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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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B. Employment

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On April 14, 1970, Special Agent (SA [redacted] b7 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined from the records of the Ansonia Station, United States Post Office, 1980 Broadway, New York City, that a change of address was submitted by STANLEY LEVISON from 1841 Broadway, New York City to 110 East 59th Street, New York City, 14th floor. The change of address for the Park Management Corporation; Atlantic Coast Realty; Loewi Properties, Incorporated; Loewi-Wells Corporation and the "L" Realty was to 2204 Cedar Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The Bronx telephone directory lists IRENE BROOKINS at the address of 2204 Cedar Avenue. NY, NY

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According to STANLEY LEVISON, he was getting out of the real estate business and going into business with JOE FILNER because FILNER was buying into a brokerage house and he, LEVISON, was going to take an office with FILNER.

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The "Daily World" is an east coast communist daily newspaper.

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A number of confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with CP activities and personalities in the New York City area were contacted during April, 1969, but had no information concerning STANLEY LEVISON.

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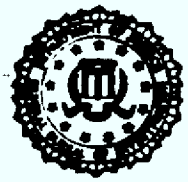

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 6, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-392452
NYfile 100-111180

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Title Stanley David Levison

Character Racial Matter
Internal Security-C

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

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-392452) DATE: 8/18/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
EM, IS-C
(OO:NY)

Cards UTD
Cards Sent OO
8/26/71

Re: _____

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases	☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien	Tab ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☐ Priority III

☐ ANA ☐ BPP ☐ MIN ☐ PLP ☐ PRN ☐ SNC ☐ SWP
☐ AWC ☐ COMMUNIST ☐ NOI ☐ PPA ☐ SDS ☐ SPL ☐ WWP
☐ BNT ☐ JFG ☐ Miscellaneous (Specify) _____

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex
			☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.	Residence Address
UNIVERSAL NICKEL CORPORATION 919 3rd AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK	

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

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1-New York

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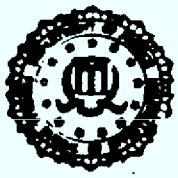

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
August 18, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bufile 100-392452
NYfile 100-111180

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

CHARACTER: EM, IS-C

REFERENCE: NEW YORK REPORT DATED 5/6/70

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: UNIVERSAL NICKEL CORPORATION
919 3rd AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Copy to SS
by routing slip for
☐ info ☐ action
date 8-23-71
by [redacted]

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: SEP 17 1971

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

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SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON
EM; IS-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYrep of SA JAMES F. O'CONNELL, dated 5/6/70.

STANLEY LEVISON continues to reside in an apartment building at 585 West End Avenue, NYC. He is currently associated with the Universal Nickel Corporation, at 919 3rd Ave., NY, NY, and an FD-122 was submitted to the Bureau on 8/18/71, reflecting that change in his employment address.

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1-New York

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Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-392452) DATE: 1/3/72

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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
EM; SM-C
(00: NEW YORK)

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Re: ~~ADEX~~ ~~ADEX~~

Recommend: [ ] SI Card [X] SI Card changed (specify change only) [ ] Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name

Cases

[ ] Native Born
[ ] Naturalized
[ ] Alien

Card Pr II

Tab
[ ] ~~Priority I~~
[ ] Priority II
[ ] ~~Priority III~~
(X) CATEGORY IV

[ ] ANA [ ] BPP [ ] MIN [ ] PLP [ ] PRN [ ] SNC [ ] SWP
[ ] AWC [ ] COMMUNIST [ ] NOI [ ] PPA [ ] SDS [ ] SPL [ ] WWP
[ ] BNT [ ] JFG [ ] Miscellaneous (Specify)

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex
			[ ] Male [ ] Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.

Residence Address

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NOT RECORDED
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Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

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1-New York
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Next report is due at the Bureau 5/6/72.

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FD-400 (3-6-66)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: 5/3/72

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

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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
SM-C

REFERENCE: New York report of SA [redacted] 5/6/70. b7C

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report inasmuch as no pertinent data has been developed since date of referenced communication. FD-305 enclosed.

RESIDENCE:
EMPLOYMENT:

☒ Subject's employment ☒ residence ☒ remains the same.
Source: [redacted]

☐ Subject's employment ☒ residence ☐ has changed to:

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Source: [redacted]

ACTIVITY: [redacted]

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. [X] The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1965
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and CONFIDENTIAL HVT is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. [ ] This report is classified _____ because *(state reason)*

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____
   [X] Subject was not [X] interviewed because *(state reason)* of his close association with Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and Officials of the SCLC. It is felt that an interview would not be productive and could cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.

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9. [redacted]

10. [X] Subject's ADEX card is tabbed Category [ ] I [ ] II [ ] III [X] IV
    [X] Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because *(state reasons)* See #9 above.

11. [X] Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
    [X] Submitted 5/2/72 (date) Placed [ ] Yes [ ] No

12. [ ] Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with NCIC.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summaries dated 3/31/60, 2/12/65 and 9/1/67 filed as 100-392452-127, 239 and 286 respectively)

Main File No: 100-392452 Date: 6/9/72

Subject: Stanley David Levison Date Searched: 11/22/71

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All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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Analyst	Supervisory Clerk	Approved
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] b7c

[redacted] (S) See page 30 of search slip. b1

NY routing slip dated 8-13-73 advised file reviewed and subject does not meet ADEX criteria, SAC Memo 21-72 b7c

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Levison, Stanley David
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Levison, Stanley D.
Levison, Stanley E.
Levison, Stoney
Lewison, Stanley

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ABBREVIATIONS

A. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Stanley David Levison can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

S. C.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship of Stanley Levison was set forth in a serial of the main file on his relative, as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Bennett	Twin Brother	100-392451-59 p.1,2	(28)

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The following additional main files on relatives of Stanley David Levison were disclosed during preparation of this summary:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	FILE NUMBER
Pearl Bennett	Sister-in-law	100-440557
Beatrice Levison	Wife	100-440509

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GLOSSARY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.....President of SCLC, Atlanta, Ga.

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REFERENCE SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[redacted] [redacted] (c) b1

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[redacted] advised that on 10/5/66, Stanely Levison planned to hold a meeting at his office, 1841 Broadway, NYC. Hunter Pitts O'Dell (100-358916) was to attend this meeting, the purpose of which was unknown.

Add. info.

100-358916-351 p.D,G,1,13,14
(23)

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On 10/29/66 [redacted] advised that Martin Luther King, Jr. had stated to Stanley Levison (locality not given) that Richard Russell, a multi-millionaire, was in favor of organizing a new company which would be half owned by the SCLC. The source further advised that on 11/12/66 Levison and Russell conferred as to a time when they could discuss in detail Russell's willingness to set up a business for the SCLC.

This serial revealed that Russell was the owner of the American Dodge, Inc., Hartford, Conn.

Add. info.

100-445393-54 p.1,4,5
(17)
SI 100-445393-109 p.28,29
(17) (Add. info.)

Bureau memo dated 4/27/67 concerned Martin Luther King and Stanley David Levison. King had been under active and tight control of the communists with Levison, a lawyer in New York and secret member of the CP, writing King's speeches and statements made to the public. They met at the inn at the Kennedy Airport* and generally went over matters and various decisions as to what King was to do and say at various places. Levison was a smooth, clever manipulator behind King in his activities.

105-138315-5823 p.2
(20)

* NYC

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[redacted] former, advised that on 5/11/67 Stanley Levison and Andrew Young, Executive Assistant to Martin Luther King, were in contact (locality not given). Young disclosed that Cora Weiss contacted him and advised that the North Vietnamese representatives in Stockholm, Sweden, would like to meet with a group from the US peace movement on 5/15/67 in Paris, France. The North Vietnamese wanted an appraisal of the situation in the US. Levison did not have faith in Weiss' judgment and felt she contrived the meeting. On 5/12/67 Levison, Young and King discussed the above meeting. Levison suggested that a group of responsible and reasonable people make an honest appraisal of the peace sentiment in this country and offer it to the North Vietnamese through an agency like the UN. Levison promised to contact Weiss in an effort to dissuade her from making the trip to Paris and to urge her to follow recommendations that more influential people communicate

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through the UN.

This serial revealed that Weiss was the wife of Peter Weiss (138-4897).

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138-4897-22 ep.22,23
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[redacted] advised that on 7/19/67 there was a contact between Ann Jones, wife of Clarence Jones, and Stanley Levinson (locality not given). Jones remarked "it is this weekend for Harlem". She wanted Martin Luther King to know "what is brewing in New York. Everybody was looking for somebody like Malcom X, but they would settle for King. All the rest of the leaders from Stokley (Carmichael) through Whitney (Young) were 'for the birds'."

157-6-34-2092 p.1
(28)

Bureau memo dated 8/28/67 revealed that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones, advisers to Martin Luther King, Jr., recently held a conference (locality not given) regarding future activities of SCLC. Jones indicated that H. Rap Brown, leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (100-439190), had been so won over by the Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist group, that he was not only useless but dangerous. Levison commented that Brown's actions were due either to immaturity or to insecurity.

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100-439190-1447 p.1;ep.2,3
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100-361072-178 p.3
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On 1/10/68 [redacted] advised that Tudja Crowder, who was affiliated with the New York Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, discussed with Stanley Levison a National Conference for New Politics (NCNP) Madison Square Garden Rally, NYC, 2/5/68, in defense of Dr. Benjamin Spock and those indicted with him for urging resistance to the military draft. Crowder wanted Martin Luther King to attend the rally so King and Spock could unite on a platform and provide new leadership for the peace movement. Levison opposed this idea and suggested publishing a clear militant statement of the issues involved, signed by a hundred major leaders throughout the country. On 1/10/68 Levison counseled King regarding this proposed meeting indicating that King had to back Spock but he was not happy about King appearing on the NCNP platform. He also received King's opinion of his suggested statement.

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105-138315-8754 p.1,2;ep.1-4
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[redacted] advised that on 1/22/68 Stanley Levison (locality not given) was contacted by an unknown individual from London, England, who stated he had come to the US on behalf of a canon of St. Paul's Cathedral named Collins. He was concerned with

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a proposed meeting in London, at the end of February, 1968, to establish an International Ad Hoc organization for the purpose of conducting a mass media campaign against the Vietnam War. He told Levison of negotiations or discussions having been carried on in Western Europe and in the US regarding the above proposed meeting.

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109-12-241-270X p.1,2;ep.1-4
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[redacted] advised that on 1/31/68 William Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, Atlanta, informed Stanley Levison of NYC, that Martin Luther King, Jr. would have "a clergy march on Monday". This march was apparently in connection with King's visit to WDC.

This serial revealed that on 2/5 - 6/68 the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (105-170160) held a conference and demonstration in opposition to the war in Vietnam in WDC.

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105-170160-26 p.1;ep.1
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[redacted] advised that on 2/23/68 Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Kennedy International Airport, NYC, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, NYC, that night. On 2/24/68 Levison commented to Clarence Jones about this affair on 2/23/68. Referring to King's speech Levison said that King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading and that King had never read anything as badly.

This serial revealed that "Freedomways" was published by Freedomways Associates, Inc. (100-434819), and the aforementioned affair was in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois.

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100-434819-198 p.1,2;ep.1,2
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters, Atlanta" pertain to the activities of Stanley Levison, a New York confidant and adviser to Martin Luther King from 4/5-9/68 in Atlanta, Ga. Levison attended an SCLC Executive Staff meeting and participated in discussions with SCLC Executive Board members and Executive Staff members. King had been assassinated* and Levison was reportedly proceeding to King's funeral.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
1 -6-2-2418 p.2,3	(17)
-2428 p.19	(17)
-2449 p.1;ep.3,9	(18)

* on 4/4/68

The following references in the file captioned "Poor People's Campaign" (POCAM) pertain to the activities of Stanley Levison from approximately 1/31/68 to 6/13/68 in Georgia and New York. Levison, a long-time secret CP member, was the principal adviser to Martin Luther King, Jr. He was in frequent contact with SCLC headquarters advising SCLC leaders regarding finances and the POCAM which was sponsored by SCLC. Levison refused to be of further assistance to the SCLC unless Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President, exercised proper control over the organization to avoid poor decisions.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
1 -8428-109 p.1,2;ep.1,2	(18)
-161 p.1,2;ep.1,2,4	(18)
-248 p.1;ep.1,2	(18)
-323 p.1;ep.1,2	(18)
-392 ep.2,3;outgoingp.2	(18)
-453 p.1,2;ep.1-3	(18)
-700 p.1,2;ep.1-3,outgoing p.1-3	(18)
-709 p.1,2;ep.1,2,outgoing p.1,2	(18)
-1095 p.2	(18)
-2409 ep.1,2	(18)

Hunter Pitts O'Dell (100-358916) and Stanley Levison (locality not given) were to meet on 12/7/68 to discuss O'Dell's relationship with the SCLC and the possibility that O'Dell could re-affiliate with the SCLC and become involved with a planned movie on the life of Martin Luther King. [redacted] b2 b7c

100-358916-373 p.1
(5)

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The following references in the file captioned "Black Nationalist Movement" pertain to a discussion between Stanley Levison and Larry Horowitz from Detroit, Mich., on 2/24/69 (locality not given) regarding proposing a statement to counteract Negro anti-Semitism. Levison was to help Horowitz prepare the above statement placing the blame for the rash of anti-Semitic statements by militant blacks on the Christian community. The statement was to be issued by the members of high standing in the Negro community and published over the period of 4/4 - 5/69 in the leading newspapers in the country. Levison's proposed contacts for endorsing this statement were set out.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-8415-34-44 p.1;ep.1 cover pg.1	(18)
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/ This serial revealed that Wachtel was the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, NYC, formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests.

157-6-2-2678 p.1;ep.1,2
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The following references in the file captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr." pertain to the activities of Stanley David Levison with King and/or his associates from approximately 8/22/44 to 6/25/69 in Florida, Georgia and New York. Levison was the principal adviser to King in connection with SCLC problems and activities. He authored speeches and statements for King and advised him concerning his, King's, position on Vietnam and the Middle East.

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	-3289 p.1,2	4
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	-3379 p.1	5
	-3402 p.1,2;ep.1-5	5
	-3595 p.1,2	5
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The following references in the file captioned "Coretta Scott King" pertain to the activities of Stanley Levison with King and her associates from approximately 7/21/68 to January, 1970 in Georgia and New York. Levison was a member of the SCLC Research Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center. Levison frequently advised and counseled King on a variety of matters. He wrote her speeches and

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red suggestions on her book "My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr." as praised by Martin Luther King, Sr., father of Martin Luther King, and disliked by the individual in charge of the Memorial Center.

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[redacted] advised that during the first part of June, Stanley Levison (locality not given) discussed with Harry tel certain aspects of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial er (MLKMC) and Vincent Gordon Harding's (100-448519) connection ewith. Levison commented on Harding's general demeanor.

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100-448519-11 p.B,2,7
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist luence in Racial Matters" pertain to Stanley D. Levison from roximately 1/17/66 to the latter part of January, 1970 in Georgia, York, Virginia and WDC. Levison was on the SCLC Executive ff as a Director and general supervisor of the SCLC NYC office. acted as an adviser and consultant to the SCLC leadership luding the late Martin Luther King, Jr. and King's widow, Coretta tt King, on matters concerned with strategy, organization, finances, icies and activities. Levison helped organize the Southern istian Leadership Foundation, the tax arm of SCLC. He wrote SCLC eches and participated in SCLC meetings and affairs. He was noted one of the most devoted supporters and advisers of SCLC. Levison o was on the National Executive Board of the American Jewish gress.

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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" pertain to the activities of Stanley David Levison in connection with this organization from approximately 8/19/65 to the middle of September, 1970 in Georgia, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and WDC. [redacted] Levison was a former clandestine member of the CP USA who gravitated to the SCLC. He subsequently became the principal advisor of Martin Luther King, Jr. on SCLC activities and policies including agreeing with violence and preparing a statement on the emergence of anti-semitism. Levison was a member of the Executive Committee of SCLC Board of Directors and general supervisor of the NYC SCLC Office. He participated in the initial organization of the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation, the "tax arm" of SCLC. He attended SCLC meetings, wrote speeches and statements for and gave advice and counsel to SCLC leaders on policy and finances. Levison was dissatisfied with the administration of SCLC President Ralph D. Abernathy and Abernathy detested him. Levison appeared to be continuing a determined effort to achieve a stronger influence in SCLC operations. Levison also was on the Executive Board of the American Jewish Congress.

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Levison, Stanley David

AKA: Stanley Lewison
BIRTHDATE: 5-2-12 (verified)
BIRTHPLACE: NYC
SPOUSE: Beatrice Marken Lewison
LOCALITY:

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former spouse - Janet (Jeanette) Dorothy Allerman

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Subject, who is 61 years old, has never been interviewed. In view of his close association with Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, and officials of the SCLC, it is felt that an interview would not be productive and could cause embarrassment to the Bureau. Accordingly, no attempt will be made to interview him at this time.

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King Adviser Says FBI 'Used' Him

By Don Oberdorfer
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Stanley Levison, the New York civil rights activist secretly cited by the FBI in allegations that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was under Communist influence, says he was merely an FBI "scapegoat."

Levison spoke up in a telephone interview last week after being identified in press reports as the "mysterious political influence" whose name the FBI had used in warnings to the highest officials of the Kennedy administration more than a decade ago.

Now in poor health and retired from most business and civic activity, Levison said the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's "primary objective was to 'get' Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. My conclusion is that I was a scapegoat Hoover was using for this purpose."

New information about the FBI warnings—and the wiretapping and bugging of King—surfaced in the current Senate intelligence committee hearings.

The details of the FBI's allegations against Levison have never been made public. Various reports have quoted the FBI as claiming that a mysterious "secret Communist" close to King was a danger to national security.

"I was never a member of the Communist Party," said Levison. "I did know some people who were . . . Particularly in the 1930s and 1940s you scarcely could have been an intellectual in New York without knowing some."

Levison said the charges against him were a case of "guilt by association" compounded by allegations from a former business associate who falsely named other persons as "secret Communists" in order to clear himself.

Levison, who is 63, calls himself "a political kind of person." He was a prominent member of a New York businessmen's committee for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944 and at various times a vice president of the Metropolitan New York Council of the American Jewish Congress, treasurer of an Episcopal Church magazine called The Churchman, an adviser in the organizing efforts of the New York Hospital Workers Union and a guiding force behind the New York Citizen's Inquiry on Parole and Criminal Justice. He has also been an attorney, a real estate man, a Ford Motor Co. dealer and in the import-export business among others.

His most noteworthy activity, as a friend, financial backer and adviser of the late Dr. King, began during the days of the Montgomery bus boycott 20 years ago. Levison was introduced to King by Bayard Rustin, a black leader in New York. Levison did free legal work for King, and devised fund-raising appeals for King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga.) recalls that King arranged for him to be interviewed by Levison before hiring him as an SCLC aide in the early 1960s. When President Kennedy warned King about the relationship with Levison in a White House Rose Garden conversation in 1963, King assigned Young to find out from Justice Department officials the details of the "threat" which Levison was thought to pose.

Despite the warnings—which arose from FBI reports—neither senior Justice Department officials nor anyone else could produce any hard information against Levison, Young recalled. King flatly disbelieved the allegations, according to Young.

"We knew what communism was. There had never been anything in his (Levison's) influence on the movement that suggested anything more radical than we were suggesting ourselves . . . If anything, he was a conservative influence. He was very cautious about becoming involved with the war in Vietnam, for example," Young said.

Levison said he refused on Fifth Amendment grounds to answer questions in a closed session of the Senate Internal Security Committee in 1962. Levison said he did so because he feared the session—evidently based on his former business associate's charges—would amount to an attack on King.

In fact, he said, King's name never came up at the hearing, which centered on the names of New York lawyers—many unknown to him. A spokesman for the Senate committee could find no record of the Levison hearing in a search of committee files last week.

Despite lack of evidence, King terminated his relations with Levison for a time after Kennedy's warnings. After a few months, however, King began calling on Levison for advice again. According to Levison, King said the breaking off of relations had been "a mistake."

King's resumed relationship with Levison is believed to have been cited by the FBI when it obtained approval from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in October, 1963, for wiretaps on King. The Senate intelligence committee published documents leading to this conclusion, though Levison's name was deleted.

Levison said he did not believe his own telephone had been routinely tapped, nor did the FBI ever interview him. "I was in the telephone book—both my business and residence. But nobody was sent to see me."

The New York attorney said Hoover was only interested in him as a means for attacking King. "You remember when Hoover called King 'a notorious liar.' . . . Well, I'm delighted that now the Senate hearings have disclosed it was Hoover that was a notorious liar rather than Martin Luther King," Levison declared.

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This informative memorandum to record for the file discussion held 12/15/75 by Supervisor [redacted] Intelligence Division, with Robert Murphy, Criminal Section Chief, Civil Rights Division of the Department, concerning a project underway involving Departmental review of King and related files.

Inasmuch as we have canvassed all field offices, at the Department's request, for inventories of pertinent files, inquiry was made of Murphy as to whether or not the Department visualized some time reviewing field files. He stated that this might occur but, if so, it would likely be on a limited basis. For example, Departmental personnel might visit some key offices such as Atlanta and New York.

Attempt was made by [redacted] to obtain some assessment as to how long this project would continue. Murphy advised that early next week, definitely before Christmas, the Civil Rights Division will furnish the Attorney General a status report which will emphasize the enormity of the task given them if all relevant files were actually to be reviewed. It is intended that the Attorney General be told that it is impossible for the limited number of personnel now assigned to this project (three individuals, including Assistant Attorney General Pottinger), to complete the task of reviewing all serials in all files unless they were given years to do so. Murphy visualized the possibility that the Attorney General might assign a staff of attorneys who would work on the file review for several months.

Because the Department requested as the first file to be reviewed that of King's former close advisor, Stanley David Levison, [redacted] inquired as to the reason for the

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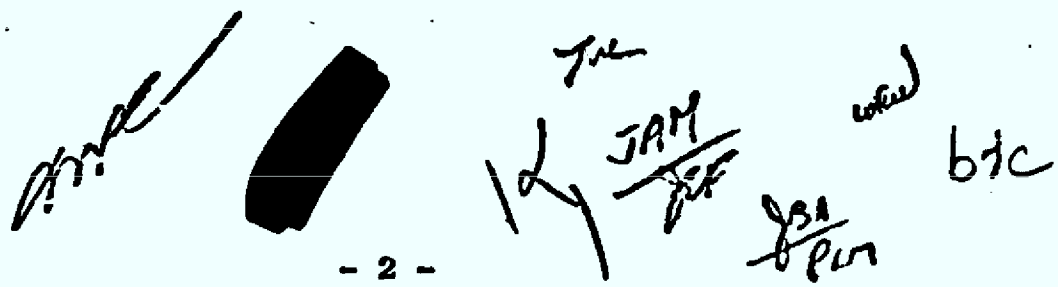
Department's extreme interest in this particular file and how it is visualized that the Levison investigation would have any bearing on the completeness of our investigation of the assassination of King. Murphy responded that its interest in the Levison case stems only from their interest in insuring we originally had a firm basis for the King investigation. Their interest is also tied in with an earlier suspicion that Levison might have been a Bureau informant. (This matter was covered in a prior memorandum reporting Pottinger's inquiry on this point and [redacted] dispelling any such thought to Pottinger.) b7c Murphy indicated that if and when tapes are to be listened to, it is their intention that it be done only by Pottinger.

Murphy was advised that because the Department's original request in this matter dated 12/4/75 asked for inventories "in your field offices," we had canvassed only field offices, to the exclusion of Legats. He was told of our procedure on file destruction by Legats, but that there might be some material in some Legats' offices, particularly in Mexico City. He indicated that for the time our canvass of field offices only is sufficient and that we should take no action as to inventorying Legats' offices.

Finally, Murphy was briefed concerning certain material in our files in late 1963 and early 1964 which refer to some differences between Mr. Hoover and the the then Domestic Intelligence Division on the King and related investigations. Murphy was told that some of Mr. Hoover's remarks written into the files were of a sarcastic nature and for a full understanding he should be aware of the atmosphere then existing between Hoover and then Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in that they apparently disagreed on the interpretation of communist influences in racial matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information and record purposes.



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1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In connection with an ongoing project being handled in the IS-1 Section, INTD, wherein Department personnel are reviewing our files concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and related matters, it is necessary that we have on hand and readily available all sections, including JUNE folders, of the files relating to King and the four other matters noted below for copy designation of this memorandum. These files are quite voluminous ranging from 14 to 162 sections in size.

To facilitate the maintenance of these files in the most practical manner for file review, it is suggested authority be granted for their maintenance on a temporary basis in Room 4077,* J. Edgar Hoover Building, and charged to Unit Chief P. E. Nugent.* "June" sections of these files will be charged to Mr. Deegan and kept in Security locked cabinet in Rm. 4092 JEH. LB

RECOMMENDATION:

Upon approval, Records Section, Files and Communications Division, recharge the designated files* to Mr. Nugent. When the need no longer exists for this special maintenance of these files, appropriate action will be taken to return them to the Records Section.

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1 - 100-442529 (Communist Influence In Racial Matters)
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King Adviser Says FBI 'Used' H

By Don Oberdorfer
Washington Post Staff Writer

Stanley Levison, the New York civil rights activist secretly cited by the FBI in allegations that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was under Communist influence, says he was merely an FBI "scapegoat."

Levison spoke up in a telephone interview last week after being identified in press reports as the "mysterious political influence" whose name the FBI had used in warnings to the highest officials of the Kennedy administration more than a decade ago.

Now in poor health and retired from most business and civic activity, Levison said the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's "primary objective was to 'get' Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. My conclusion is that I was a scapegoat Hoover was using for this purpose."

New information about the FBI warnings—and the wiretapping and bugging of King—surfaced in the current Senate intelligence committee hearings.

The details of the FBI's allegations against Levison have never been made public. Various reports have quoted the FBI as claiming that a mysterious "secret Communist" close to King was a danger to national security.

"I was never a member of the Communist Party," said Levison. "I did know some people who were . . . Particularly in the 1930s and 1940s you scarcely could have been an intellectual in New York without knowing some."

Levison said the charges against him were a case of "guilt by association" compounded by allegations from a former business associate who falsely named other persons as "secret Communists" in order to clear himself.

Levison, who is 63, calls himself "a political kind of person." He was a prominent member of a New York businessmen's committee for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944 and at various times a vice president of the Metropolitan New York Council of the American Jewish Congress, treasurer of an Episcopal Church magazine called The Churchman, an adviser in the organizing efforts of the New York Hospital Workers Union and a guiding force behind the New York Citizen's Inquiry on Parole and Criminal Justice. He has also been an attorney, a real estate man, a Ford Motor Co. dealer and in the import-export business among others.

His most noteworthy activity, as a friend, financial backer and adviser of the late Dr. King, began during the days of the Montgomery bus boycott 20 years ago. Levison was introduced to King by Bayard Rustin, a black leader in New York. Levison did free legal work for King, and devised fund-raising appeals for King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
. . . rejected warning

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. . . said out to "get" King

Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga.) recalls that King arranged for him to be interviewed by Levison before hiring him as an SCLC aide in the early 1960s. When President Kennedy warned King about the relationship with Levison in a White House Rose Garden conversation in 1963, King assigned Young to find out from Justice Department officials the details of the "threat" which Levison was thought to pose.

Despite the warnings—which arose from FBI reports—neither senior Justice Department officials nor anyone else could produce any hard information against Levison, Young recalled. King flatly disbelieved the allegations, according to Young.

"We knew what communism was. There had never been anything in his (Levison's) influence on the movement that suggested anything more radical than we were suggesting ourselves . . . If anything, he was a conservative influence. He was very cautious about becoming involved with the war in Vietnam, for example," Young said.

Levison said he refused on Fifth Amendment grounds to answer questions in a closed session of the Senate Internal Security Committee in 1962. Levison said he did so because he feared the session—evidently based on his former business associate's charges—would amount to an attack on King.

In fact, he said, King's name never came up at the hearing, which centered on the names

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(Attn: Mr. G. R. Steel)

DATE: 2/14/77

1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
1 - Mr. E. C. Peterson
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TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

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Recommends Bureau file regarding captioned individual be maintained in the Special File Room (SFR). (U)

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STANLEY LEVISON, C7; ADVISER TO DR. KING

New York Lawyer Had a Key Role in S.C.L.C. Efforts to Further Civil Rights Movement

Stanley David Levison, a New York lawyer and businessman, who was a key adviser to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and an important behind-the-scenes figure in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, died Wednesday at his home after a long illness. Mr. Levison, who lived at 85 East End Avenue, was 67 years old.

As a lawyer, Mr. Levison played a prominent role in civil rights, peace and labor causes. He was known for his strong support of the S.C.L.C., the non-violent group that Dr. King headed and forged into a powerful arm of the civil rights movement in the 1960's.

Andrew Young, former chief United States delegate to the United Nations, who is now in Douala, Cameroon, said of Mr. Levison:

"Stan Levison was one of the closest friends Martin King and I ever had. Of all the unknown supporters of the civil rights

Stanley David Levison

movement, he was perhaps the most important. He never pushed his own views on us, but was always willing to be critical and to think through ideas with us. Stan and his wife and his son have been part of my family."

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Tribute From Coretta King

From Atlanta, Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, paid tribute to Mr. Levison, saying:

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Stanley Levison. Stanley Levison was more than one of my husband's most loyal and supportive friends. He was a trusted and dedicated adviser, a role he continued to play in support of my work at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change. Because he was such a modest man, few people know of the magnitude of his contributions to the labor, civil rights and peace movements. He was truly one of the greatest unsung heroes in the nonviolent struggle for justice and social decency in 20th-century America."

Mr. Levison, a real estate investor and Ford dealer who was active in the American Jewish Congress, influenced the financial policies, strategy and tactics used by Dr. King and the S.C.L.C.

In the past, the Federal Bureau of Investigation asserted that Mr. Levison was a Communist influence on the movement and used the assertion to justify its electronic monitoring of Dr. King's activities.

The bureau never offered any proof of its allegation, and friends noted that Mr. Levison was never indicted for any alleged failure to register as a member of the Communist Party. And in 1978, after television programs had revived the issue, Mr. Levison asserted in an interview, "I was not nor am I now a member of the Communist Party.

Response to Communist Charge

"No one with a modicum of sense could have concluded that a man with the force of intellect and fierce independence that Martin King had could have been dominated by anybody."

Mr. Levison worked for the S.C.L.C. as an unpaid volunteer. His son, Andrew, said that Mr. Levison had been instrumental in giving Dr. King the idea for the Poor People's Campaign, the march on Washington that Dr. King had been planning shortly before he was assassinated in 1968.

Some conference staff members, in private conversations among themselves in the 1960's, questioned whether it was appropriate for Mr. Levison, an outsider, to exercise such extensive influence in matters that mainly concerned blacks.

And President Kennedy warned Dr. King in 1963 that he should dissociate himself from Mr. Levison to help protect the movement from allegations of Communist ties, Victor Navasky, said in his prize-winning book "Kennedy Justice."

Nevertheless, Mr. Levison remained influential with Dr. King until the black leader was killed, and worked afterward with Mrs. King.

Mr. Levison lived in New York, where he was born on May 2, 1912, the son of Harry Dudley Levison, a businessman, and Esther Kirstein Levison.

In the early 1930's, Mr. Levison studied at the University of Michigan, Columbia University, and the New School for Social Research before taking a bachelor of laws degree in 1938 at St. John's University, which also awarded him a master of laws the next year.

Mr. Levison began practicing law in New York in 1938, served with the Coast Guard in World War II, and was active in a variety of businesses, including the Ford dealership, a tool and die company, and a nickel company.

Mr. Levison is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Merkin, a reading specialist at the Northside Center for Child Development; a son, Andrew of Atlanta, and a brother, Roy Bennett.

A memorial service will be held next Monday, Sept. 24, at 6 P.M. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Labor Center at District 1199, 310 West 44th Street.