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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-106670~~)

DATE: APR 16 1965

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON
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MRS. SHADFOLIER

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The "New York Post," December 30, 1964, contained an article "Advice for the Poor" by Sylvia Porter on page 24, which concerns the failure of United States anti-poverty efforts to provide financial-legal services for the poor.

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Shad Polier

An order was entered in the records of the City Court, New York City, on January 30, 1940, changing Polier's name from Isadore Polier to Shad Polier by which name he had been commonly known.

On September 25, 1944, Polier furnished a signed statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in which he said he had never been a member of the Communist Political Association or of any organization which he had any reason to believe was dominated by the Communist Party. He stated that he was a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and was a member of the International Juridical Association (IJA).

Characterizations of the NLG and IJA are set forth in the appendix pages.

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A characterization of the NCAHUAC is set forth in the appendix pages.

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APPENDIX

Stanley Levison

INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL ASSOCIATION

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 88, contains the following citation regarding the International Juridical Association:

"1. Cited as 'a Communist front and an offshoot of the International Labor Defense.'

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as an organization which 'actively defended Communists and consistently followed the Communist Party line.'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950, p. 12.)"

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, p. 5.)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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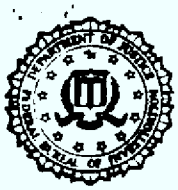

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

(C) [redacted] advised on February 26, 1957, that 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

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leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Ralph Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

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on LEVISON's residence, apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, NY, NY. The telephone number is SU 7-1430 and is subscribed to STANLEY D. LEVISON.

No request is being made for authority to survey LEVISON office, room 1106, 1841 Broadway, NYC, since prior coverage on his office was generally unproductive.

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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurairtel 5/7/65 requesting authority to conduct a survey looking toward effecting a technical surveillance (tesur) on the residence of subject, apartment 3 D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone SU7-1430.

Provided full security is assured, authority granted to conduct survey only. Advise of results and your recommendations relative to installation.

It is noted that matter of security was not commented upon in reairtel. This most important element relative to tesurs must always be commented upon in requests for authority to survey or install.

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Levison is on the Security Index. [redacted] In recent months, there has been an increasing tendency on the part of Levison to influence Martin Luther King, Jr., in matters related to the racial movement. We have in the past, from time to time, had tesurs on Levison's residence and office. Most recent on residence authorized 11/62, installed 11/62, discontinued 7/64. With the increasing importance of racial matters during the forthcoming summer and the increasing reliance of King on Levison, it is believed that we should consider reinstallation of a tesur on Levison's residence.

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CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 10/8/64, at New York. b7C

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Although no positive information of a subversive nature is reported, hereafter, the NYO is submitting a report in lieu of a letter in light of LEVISON's activities in the racial field, specifically his relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

However, the relationship between KING and LEVISON is not being reported in view of instructions from the Bureau that such information should be reported in the CIRM case.

SA [redacted] was the agent who conducted the pretext telephone interview with the woman who identified b7C

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herself to be Mrs. STANLEY LEVISON. [redacted] b7E

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue to follow and report the activities of STANLEY LEVISON.

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4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.

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7. [x] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/21/60.
[x] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of LEVISON's relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING. It is possible that this relationship could be embarrassing to the Bureau if an interview was attempted. KING could report any such attempt to the Press if LEVISON mentioned it to him.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [x] 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) of LEVISON's CP membership as late as July, 1963.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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5/20/65

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Stanley David Levison

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2
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Date: 5/20/65

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 owns and operates the Park Management Company, Realtors, in room 1106, 1841 Broadway, NYC. He resides at 585 West End Ave., NYC. Sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in NYC area advised in April, 1965, that they were unable to furnish information about LEVISON.

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DETAILS:

I. EMPLOYMENT

On March 27, 1965, the Park Management Company, Realtors, which is owned and operated by STANLEY LEVISON, was the occupant of room 1106, at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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RESIDENCE

On May 4, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained through a pretext interview with a woman who represented herself to be Mrs. STANLEY LEVISON, that the LEVISON family resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, (CP, USA)

Sources who are knowledgable as to certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York area, and its environs, were contacted in April, 1965, but could furnish no information about STANLEY LEVISON.

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Character INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180) JUNE

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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ReBulet of 5/12/65, authorizing survey on the residence of subject, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone SU 7-1430.

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TO: Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 5/21/65

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - [redacted]
1 [redacted]

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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This memorandum recommends requesting the Attorney General's authority for a technical surveillance on Stanley David Levison.

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From time to time in the past, we have had technical-type coverage on Levison, both in his office and residence. The last coverage of his residence was installed 3/20/62 and discontinued 7/25/64 due to the limited information being obtained at that time which was probably attributable to the attempt by Levison to keep most secret his contacts with and concerning King. The New York Office has conducted a survey and finds feasible the installation of a technical surveillance on Levison's residence, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone SU 7-1430, which it assures can be done with full security.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Stanley Davis Levison
100-392452

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RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting his authority for a technical surveillance on subject's residence.

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(IS) 100-392452 — 246 JUNE

May 24, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

(C) [redacted] For many years, Levison has been a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and has exerted considerable influence in the civil rights movement through his counseling of King. King and Levison personally met in New York City on May 13, 1965, at which time Levison advised King concerning voter registration activities in Alabama and also urged that King support demands for peace in Vietnam.

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Levison resides at Apartment 3D, 835 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone number SU 7-1430. He is an attorney and businessman with an office in Room 1106, 1541 Broadway Avenue, New York City.

Your authority is requested for the installation of a technical surveillance on the above residence of Levison or at any other address to which Levison might move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 6:15
DATE 5-24-65
BY [illegible]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because this memorandum discusses a technical surveillance. See cover memorandum from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan 5/21/65, captioned "Stanley David Levison, Internal Security - Communist."

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Subject JUNE MAIL Stanley David Levison

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1 - Mr. Bland
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To: SAC, New York (100-111180)

From: Director, FBI (100-392452)

JUNE

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurairtel 5/18/65 requesting authority to install a technical surveillance on the residence of subject, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone number SU 7-1430.

Provided full security is assured, authority is granted for above described installation.

Advise time and date of installation and symbol number assigned. Bulet justification 30 days after installation and every 3 months thereafter.

In authorizing this technical surveillance, the Attorney General stated, "You should discontinue if at any time he is acting as attorney for clients litigating with the U.S."

You must insure that the Attorney General's instruction is followed.

For the Bureau's information, it is desired that you a advise whether or not subject is presently engaged in the practice of law.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Stanley David Levison

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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1) [redacted] b7C

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ReBuairtel, 5/28/65, authorizing the New York Office to install a technical surveillance on subject's residence.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments in this matter.

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1 - New York (100-111180) (42)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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ReBulet, 6/8/65, reporting information that LEVISON would leave NYC on 7/1/65, for Peru or Ecuador, and instructing NY to make inquiries relative thereto.

In an effort to gather additional information in this matter, [redacted] were contacted on 6/14/65, but with negative results:

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[redacted]

On 6/17/65 [redacted] NYC, was contacted but with negative results.

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In addition to the canvassing of the aforementioned [redacted] but with negative results.

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Although investigation to date has failed to furnish the desired information, it is believed it will be forthcoming since [redacted] a source close to LEVISON, was alerted on 6/16/65. This source is in the best position to furnish the desired information.

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The Bureau will be immediately advised in form suitable for dissemination as soon as the desired information is received.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Stanley David Levison

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON "JUNE"
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Re NY airtel to Bureau, 5/18/65.

[redacted] installed at 12:05 PM on 6/15/65. b2 b7D

Full security assured.

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1 - [redacted] b7c
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Reurairtel 6/16/65 which advised of the installation of [redacted] on the residence of subject and Bulet 6/8/65 [redacted] b2 b7D b1 c

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Insure that the Bureau is promptly advised of the discontinuance of source [redacted] b1 c

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 6, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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[redacted]

For record purposes, at 3:20 p.m. this afternoon Wick received a telephone call from [redacted] said that [redacted] are making every effort to discredit Martin Luther King and his recent outburst on Vietnam. [redacted] said [redacted] has learned that Levison, whom he described as a New York attorney, is connected with the Communist Party in some way and advised Martin Luther King to come out against the Administration on Vietnam. [redacted] asked if there is anything of a public source nature that would discredit Levison either as a member of the Communist Party or as a member of a front group or signer of a petition concerning communism or the Soviets.

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After checking, Wick told [redacted] we could be of no help to him.

[redacted] at 3:40 p.m. today called Wick. He said [redacted] Wick told him we could be of no help to him whatsoever.

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[redacted] said that under the circumstances, he believed [redacted] would make no mention of the alleged connection they have picked up between King and Levison. Wick asked him how he knows that Levison is advising King on the Vietnam matter. [redacted] said [redacted] obtained this from a friend in Atlanta, presumably at Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters.

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1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

I thought you would be interested in the latest information indicating the continuing association of Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, with King and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

We learned over this past weekend that Levison flew down to Atlanta from New York City on 7/11/65. He is registered in the Downtown Holiday Inn under his true name and was scheduled to attend an important staff meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at noon today, 7/12/65, at an Atlanta restaurant.

King has been out in Los Angeles the last few days but was scheduled to return to Atlanta sometime this morning, 7/12/65.

Available information to date indicates that Levison has proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and that King plans to present it to the Executive Committee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference 7/19/65. Levison has expressed the opinion that Ralph Abernathy, one of King's closest aides who is also Treasurer of the Conference, will oppose his program inasmuch as it requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison feels that Abernathy will not want to spend the money even though eventually it will make more money for them. Levison planned to see Abernathy upon his arrival in Atlanta to present the proposal.

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ACTION:

Our Atlanta and New York Offices are affording appropriate coverage through established sources and discreet surveillances in an effort to obtain other details concerning Levison's visit to Atlanta. We will make carful analysis of the intelligence gathered to determine what further influence Levison is upon King and his organization and will, of course, make dissemination to the Department and the intelligence community.

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Mr. Sullivan

7/13/65

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - [redacted]

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W. J. Baumgardner

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

My memorandum to you 7/12/65 reported that Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, had flown from New York City to Atlanta 7/11/65 to attend a staff meeting of King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, scheduled for noon 7/12/65. u

I thought that you would be interested in knowing that several members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff met in an Atlanta restaurant around noon 7/12/65. One of those present was Levison. Within minutes after the group left the restaurant, our Agents observed King also depart that establishment. The entire group, including Levison and King, then went to the office of an insurance company and there is a strong presumption that they continued their meeting there. u

The Atlanta Office, through its highly sensitive coverage as well as physical surveillances, is attempting to obtain further details concerning Levison's presence in Atlanta. He is scheduled to return to New York City tomorrow, 7/14/65. u

ACTION:

Upon Levison's departure from Atlanta, we will correlate the details available as of that time and apprise the White House, the Attorney General and the intelligence community of this latest Levison association with King and his organization. u

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 7/15/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont
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The continuing close relationship between Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is depicted in a memorandum we have prepared for dissemination to the White House and Attorney General. This memorandum reports that [redacted] Levison visited Atlanta, Georgia, 7/11-13/65 where he conferred wit[redacted] King and other Conference staff members. He was also expected as a dinner guest at the King residence on 7/12/65. u

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Prior to going to Atlanta, Levison told a Conference employee that he had proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and which King plans to present to a future meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference. Levison was concerned that the Conference's Treasurer Ralph Abernathy would oppose his program which calls for soliciting funds through various churches because the program requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison planned to see Abernathy in Atlanta on this matter. u

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached copies of the memorandum be forwarded by routing slips to the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar. u

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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)

ReBulet, 6/8/65 and NY airtel of 6/17/65, regarding LEVISON's plans to go to Peru or Ecuador this summer.

As previously reported, no recent information has been received that he still plans to go. Information from [redacted] on 7/31/65, disclosed that he and his wife are going to be vacationing in Lenox, Mass., from 8/1-8/65. The source said their address will be c/o The Music Inn, Lenox, Mass. b2 b7D

The Bureau will be kept advised of information indicating LEVISON's plans to travel to Peru or Ecuador.

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Reporting employee

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/16/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

[redacted]

Prior memoranda from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan have reported on King's involvement in the Vietnam situation and the influence which Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, has on King.

[redacted] has advised that conversations between Levison and Dora McDonald, secretary to King, disclosed that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer 12 questions. King desired Levison to prepare proposed answers which he did and gave to McDonald for King's approval.

ACTION:

We have prepared a letterhead memorandum which depicts the Levison influence on King in this instance and includes the 12 questions and Levison's proposed replies to them. Attached for approval and forwarding are copies of the letterhead memorandum to go by routing slips to the White House, Secretary of State Rusk, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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August 16, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

It has been previously reported that Stanley David Levison, a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963, has been influencing Martin Luther King, Jr., concerning the Vietnam situation. The following additional information has been supplied by a confidential informant of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On August 13, 1965, Miss Dora McDonald, secretary to King, contacted Levison and advised that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer twelve questions. She said that King desired Levison to prepare answers to the questions. Levison subsequently contacted Miss McDonald and furnished proposed answers to the twelve questions which Miss McDonald said she would give to King for his approval. The questions and Levison's proposed replies are as follows:

(1) In a recent statement King noted that several peace organizations had approached him concerning Vietnam. What specific groups are they? Reply: Among others, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and Women Strike for Peace. (These are pacifist organizations.)

(2) What is the text of the letter which King intends to send to President Johnson and to Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam? Reply: When the text is finalized, a copy will be made available.

(3) How will the letter be sent? Reply: These details have not been planned as yet.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

(4) Should the United States remain in Vietnam if the South Vietnamese ask us to leave? Reply: "I believe we would have no moral or juridical basis for remaining if a sovereign government demands that we leave its territory."

(5) Can King be more specific concerning his attitude on escalation of the war? Reply: "Escalation is expressed in so many degrees and is related to escalation on the other side, so that I can discuss it only in concrete terms. It is impossible to generalize."

(6) King said that he is not blaming either government for the war. Who is to blame? Reply: "There is blame on both sides because each has made responses too readily through means of violence without an earnest search for reduction of violence. I am encouraged by the restraint President Johnson has manifested both in action and in words and I believe the exercise of restraint will ultimately lead faster to constructive negotiation than will the flexing of the muscles of military power which the whole world knows we possess in terrifying abundance."

(7) What specific proposals would King have to make? Reply: I have not formulated specific proposals for ending the war and I am not sure I have competence in that area.

(8) Is King seriously thinking of going to Vietnam and under what circumstances? Reply: "I have no plans to go to Vietnam."

(9) Will King's letter also be sent to the United Nations? Reply: There are no plans for a letter to the United Nations because it is not a combatant nor an ally of any combatant. This does not imply it has no role. Its role is substantial but different.

(10) Will King contact United States officials concerning his plans; for example, Governors, Senators, Representatives or diplomats? Reply: "I have no body of plans which could be the subject of discussions. I am expressing a point of view which will be self-explanatory and I sincerely hope useful for those who have the responsibility to make plans."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

(11) King states that he is following a path of non-violence but Reverend James Bevel recently made statements indicating that he is more militant. Can King reconcile this and is Bevel speaking for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or as an individual? (Bevel is a member of King's staff on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which organization King heads.) Reply: "The emphasis James Bevel places on peace activity in relation to civil rights activity differs from mine because I am not presently proposing any change in the direction or the character of our civil rights work. He has the right to express his analysis and has done so."

(12) Reverend Bevel stated that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of business. Will King comment on this? Reply: "I do not agree with James Bevel's view that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of existence. We still have so far to go I cannot see the end of the road even now. I see the need for a multiplicity of additional legislative reforms which will take years of struggle fully to achieve."

Sent 8-16-65 King personnel

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See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 8/16/65, same caption, [redacted] Classified "Secret" because the basic information contained above was obtained from [redacted] a highly sensitive source in the racial field.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M.KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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September 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

The following information which was furnished by a source who has supplied reliable information in the past may be of interest to the President as indicative of the continuing relationship between Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Stanley David Levison. Levison, a frequent advisor of King's, is a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

On September 6, 1965, King conferred with Levison regarding an article which is scheduled to appear in "The New York Times Magazine" some time in the future. The article which will be attributed to King will deal with the civil rights movement in general and the recent riot in Los Angeles, California, in particular.

Levison requested King's comments regarding the draft of this article which he had prepared at King's request. King stated that he thought the article was good but he indicated that he desired to change a few points. Specifically, King mentioned the statement at the end of the article which inferred that the only way to solve the Negro problem was to have a march of 100,000 people and the statement that none of the major cities have good mayors. King felt that the latter statement should read "Only a few major cities have good mayors, Mayor Allen of Atlanta, Georgia, being one of them." King further referred to the statement that the riots

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cast light on the imperfections of the civil rights movement. King commented that this statement was too strong and would expose him to the criticism of other civil rights leaders. King and Levison agreed that this statement should be modified and should read that the riots exposed the imperfections of the civil rights movement as well as those factions in the "social-economic" life of the community.

The above information is also being furnished to the Attorney General and interested officials of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because the source of the information, [redacted] is a highly sensitive source of continuing value concerning racial matters and communist infiltration thereof. The unauthorized disclosure of the information could endanger the security of the source and thus possibly do injury to the defense interests of the nation. Above information contained in New York airtel 9/8/65 captioned "CIRM."

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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DATE: 9/20/65
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PURPOSE:

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DETAILS:

Recent articles in the press indicate that Senator Dodd has been critical of King's efforts to gain admission for Red China in the United Nations and for negotiations with the Viet Cong.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached be referred to the Crime Records Division to advise Senator Dodd of the above information concerning Levison.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-27917) (RUC)

STANLEY LEVISON
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ReButelcall to WFO 9/28/65 and reWFOtelcall to New York 9/29/65.

Surveillance instituted at the Willard Hotel at 6:45 p.m., 9/28/65, as a result of referenced Bureau telephone call indicating subject was at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., to attend a conference. An inquiry at the Willard Hotel revealed that STANLEY D. LEVISON, 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, checked in at 5:56 p.m., 9/28/65, and was assigned to Room 415. Under remarks on his registration slip, he wrote the initials N.C.E.B.O. LEVISON indicated he planned to depart on 9/29/65. No phone calls were made from LEVISON's room on 9/28/65. Periodic checks made on his room by house phone throughout the evening of 9/28/65, were negative. [redacted]

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Subject was observed in the lobby of the Willard Hotel at 11:40 p.m. He was observed to proceed directly to Room 415.

At 7:45 a.m., 9/29/65, the National Conference for Equal Business Opportunities started its workshop sessions in the Willard Hotel. This conference was sponsored by the Small Business Administration under the auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity. A plenary session of the conference was addressed by Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY on the morning of 9/29/65. LEVISON was observed departing from this plenary session at 12:05 p.m. At 12:10 p.m., LEVISON proceeded to a banquet room of the Willard for lunch.

At 1:55 p.m., subject checked out of the Willard Hotel and proceeded to Union Station. He departed by train to New York at 2:46 p.m.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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(OO:NEW YORK)

ReNYlet of 8/2/65, concerning LEVISON's plans to go to Peru or Ecuador this summer.

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[redacted] a source who is close to LEVISON and who furnishes information on a daily basis concerning him, has furnished no information that LEVISON has taken a trip outside New York City other than vacation trips to New England and Long Island. In addition, the source has furnished no recent information which indicates that LEVISON contemplates taking a trip to South America in the future.

In the event such information is received by the NYO, the Bureau will be immediately notified.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 29, 1965

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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SAC Roney in New York called yesterday and advised that through [redacted] the New York Office learned that Levison was in Washington, D. C., last evening for the purpose of attending the "Interracial Businessmen's Committee" meeting tomorrow morning and that while there he would see Vice President Humphrey. It was stated he was staying at the Willard Hotel. [redacted]

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ACTION:

In view of the possibility that Levison's contacts in Washington might have security significance, I talked to Supervisor Jesse Farr of the Washington Field Office and suggested that efforts be made immediately to institute a physical surveillance of Levison while in Washington to determine the nature of his contacts here. Farr advised that Washington Field had photographs of Levison and had placed him under surveillance on occasions in the past, and immediate steps would be taken along the lines suggested.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM
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ReNYteletype, dated 9/28/65, concerning STANLEY LEVISON's plan to confer with Vice President HUMPHREY on 9/29/65.

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information set forth in referenced communication. The source of the information in the LHM was [redacted] a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. One copy of the LHM is enclosed for the information of WFO. b2 b7D

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September 30, 1965

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on the afternoon of September 28, 1965, which disclosed that Stanley Levison's wife was in contact with Clarence Jones on that date. During their contact Mrs. Levison stated that Stanley Levison had to go to Washington, D. C., that afternoon to attend a conference of the Inter-Racial Business Men's Committee on September 29, 1965, with Humphrey (Vice President Hubert Humphrey). Mrs. Levison said Stanley was at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., but would return to New York on the night of September 29, 1965.

Jones said he desired to talk to Stanley before "tomorrow" (September 29, 1965), therefore, he would contact him at the hotel.

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ENCLOSURE

Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that 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).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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As reported in the last investigative report, referenced above, the NYO has received no information of a current nature, indicating CP activity by LEVISON. Although this is the case, a report is submitted due to LEVISON's relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The relationship existing between KING and LEVISON is such that LEVISON's influence and advice are sought and greatly valued by KING. However, no information establishing this relationship is being reported in this report since the Bureau has instructed that such information should be reported in the CIRM. case.

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6. [X] This report is classified "Secret" because (state reason)

   it contains information from [redacted] a source who furnishes information of a very sensitive nature about racial matters in the US and the Communist infiltration thereof.

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7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/21/60.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

   of his association with MARTIN LUTHER KING. As previously stated, an attempted interview could be embarrassing to the Bureau should LEVISON and KING decide to release the information to the Press.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [X] 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)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: 11/19/65

Field Office File #: 100-111180 Bureau File #: 100-392452

Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: On 11/12/65, STANLEY DAVID LEVISON continued to operate the Park Management Company, a realty firm, at 1841 Broadway, NYC, and resided at 585 West End Avenue, NYC. Sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area advised in November, 1965, that they could furnish no information about LEVISON.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

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A. Employment

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B. Residence

As of November 12, 1965, the source furnished information which disclosed that STANLEY DAVID LEVISON continued to reside at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

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November 12, 1965

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP, USA)

Sources, who are knowledgeable about certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted in November, 1965, but they advised they could furnish no information about STANLEY DAVID LEVISON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

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Title Stanley David Levison

Character Internal Security - C

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your report dated 11/19/65.

Referenced report has been declassified and you should declassify the copies of the reports retained by your office. In addition, you should advise Secret Service locally that this report has been declassified.

It is noted that the report is classified "Secret" on the basis of information received from [redacted] a highly sensitive source. The only information contained in referenced report from this source is information concerning the subject's residence. This information is contained in the current New York telephone directory. It does not appear, therefore, that the disclosure of this information would identify the informant or would result in any serious damage to the country. b2 b7D

NOTE:

Subject is a key figure of the New York Office. He is a close associate of Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and is a close advisor to King. [redacted] (E) b1 as a secret member of the Communist Party.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan JUNE DATE: 1/19/66

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 [redacted]
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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

(C) [redacted] For many years, he has been a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and has exerted considerable influence in the civil rights movement through his counseling of King. Levison is in close contact with Bayard Rustin, Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel, all of whom have subversive backgrounds and serve as key advisors to King. In view of these facts, a technical surveillance, [redacted] was installed on Levison on 11/29/62 and discontinued 7/25/64. It was reinstalled on 6/15/65. [redacted] (C)

This source continually furnishes information concerning contacts between Levison and King as well as contacts between Levison, Rustin, Jones and Wachtel. It is evident from this source that King readily accepts advice from Levison and that Levison prepares a considerable amount of both written and spoken statements made by King.

On 8/27/65 and 9/10/65, we furnished the White House information from this source concerning an article Levison was helping King prepare for "The New York Times Magazine." The source furnished the results of a conference on 9/12/65 between King and some of his advisors concerning the position King took after his 9/10/65 meeting with United States Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur J. Goldberg. We furnished this information to the White House on 9/15/65. Again on 9/30/65, we furnished the White House information from the source concerning a conference between King, Levison, Rustin and Wachtel concerning the role King should play in peace issues, particularly concerning Vietnam.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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The source is also of extreme value in keeping us informed as to meetings between King, Levison, Rustin, Jones and Wachtel. It was information from this source on 1/13/66 that enabled us to arrange coverage of the activities of Levison and Jones when they flew to Atlanta, Georgia, on 1/14/66 to confer with King.

OBSERVATIONS:

Levison is a wealthy individual whose communist activity has been well concealed. We have no other source who can provide quality information concerning Levison's activity. It is necessary to maintain coverage of Levison to insure that we are aware of all influence he is exerting on King.

RECOMMENDATION:

To fulfill our obligations concerning communist influence in racial matters, it is recommended that the extremely important coverage of Levison be continued.

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(IS) 100-392452 JUNE January 27, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

A technical surveillance was instituted on the residence of Stanley David Levison, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, on June 15, 1965. [redacted] For many years, Levison has been a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This source continually furnishes information concerning the frequent contacts between Levison and King. It is evident that Levison prepares a considerable amount of the written and spoken statements made by King. Some examples of the influence Levison has on King's activities are set forth below:

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In August, 1965, Levison prepared a statement for King to release concerning the recent Los Angeles race riot. Also, in August, 1965, Levison prepared material for an article regarding Vietnam that "The New York Times" had requested King to write. Twice in September, 1965, Levison conferred with King concerning the position King had taken regarding United States policy in Vietnam. Levison counseled King as to the remarks he should make in an important address King was to give in New York City on December 5, 1965. On January 14, 1966, Levison conferred with King regarding the critical fiscal condition of King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Memorandum for the Attorney General
Re: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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NOTE:

Classified "Secret" since it concerns a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the continuation of this technical surveillance in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all technical surveillances. This surveillance is covered by symbol [redacted]

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Memorandum of F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan dated 1/19/66 requested and approval was granted for the continuance of this technical surveillance. This memorandum is attached.

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January 27, 1966
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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LEARNED ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYSIX, THAT ON THAT DATE, A PERSON KNOWN TO SOURCE ONLY AS JACK FROM AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THEY ARE HOLDING MEETING ON NEGRO-JEWISH RELATIONS AND WANT LEVISON TO SUGGEST NEGRO FOR IT. LEVISON SUGGESTED CLEVELAND ROBINSON /SECRETARY - TREASURER, DISTRICT SIX FIVE, RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE WORKERS UNION/ OR ATTORNEY HOPE STEVENS. [redacted]

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LEVISON MENTIONED HE ATTENDED MEETING /NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED/ ON NIGHT OF JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSIX, WHERE THERE WAS RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM. LEVISON SAID IT WAS INSISTED UPON THAT RESOLUTION CONTAIN /CALL FOR/ CESSATION OF BOMBING AND DISCUSSION WITH VIET CONG. LEVISON SAID IT WAS AGREED RESOLUTION WOULD BE REWRITTEN AND TAKEN UP ON SUNDAY. ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFO OF BUREAU. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED UNLESS CLARIFYING INFO LATER RECEIVED AS TO RESOLUTION AND MEETING MENTIONED BY LEVISON.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/2/66

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Basher

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Atlanta teletype dated 4/29/66 indicated a meeting of the "Structure Committee," Southern Christian Leadership Conference was scheduled for 5/2/66 in Atlanta, Georgia. Stanley David Levison, the long-time secret communist, advised Dora McDonald, Secretary to Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Martin Luther King, he would be in Atlanta to attend the meeting in question.

Prior information received has indicated this particular committee is concerned with internal problems of Southern Christian Leadership Conference resulting from laxness in administrative controls, etc., as well as promiscuous activity and otherwise undesirable conduct on the part of some Southern Christian Leadership Conference employees.

On 4/30/66 at 1:10 P. M., Section Chief, F. J. Baumgardner, telephonically instructed Atlanta SAC, Joseph Ponder, to afford Levison what coverage he could with proper security, noting that Levison and King will be in Atlanta at the same time. Also on 4/30/66 at 1:23 P. M., Section Chief, F. J. Baumgardner, telephonically instructed Duty Supervisor, [redacted] to find out how Levison was going to Atlanta and to then call Atlanta and let them know.

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Subsequently, New York advised the Bureau and Atlanta offices by teletype dated 5/1/66 that Levison plans to leave New York City about 9:00 P. M., 5/1/66 for Atlanta (mode of transportation not known). However, he is scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at 11:00 P. M. on 5/1/66 and will stay at the Parliament House in Atlanta.

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Submitted for information purposes.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	5/13/66	11/13/65 - 5/4/66

TITLE OF CASE

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the last report, no information has been received by the NYO indicating CP activity on the part of LEVISON. Even though this is the case, a report is being submitted in lieu of a letter, since LEVISON continues to be MARTIN LUTHER KING's most trusted adviser. This relationship is not being set forth in this report in view of previous Bureau instructions that such information should be reported in the CIRM case.

INFORMANTS

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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NY file 100-111180

Re: Stanley David Levison

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [redacted]
Date: 5/13/66

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-111180

Bureau File #: 100-392452

Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: As of 5/3/66, STANLEY LEVISON resided at 585 West End Ave., NY, NY; and as of 5/4/66, he operated the Park Management Co., realtors, at 1841 Broadway, NY, NY. Confidential sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in the NY area were contacted during March and April, 1966, but could furnish no information concerning LEVISON.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment and Residence

On May 3, 1966, STANLEY LEVISON resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, and continued to operate the Park Management Company, a realty firm, at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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May 3, 1966

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CPUSA)

Confidential sources, who are apprised of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area, were contacted in March and April, 1966, regarding STANLEY LEVISON; however, none were able to furnish any information concerning him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 13, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York file 100-111180

Title Stanley David Levison

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

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1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Ryan

To: SAC, New York (100-129802)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(STANLEY DAVID LEVISON)

Classified by 6076/Wah/JM 11/7/78
Exempt Category 2
Declassification - indefinite
Field offices and agencies were notified

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Advise by return mail the identity of the Special Agent assigned to this important task. If circumstances warrant, you should assign additional personnel to this project to insure it is completed at an early date.

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1 - New York (100-111180)
1 - 100-392452 (Levison)

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July 5, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" since it concerns a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the continuation of this technical surveillance in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all technical surveillances. This surveillance is covered by symbol [redacted] b2 b7D

It is noted FD-143 indicates this surveillance was installed 4/15/65. This date is in error since Bureau records indicate it was installed 6/15/65. New York has been advised.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information from [redacted] a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed for benefit of Atlanta Office.

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] a source which furnishes information of a highly sensitive nature about racial matters and the Communist influence thereof.

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New York, New York
August 16, 1966

Bureau 100-438794

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on August 12, 1966, that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), were in contact on that date.

Levison, in commenting on why he contacted King, said he was concerned about King's health, therefore, figured he should contact him. King said he was felled by a cold but hoped to be back on the go by August 13, 1966. He said he got sick during the SCLC Convention, which was held in Jackson, Mississippi, last week. He said the cold prevented him from attending the Convention, except for the opening session.

Levison said he was unable to attend the Convention due to pressing personal business. However, Levison did inquire if the SCLC heard the two resolutions that he drafted for the occasion. King said he took one of the resolutions and used it in his speech. In fact, according to King, he just gave the resolution to the press in advance and told them it represented what he would say when he spoke.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the SCLC
Internal Security - C

Levison said in regard to the other resolution he prepared, that "The New York Times" had reported portions of it dealing with Vietnam. Both men agreed that the Convention was given very good coverage by the press.

In reference to the resolution prepared by Levison which King used as his speech, Levison said since it dealt with non-violence he was of the opinion that a book dealing with the subject should be written. Levison said "We're" at a real turn in the movement; a lot of people, he said, are asking questions, and are drawing conclusions and switching positions. King concurred with Levison and agreed that a book should be gotten out as quickly as possible.

Levison said he was going on vacation to New Hampshire on August 13, 1966, and would take the opportunity to consider the book. Following his return next week, according to Levison, he will contact King and discuss the book in greater detail.

Another matter discussed by King and Levison was the bill owed to an advertising agency which recently ran a full page statement in "The New York Times". The bill in the amount of $4,400 was for the statement on the SCLC's efforts in Chicago and Mississippi and Black Power. Levison said the agency had not charged their usual 15 per cent commission.

In considering the advertisement in question, Levison said he knew of one donation in the amount of $5,000, which resulted from the appeal. He said he did not know the name of the contributor but did say the contributor lives in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

King said there would probably be a meeting on Monday to consider bills owed by the SCLC. In that regard, King said the SCLC had been "kind of out financially and the Convention knocked us out even more". King said he was quite worried over the SCLC's financial difficulties.

In an effort to console King, Levison said as a result of a mailing to contributors there should be funds in a few days. Levison said he forecast about 400,000 mailings during 1966, adding, however, that funds derived from SCLC mailings did not provide sufficient funds to operate the SCLC. He then expressed the opinion that fund raising affairs would have to be held in New York, New York, in order to have sufficient operating funds.

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