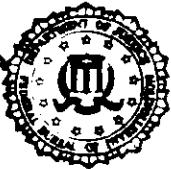
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On October 12, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that on that date Clarence Jones was in contact with Stanley Levison. Jones said in regard to the copyright suit that he had been offered approximately \$15,000 in settlement from Twentieth Century Fox. Jones stated that he would like to see the \$15,000 plus any royalties go to King. Levison agreed with this point of view. Levison said that the way he always presented the matter to King was to tell him that there are ways in which he, King, can make money for his living and these are his speaking engagements and his writing. Jones stated that King is afraid that people will say that he brought the suit in order to make money and he said that he thinks King could actually use the money. Levison said that King will have to stop being so ultra-sensitive because people are taking advantage of him.

(It is to be noted that Clarence Jones, an attorney, is handling a legal matter for Martin Luther King involving the copyrights of a speech which King gave on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the March on Washington.)

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