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July 8, 1969

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Roy Wilkins

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning the individuals to attend a White House affair on July 8, 1969.

The central files of the FBI reveal no pertinent derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:

Leslie Arends	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boone	Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd I. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stetson Coleman	Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dehlendorf	Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Romstrom
Dr. Helen G. Edmonds	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockweiler
Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Hampton	Mr. and Mrs. Adolf H. Rust
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hanes	Marc Scott
Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Jones	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith
Dr. and Mrs. J. Gus Liebenow	Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Towery
Mr. and Mrs. C. Payne Lucas	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Wise
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Matthews	Mr. and Mrs. John R. Woolley

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosed are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
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Conrad _____
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (sent direct)

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins

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This letter of transmittal may be declassified when
the enclosures bearing a classification are removed.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (11)

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July 2, 1969

MR. AND MRS. ROY WILKINS

20 West 40th St. D.C.
New York, N.Y.

Captioned individuals have never been the subjects of an FBI investigation. Roy Wilkins has been associated with the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since approximately 1931. His name, therefore, has appeared frequently in the public press as he has endeavored to further the publicly known aims and purposes of this nationally known organization. *Sum.*

During the 1930's and 1940's various communist publications contained articles concerning Wilkins' activities when those activities coincided in purpose with programs sponsored by the Communist Party (CP). No information has been received, however, that Wilkins has ever been a CP member.

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An article captioned "NAACP Leaders Dumped Rights of Negroes" appeared in the July 2, 1950, edition of "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper. This article stated that it had been remarked that the Forty-first Annual NAACP Conference, concluded on the previous Sunday in Boston, was the "best-organized public gathering run by the United States State Department since the 1949 CIO anti-communist bee in Cleveland."

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NOTE: Per request of John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins

"Roy Wilkins, NAACP Administrator, was the main front man for the State Department's disastrous Anti-Negro policies. The article criticized Wilkins for the manner in which he conducted the convention."

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[REDACTED] expressed his belief that Roy Wilkins, the "National Administrative Secretary" of the NAACP, would not knowingly be used by the communists; that Wilkins had fought communism for "many years" and that he was then openly anticommunist.

A National Conference of the NAACP was held during the weekend of April 6, 1957, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At this conference, Roy Wilkins, National Secretary, NAACP, announced that all delegates to the March on Washington to be held in May, 1957, would be closely screened in order that all "leftists" be definitely omitted.

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[REDACTED] advised that Roy Wilkins was one of the speakers who spoke at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., on May 17, 1957, in connection with the above-mentioned March on Washington. Mr. Wilkins stated that the CP was an evil force, that it attempted to use the NAACP as a front for CP activities, and that the CP can only mean poverty, economic strain and slavery.

In recent years Wilkins has been active in the establishment and promotion of demonstrations of a peaceful nature and has seemingly taken a moderate stand on civil rights issues. His speeches have dealt primarily with voter registration, school segregation and civil rights legislation in Congress. He has been observed at rallies, mainly as a speaker, and at memorial services for civil rights participants who have met with violence.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins

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Following the riots in the large northern cities in 1964, Wilkins requested the Department of Justice to initiate a full-scale investigation of the riots due to his suspicions that outside influences were involved.

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Mrs. Wilkins based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request. Attached is a copy of an FBI Identification Record which may pertain to Roy Wilkins.

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Date: 7/18/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-19874)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-367) (P)
 SUBJECT: SCHEDULED SPEECH OF ROY WILKINS,
 SELMA, ALA., 7/24/69
 RM

Attached hereto are 11 copies of LHM pertaining to
 the visit of ROY WILKINS at Selma, Ala., on 7/24/69.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mobile, Alabama
July 18, 1969

SCHEDULED SPEECH OF ROY WILKINS,
SELMA, ALABAMA, JULY 24, 1969

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[REDACTED]
heard that Roy Wilkins, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is scheduled to speak some time during the month of July 1969 in Selma, Alabama. He did not know the exact date that Wilkins was to be in Selma, nor did he know the nature of Wilkins' visit. It was his conjecture that Wilkins was probably coming to Selma in order to remold and regroup support from the responsible members of the Negro community, many of whom have become disgruntled with the Reverend Louis Lord Anderson and some of the direct action activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

b7D [REDACTED] advised that Roy Wilkins will be in Selma, Alabama, on July 24, 1969, and will deliver a speech at the Selma University Auditorium at 8 p.m. on that date. The source further advised that the Reverend C. A. Lett, 821 First Avenue, Selma, Alabama, who is the Pastor of the Greene Street Baptist Church, is in charge of all arrangements in Selma, Alabama, in preparation for Wilkins' visit. Reverend Lett is the Treasurer of Selma University and is also Treasurer of the Negro Alabama State Baptist Convention.

b7D [REDACTED] did not expect any demonstrations in connection with Wilkins' visit from within the NAACP but stated that SCLC might possibly stage some type of march in order to voice their opposition to recent stands on racial issues taken by the NAACP. This source stated he did not really expect this to develop but was just mentioning it as a possibility.

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[REDACTED] learned that Roy Wilkins, President, NAACP, is to be in Selma on July 24, 1969. To his knowledge, there were to be no demonstrations, boycotts, et cetera, while Wilkins is

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SCHEDULED SPEECH OF ROY WILKINS,
SELMA, ALABAMA, JULY 24, 1969

in Selma; however, he stated there was a possibility that the SCLC might possibly stage some type of demonstrations. He had no specific information along these lines but mentioned it as a possible eventuality.

Local, state, and military agencies are being advised.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 2/28/58 filed as 62-78270-2;
1/31/62 filed as 62-78270-9; 5/6/64 filed as 62-78270-13; and
4/20/67 filed as 62-78270-26)

Main File No: 62-78270

See also: 9-41768

50-1359 7/3/84

157-952 Classified by SP8JA/ams

Subject: Roy Wilkins

Declassify on: OADR 243,304
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190-16,543-26

Date: 8/8/69

Date Searched: 4/24/69

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.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

Analyst

Coordinator

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~~Roy H. Wilkins ✓~~
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ABBREVIATIONS

- Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Roy Wilkins can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.
- CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality
- NAACP.....National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Martin Luther King, Jr. - head of SCLC
Whitney M. Young, Jr. - executive director, National Urban League

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[REDACTED] Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., furnished volumes of material setting out names, addresses, identifying data and photographs of various individuals who had been arrested or active during the demonstrations at Selma and Montgomery, Ala., in 1965. This material included a photograph and information on Roy Wilkins. His arrest record was listed as "6/1/63, Vio. Sec. 1088 Miss. Code 1942."

Above material enclosed
157-7782-165 encl.p.123
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This reference set out the testimony of [REDACTED] (100-264841) before the SISS in Washington, D.C. on 3/3/66. In her testimony she made reference to Roy Wilkins as being head of the NAACP and mentioned having known him previously as a communist. (Details set out)

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100-264841-22 encl.p.70
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100-442529-1944 p.48
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This serial indicated that "Four Lights" was the publication of the US Section, WILPF.

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SI 25-330971-34-293 encl.p.1

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SI 25-330971-7771 encl.

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"The Washington Evening Star" dated 8/29/66 carried an article captioned "Black Power Parley To Draw 150 Leaders" by Larry A. Still. According to the article, Representative Adam C. Powell, Democrat, NY, stated that 150 representatives of "black organizations" had been invited to Washington, D.C., on 9/3/66 to a planning session for a National Conference on Black Power. Roy Wilkins was among those invited and was the only major leader who had expressed interest thus far.

100-439190-A "The Washington Evening
(7) Star" 8/29/66

b1c On 10/7/66 a self-identified black nationalist known as Ronald Everett [REDACTED] appeared as a guest on the television program "Contact," in Philadelphia. A transcription of the show indicated that Tom Snyder, the emcee, made reference to the appearance of Roy Wilkins and other civil rights leaders on the program "Meet the Press" about two weeks previously. Snyder asked Everett if he thought Martin Luther King, Wilkins and Whitney Young were wrong favoring integration rather than a separate black community. Everett replied that these three men were old, had outlived their usefulness, and needed to retire.

157-5877-3 p.14,21

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) (100-442684) was considering a program which would foster the RAM philosophy even to the point of assassinating leaders of other organizations until the organizations espoused the RAM philosophy.

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[REDACTED] remarked that [REDACTED] the general conversation throughout the Harlem area of NYC was that Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins and Whitney M. Young, Jr., were the persons to be assassinated since they were the current leaders of the Negro movement who were considered to be the individuals stifling progress of the Negro masses. These leaders were not opposed because of their non-violent approach but because of their lack of progress.

100-442684-34-103 p.3

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[REDACTED] advised that the Conference on Black Power (62-111166) scheduled in Washington, D.C., for 10/15/66 had been postponed by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell due to some controversy over whether Stokely Carmichael, chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, should appear at this conference. Information was reportedly released over radio (date not given) that Martin Luther King, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young were going to issue a joint proclamation against Carmichael. (u) (No further details)

It was noted that the above conference had been postponed until late November, 1966.

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Roy Wilkins was considered prominent among Negroes whose writings frequently appeared in the American public press. (Date and source not given)

The above was submitted in a blind memo enclosed with a NY airtel dated 10/13/66.

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[redacted] advised that on 10/15/66 Martin Luther King and Stanley Levison (not identified) conferred (place not given) regarding the issuance of a statement on 10/14/66 by 7 Negro leaders repudiating black power concepts. King endorsed the statement with certain reservations. King remarked that he must not be grouped with Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young. (S) u

100-442529-1982 encl.p.5

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A Washington Capital News Service release on 11/18/66 announced the formation of the anticommunist, antifascist Institute for American Democracy and listed Roy Wilkins among its sponsors. According to the release, the organization's basic job would be to provide information to local groups seeking to combat extremist propaganda.

62-104401-A Washington Capital News
(4) Service 11/18/66

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(5) (Director's Notation)

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100-442684-34-A Washington Capital News
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105-164159-37
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In reference to the above conference scheduled on 5/26-28/67, known as the National Conference of Negro Elected Officials (62-111534), Dr. John A. Morsell, Roy Wilkins' assistant, advised on 5/19/67 that he was aware of this conference only through public source material. He stated that to his knowledge, Wilkins would not be a speaker and was not expected to attend.

62-111534-7 encl.p.1

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The 6/2/67 issue of the "Rocky Mountain News," Denver, Colo., stated that the Sundiata (105-173904) Club in Denver had sponsored the appearance of LeRoi Jones, Negro playwright, on 6/1/67, at the Manual High School. In his speech Jones denounced Negro leaders like Whitney Young and Roy Wilkins. Jones had special words of derision for Negroes who failed to fight back against "white devils."

105-173904-3 encl.p.2

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On 6/11/67 a television program entitled "After Civil Rights - Black Power" appeared over NBC, narrated by Sander Vanocur. Roy Wilkins was among those interviewed. He stated his opposition to tying civil rights in with the peace movement. He declared that civil rights must be sought all the time, in war and peace.

100-446080-324 encl.p.5

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George J. Livingston, executive secretary of the Cleveland Ohio branch of the NAACP, announced that on 6/11/67, in Cleveland, Roy Wilkins would speak at a rally at the construction site of Cuyahoga Community College and later would lead a demonstration to the construction site of Cleveland State University where the NAACP membership would picket. This demonstration was held to protest discrimination in the hiring of workers on construction projects financed by the government.

173-2-11-4 encl.p.1

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[REDACTED] advised that during a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (100-439190) rally in Chicago on 6/29/67 Thelma Reason, self-identified as a Chicago representative of the Black Women of America and a black power advocate, spoke. She stressed the point that black moderate leaders such as Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young should be killed. This would prevent the white press from going to these leaders for statements from the black community and would force the white people to deal with the real leaders of the black people, such as herself.

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100-439190-1328 encl.p.3
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The 7/15/67 edition of "The Courier - Journal" (94-8-10), Louisville, Ky., carried an editorial captioned "The Tydings Ouster Is Part Of a Disturbing Pattern!" According to this editorial, the failure of public officials to respond to the justified grievances of Negroes was causing such relatively conservative Negro leaders as Roy Wilkins to despair. Wilkins stated that Congress's refusal to pass open-housing legislation and other needed civil rights bills was "creating the atmosphere" for violence.

Copy of above editorial enclosed
94-8-10-200 encl.p.2
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On 7/16/67 during an appearance on the television program, "Meet The Press," (94-38139) Roy Wilkins stated that he did not condone outbursts of violence by the Negroes; however, he felt that until Negroes were able to obtain better jobs, improved housing and economic security, the threat of violence would remain imminent. On the subject of Stokely Carmichael*, Wilkins stated that he did not know whether the militancy of Carmichael might have created an atmosphere which generated outbursts. Regarding "black power," Wilkins indicated that he had

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taken a stand opposing such militancy some time ago. He also emphasized that there would be more disorders in months to come and that an important consideration was police - community relations.

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The references listed below in the file captioned "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People" set out the activities of Roy Wilkins, executive director, during the period 6/28/66 to 7/30/67. He was scheduled to speak or spoke at numerous NAACP affairs in California, Louisiana, Ohio, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Georgia. On NBC's "Meet The Press" he backed the use of troops in riots. On one occasion he sent a letter to the Director appealing for contributions. It was also mentioned that the CP hoped that Wilkins could be pressured into sponsoring an anti-Vietnam stand. Wilkins did not advocate black power but rather peaceful integration of all races.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

61-3176-4280 encl.p.1,3,4
-4282 encl.p.1
-4283
-4297 p.1,2,encl.p.1-4
-4299 p.1,2,encl.p.1-3
-4301 encl.
-4302 p.1-3,encl.p.1-5
-4314
-4327 p.3,5
-4331 encl.p.1
-4340 encl.p.1
-4347
-4369 encl.p.1,2
-4371 encl.p.2,4
-4383 p.3,10,11
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61-3176-A "The Washington Post and
Times Herald" 7/8/66
-A "The Washington Evening Star"
10/25/66
-A "World Journal Tribune" 1/31/67
-A "The New York Times" 7/17/67

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[REDACTED] advised that on 7/27/67 Martin Luther King, Jr.,
(100-106670) was in conference with Stanley Levison, King's NYC advisor,
concerning a statement on riots allegedly issued on 7/26/67 by civil
rights leaders Roy Wilkins, Whitney M. Young, Jr., A. Philip Randolph
and King. (S) U

The above statement which appeared in the 7/27/67 edition
of "The New York Times" denounced violence and appealed to all citizens
to seek an end to the wrongs through legitimate means.

Copy of statement enclosed

100-106670-3067 encl.p.1

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This serial identified Williams as director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC.

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* Advisor to King

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[REDACTED] advised that on 4/12/67 Martin Luther King conferred with [REDACTED] prominent entertainer, among others, (place not given). As to the NAACP's criticism of King (not explained), [REDACTED] stated that Roy Wilkins recently received an award from Secretary of State Dean Rusk, which accounted for the fact that they were in agreement. (X) u

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100-442529-2418 p.9,45

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A listing of members and staff personnel of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (62-111730) as of 8/18/67 included Roy Wilkins. The Commission was meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week in the Executive Office Building, 17th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., and Commission members could be reached through the staff office located on 16th St., NW. (Source not given)

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CIA advised that a leaflet entitled "Solidarity with Negroes of the United States" dated 8/18/67 and signed by the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Marxist Party of Mexico was available for distribution at the "Jose Marti" Mexican-Cuban Cultural Exchange Institute in Mexico City during late August, 1967. The leaflet indicated that the Latin American Solidarity Organization agreed at its recent meeting to declare 8/18/67 as a day of solidarity for the revolutionaries of Latin America with the Negroes of the US. According to the leaflet, the Negroes in the large cities had rejected the teachings of traitors to the Negro movement such as Roy Wilkins and Martin Luther King and had chosen the revolutionary path as the method of achieving their liberation following such anticapitalist revolutionaries as Stokely Carmichael, director of black power.

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This reference identified Little as minister of Muhammad's Mosque # 1, Detroit.

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On 10/12/67 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he advocated the violent overthrow of the US Government. In commenting on various Negro leaders, he stated that Roy Wilkins would probably be murdered and that no "black man" had any respect for the NAACP as it was a political tool of the white politicians.

157-8190-1 p.12
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"The Miami News" dated 12/27/67 set out an article captioned "Chief Headley's Tough Talk Assailed By Negro Leaders" written by William Tucker. Several Negro leaders, including Roy Wilkins, attacked Miami Police Chief Walter Headley for his declaration of "war" on crime with dogs and shotguns in Miami's Negro districts. Wilkins stated that the get-tough policy was the easy solution but not the right one.

The 12/28/67 issue of "The Miami Herald" carried an article entitled "Negroes Attack 'Get Tough' Policy" by George Kennedy. This article also named Wilkins among those who were opposed to Chief Headley's tactics.

Copies of above articles enclosed
157-9342-50 encl.p.4,45,48
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This serial identified McKissick as national director of CORE.

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"The New York Times" dated 3/3/68 set out an article captioned "Both Sides in Riot Inquiry Weighed Separate Report" by Steven V. Robert datelined 3/2/68, Washington, D.C. According to the article, in the last weeks of the life of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (62-111730) the six-member liberal group, which included Roy Wilkins, won several key victories. The Commission's report, issued the previous Thursday, stated that our country was moving towards two societies - one white and one black, and placed on the white society the responsibility of the riots and the necessity for it to make "hard choices" to reverse the trend towards racial separation.

62-111730-A "The New York Times"
(18) 3/3/68

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A source who had furnished reliable information in the past (not further identified) advised that on 3/11/68 it was announced at a sanitation strike strategy meeting held at Clayborn Temple in Memphis, Tenn., that Roy Wilkins would address a strike support rally in Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, on 3/14/68.

TENNESSEE

On 3/12/68 SAs and the Memphis Police Department observed about 200 Negroes at City Hall where Reverend James Morris Lawson, Jr., spoke to them. He stated that he would bring a wave of national civil rights leaders to Memphis to aid in the struggle, beginning with Roy Wilkins on 3/14/68.

Sanitation Workers Strike is the subject of this file.

157-9146-X37 p.1,3
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"The Atlanta Constitution" of 4/9/68 disclosed that Roy Wilkins stated at a press conference (date and place not given) that despite the extremists' "talk about 'get whitey,' kill ten white for eve Negro killed, the people who lose their lives are Negroes." He also had harsh words for Stokely Carmichael, the black power extremist, implying that he might be a provocateur.

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At a press conference in NYC on 4/8/68, Roy Wilkins explained that the NAACP was distributing antiviolenace stickers across the country, one of which read "Hot Head, Hot Lead, Cold Dead."

"The New York Times" issue of 4/9/68 quoted Roy Wilkins as saying "millions of Negroes in this country" were opposed to violence and rejected what he said was the "shrill" contention of militants that they were taking over the Negro community. Wilkins stated that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would be "outraged" by the disorders following his assassination. He acknowledged that New York's militant Negroes "have chosen to be good citizens" cooperating with Mayor John Lindsay in his efforts to keep NYC calm.

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b2 b7D [REDACTED] advised that on 4/22/68 the SCLC and an institute^{b7C} (name not given) on new careers for Negroes, headed by [REDACTED] (phonetic), were co-sponsoring a conference in NYC. Several civil rights leaders were scheduled to attend including a representative of (Roy) Wilkins. The purpose of the meeting was to derive some legislative strategy. (S)u

It was noted that Morris Saul (phonetic) would represent Wilkins. (S)u

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According to the "Evening Star" dated 4/3/68, Washington, D.C., Roy Wilkins, in a speech before the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on 4/3/68, warned that black militants who called for violence and separatism were actually playing into the hands of white racists and were causing officials in some cities to give police departments "blank checks" to buy heavy weapons. He then displayed several stickers being passed out by the NAACP, whose slogans pertained to nonviolence.

The "Washington Afro-American" dated 5/7/68, Washington, D.C., newspaper, reported that Wilkins, after a visit to the White House in early May, stated that he saw "no immediate danger of the whole colored American population going off on a violence kick."

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The following serials in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" made reference to Roy Wilkins and Whitn Young, of the National Urban League, as being of the conservative Negro faction. Discussion among SCLC members disclosed that these two individuals were considered by President Johnson as his men which was just what they wanted, thus placing Martin Luther King, Jr., head of SCLC, in a less advantageous position. King differed somewhat in his ideas and seemingly had no desire to be identified with them. It did not appear that Wilkins endorsed the SCLC; on the occasion of a civil rights rally in Cleveland, Ohio, he failed to mention a forthcoming SCLC campaign. Also set out was a scheduled meeting in NYC with Senator Eugene McCarthy who was publicly endorsing the Poor People's Campaign on that date. Information covered the period 4/23/66 to 5/19/68.

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The following references set out various meetings at which Roy Wilkins spoke, was in attendance or was a scheduled speaker.

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3/21/65 (scheduled speaker)	35 American labor, civil rights, church, student and youth organi- zations (set out)	Washington, D.C.	State Department	105-139188-1 (8) encl.p.
7/31/66 (scheduled speaker)	NAACP rally	New Orleans, La.		173-2465-8 enc (13) p.7 b2D
6/13-15/67 (attended)	Summit con- ference held by nation's most prominent civil rights leaders	Suffern, NY	"The Wash- ington Post and Times Herald" 6/15/67	100-444771-9 p (8)
2/25/68 (spoke)	S. C. State College	Orangeburg, <u>S. C.</u>		157-8685-37 en (13) p.1 b2D
6/19/68 (spoke)	SCLC Solidar- ity Day	Washington, D.C.	SAs 	157-8428-2619 (12) encl.p

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A Paul Harvey news release on 7/2/68 by General Features Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif., spoke of the abortive poor people's march on Washington, the failure of the militants and the final emergence of the responsible Negro leaders. He quoted Bayard Rustin, Negro scholar, as saying that Negroes of the prominence of Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young and Philip Randolph, with the help of others, had led 2 million Negroes out of the slums by encouraging them to work. He then mentioned the NAACP convention in Atlantic City (date not given) where Wilkins told a group there advocating violence that they "ought to be ashamed!" Harvey concluded that self-made, successful Negroes were beginning to preach what they practiced.

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157-8428-A General Features Corporat:
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The references listed below in the file captioned "Congress of Racial Equality" indicated that Roy Wilkins was a participant in the annual CORE convention held 7/3-7/68 in the Sheraton - Columbus Motor Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. He spoke at sessions on 7/4-6/68 and at a press conference on 7/5/68. He urged moderation and stated that the NAACP would not support the proposal for a black nation.

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On 7/31/68 Roy Wilkins appeared before the Equal Opportunity ^{Florida} In An Urban Society Subcommittee of the Republican Platform Committee in Miami and made a statement as chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, 2027 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. He stated that the nation needed a social and economic bill of rights which guaranteed all basic rights to every American. (Statement set out in further detail)

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The source of this information was public release material made at the subcommittee meeting.

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The references listed below in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set forth the activities of Roy Wilkins as executive director of the NAACP during the period 1/10/66 to 1/27/69. He addressed several affairs in the District of Columbia, Tennessee, Ohio, NY, South Carolina, Missouri and Mississippi and was scheduled to appear or to speak at other functions in Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana. These gatherings included civil rights meetings, protest rallies and regular NAACP conferences. Wilkins' topics primarily concerned racial murders, discriminatory employment practices, voter registration and open housing legislation. Wilkins took a moderate stand on civil rights issues and claimed that violence was not the solution to Negro discrimination. He even distributed antiviolence stickers over the country through the NAACP. Statements made by him regarding violence and unfair practices against the Negro were set out. Also mentioned was his appearance on TV's "Meet The Press" and his visit to the White House.

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Subject: ROY WILKINS
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Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of a self explanatory LHM relating to the reported appearance of ROY WILKINS, National Executive Director of the NAACP, at Tampa, Fla., 8/22/69.

The enclosed LHM is being disseminated locally to US Secret Service, MI, and USA, Tampa; OSI, Patrick AFB, Fla., as well as NISO, Orlando, Fla.

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ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Tampa
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: 4 SEP 2 1969

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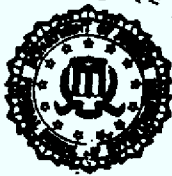
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Tampa is conducting no inquiry in connection with the appearance of WILKINS, but should demonstrations develop, the Bureau will be promptly informed.

For information of Bureau, MARVIN DAVIES, Field Director, Florida NAACP, was informed that the FBI could, in no way, offer protective service to Mr. WILKINS. Any information he obtained indicating violent activities toward Mr. WILKINS should immediately be furnished to local authorities who would be responsible for safe conduct of Mr. WILKINS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
August 14, 1969

ROY WILKINS

On August 14, 1969, Marvin Davies, Field Director, Florida National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), informed that Roy Wilkins, the National Executive Director of the NAACP, is scheduled to arrive in Tampa, Florida, on August 22, 1969, aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 719. Mr. Davies pointed out that Mr. Wilkins is to appear at a Freedom Fund dinner at 8 PM, August 22, 1969. The dinner is to be held at the Sheraton-Tampa Motor Inn, according to Davies. Mr. Wilkins is to remain overnight in Tampa, departing this city on August 23, 1969, via an unidentified airline. Mr. Davies continued by saying that the Freedom Fund dinner at which Mr. Wilkins is to appear, is being sponsored by the Tampa Chapter of the NAACP. He said that Bob Gilder, President, Tampa Chapter of the NAACP, has been instrumental in arranging for the Freedom Fund dinner and has a responsibility for arranging accommodations for Mr. Wilkins during the night of August 22, 1969. Mr. Davies, who said he possessed no information, indicating violent activity toward Mr. Wilkins, concluded by saying that he wanted representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be aware of the presence of Mr. Wilkins and to take whatever precautions are necessary in connection with Mr. Wilkins' visit. Fla.

Representatives of the following agencies have been notified concerning the above information:

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Military Intelligence, Tampa, Florida.

United States Attorney, Tampa, Florida.

Office of Special Investigations, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

NISO, Orlando, Florida.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON (157-NEW) 4P

VISIT OF ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NAACP, TO
MISS., TO PARTICIPATE IN PROTEST MARCH AT CLARKSDALE,
MISS., NOV., TWENTY-TWO, INSTANT, RM.

CR ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NAACP, NEW YORK, NEW
YORK, ADDRESSED ABOUT EIGHTY NEGROES AT FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, CLARKSDALE, MISS., DURING A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NINE AM, SAT., NOV., TWENTY-
TWO INSTANT. THE SERVICE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF
FORTY MISS., NAACP CHAPTER PRESIDENTS IN WHAT WAS TERMED
"AN ANATOMY OF A MOVEMENT", TO DISCUSS LEGAL MEANS OF
PROTEST. THEY CONTRIBUTED ABOUT SEVENTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS
TO THE NAACP FUND.

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WILKINS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT MISS., WAS THE ONLY STATE WHERE STUDENTS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS WOULD BE EXPELLED FROM SCHOOLS, REFERRED TO THE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ORMA SMITH, NDM, AND THAT STUDENTS IN THE FIRST FOUR GRADES OF COAHOMA SCHOOLS WHO REFUSE TO TAKE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL THE SECOND SEMESTER BEGINNING JANUARY NEXT.

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AN APPEARANCE OF ENTERTAINER ARETHA FRANKLIN FOR THE PROTEST
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HAS BEEN MADE.

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MAY SEND EDUCATORS TO PARTICIPATE ON DEC., SIX, NEXT,
POSSIBLY INCLUDING JOHN GALBRAITH.

HE ALSO STATED THAT AT A FUTURE DATE HE HOPES TO HAVE
LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING JERRY WORTH,
WALTER REUTHER, JACK EDWARDS, AND WILLIAM OLIVER, ALL
LABOR LEADERS, BUT NO DEFINITE PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY
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APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS
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From: SAC, JACKSON (157-11656) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

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Subject: VISIT OF ROY WILKINS,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NAACP,
TO MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE MARCH
AT CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI 11/22/69

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☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats

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Summary of Complaint:

ROY WILKINS, Executive Director, NAACP, New York,
New York, marched in protest march at Clarksdale, Mississippi,
11/22/69. No arrests or incidents.

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ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and

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☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

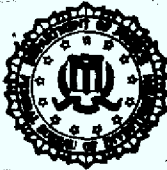
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

November 26, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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VISIT OF ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE TO MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE
IN PROTEST MARCH AT CLARKSDALE,
MISSISSIPPI, NOVEMBER 22, 1969

Reference Jackson, Mississippi, memorandum November
21, 1969.

Aaron Henry, President, Mississippi National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP),
Clarksdale, Mississippi, announced through news media on
November 20, 1969, that Roy Wilkins, Executive Director,
NAACP, New York, New York, would participate in a protest
march at Clarksdale, on Saturday, November 22, 1969. David
Self, Negro male, active in Negro protest activity at
Clarksdale, confirmed on November 20, 1969, that Wilkins
was expected in Clarksdale, Mississippi, on November 22, 1969.

Aaron Henry advised a Special Agent of the FBI
on November 21, 1969, that Wilkins would be present for a
memorial service for President John F. Kennedy at the First
Baptist Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 8:00 A.M., Saturday,
November 22, 1969, after which there would be a meeting of
Mississippi Chapter Presidents of the NAACP in what was
termed "An Anatomy of a Movement", which Henry described as
a discussion of the legal means of protest. He stated that

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the meeting would be followed by a protest march at 10:00 A.M., through downtown Clarksdale to the front of the Coahoma County Courthouse where Wilkins was to make a brief speech concerning the school desegregation issue in Clarksdale and Coahoma County, Mississippi.

A memorial service for President Kennedy was held at the First Baptist Church, Clarksdale, at 8:30 A.M., November 22, 1969. The service was led by Aaron Henry and Reverend Willie B. Crump, pastor of the Haven Methodist Church, Clarksdale. Wilkins was late in his arrival from Memphis, Tennessee; however, he arrived about 9:15 A.M., and he spoke briefly concerning his admiration for President Kennedy, particularly mentioning the fact that Kennedy had the courage to face the issue of his religion as a major factor in his campaign. Wilkins advised the group of about 80 Negroes that they should recognize that there are many white people who are willing to give assistance to Negroes.

The service was followed by a meeting of 40 Mississippi NAACP Chapter Presidents, according to Henry, who advised on November 22, 1969, that the chapter representatives contributed about \$1,700.00 to the NAACP at the meeting.

At 10:00 A.M., 480 Negroes marched from the First Baptist Church through downtown Clarksdale, escorted by local police officers, to the Coahoma County Courthouse, where a public address system had been installed on the Courthouse steps.

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Wilkins addressed the group at that location, with particular reference to the decision of the Federal Court in Mississippi, to exclude children from school if they have refused to take achievement tests on which their assignment to particular schools will be based. He cited the need for white and black citizens to resolve this problem because it was his opinion that keeping children from school would not be the solution. He indicated that Negroes should follow the instructions of their leaders in the current protest movement at Clarksdale and he pointed out that neither the Negroes nor the whites of Coahoma County were going anywhere and it was important for them to resolve their problems.

The group marched back to the First Baptist Church, again led by Aaron Henry, Roy Wilkins, and Alex Waites, who is employed by the NAACP Welfare and Relief Board in Jackson, Mississippi.

There were no arrests or incidents.

Wilkins arrived and departed in a black over green 1968 Plymouth four door sedan, bearing Shelby County, Tennessee, license KO 7790. He left Clarksdale at 11:45 A.M., November 22, 1969.

Aaron Henry advised on November 22, 1969, that he is attempting to secure an appearance of entertainer Aretha Franklin for the protest activity of November 29, 1969, but no definite agreement had been made.