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Bayard Rustin

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the CP USA held in New York City, on February 9-11, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958, and the YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of
a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information about a
contact between STANLEY LEVISON and BEN HOOKS, of the SCLC
in Memphis, about the possibility of making the SCLC a
membership organization. The source is [REDACTED] b2
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No teletype summary of this LHM was sent to the
Bureau because previous information has been furnished about
LEVISON's thought on conducting a membership drive among
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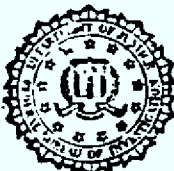
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and Ben Hooks of Memphis, Tennessee, a member of the Executive Board of the SCLC, discussed making the SCLC a membership organization. Levison felt that they did not have to go in for branches that, at the present time, particularly in churches, it is possible to launch a campaign around the slogan "A Million to Replace One". Levison also noted that the SCLC has more entry into labor unions than any other civil rights organization. Levison recalled that he had told Martin Luther King, Jr. that the SCLC never used the strength they have in the labor movement. He said that in the Black locals of the Teamsters Union alone they could get thousands of memberships with the cooperation of the union. He added that the National Vice President of the Packing House Workers Union in Chicago, a Negro, told Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) that they would do "these kind of things" with the SCLC, such as raising money, provided the SCLC backed up the Black members in those unions. ~~2~~

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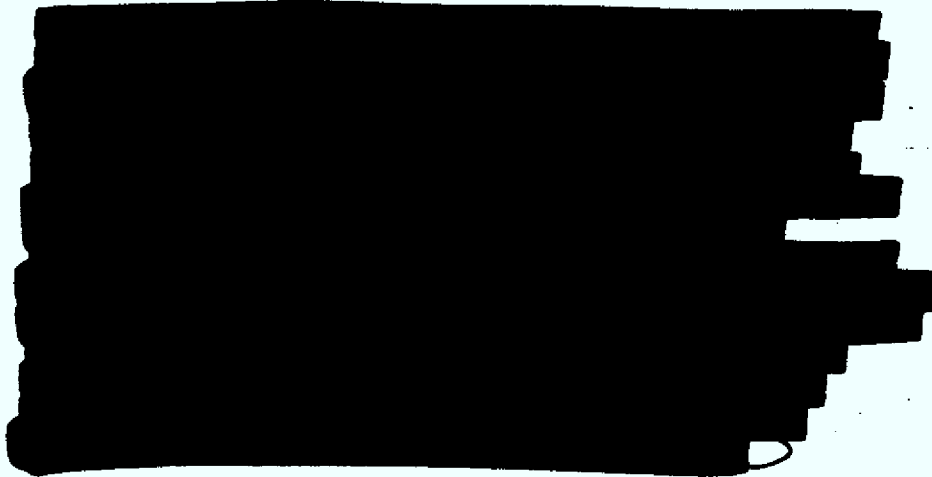
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Martin Luther King, Jr. ;
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Levison and Hooks agreed that the membership fee
should be \$3.00 per year. ~~X~~

Levison noted the Board of the SCLC would have to
approve any action making the SCLC a membership organization.
He said that there should be a Finance Committee and that
Hooks should be Chairman of it. ~~X~~



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ReNYteletype, dated 5/2/68.

On 5/2/68, [redacted] furnished information concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and one CERILLO (ph) who was then in the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tenn. LEVISON had called this motel to speak with ANDREW YOUNG, who was not yet registered.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing the content of the conversation between LEVISON and CIRILLO. It is NY's belief that CIRILLO (ph) was in Memphis with the rest of the SCLC officials to take part in the memorial service at the Lorraine Motel where MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated.

Atlanta is requested to advise NY of the identity of CERILLO.

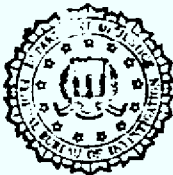
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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a highly sensitive source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. [REDACTED] b7D
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Conference (SCLC) -
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 2, 1968, that, on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with one Cerillo (ph) whom the source did not know but who was known to be in Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with SCLC activity. Cerillo told Levison that "we" (SCLC) have been doing great things nationally, that he had a Tag (ph) Day on April 27, 1968, in Chicago, which paid off "tenfold", and that he recently spoke to Sammy Davis, Jr., who is in Chicago with the play "Golden Boy". He said Davis was going to give "us" (the SCLC) his May 20th proceeds. Cerillo noted further that they have contacted schools "and all that" and they (the schools) are supposed to have funds. In addition, he said that on Sunday (May 5, 1968), the Universities of Chicago and Northwestern would be having programs "for us".

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Levison commented that he has been working on a meeting to be held at Randall's Island Stadium, New York City. He explained that one of the major record companies for rock and roll is going to cooperate with the Black Disc Jockeys Association in putting on a big affair at Randall's Island for about 25,000 people. He said it is hoped to raise between one hundred and one hundred fifty thousand dollars which "we" (the SCLC) have agreed to divide with the Black Disc Jockeys Association, one third - two thirds.

Levison referred to a form letter he had received from Atlanta from one J. Oscar McCloud (ph) in which McCloud is promoting a memorial portrait of Martin Luther King to be sold for one dollar. Levison said that he believes this portrait could be used as a membership card by the SCLC and that they should not, therefore, be selling it because they would be competing with themselves. Levison said he did not believe the SCLC had endorsed any such pictures and inquired as to McCloud's identity. B

Cerillo stated that McCloud is a new fellow he had just read about and whom the SCLC had in a fund-raising situation. Cerillo said he understood that Levison had a meeting in Atlanta at which it was agreed that anything such as sales, requiring an endorsement of the SCLC, must be approved by a committee of which Levison is a member.

Levison stated that this was true and agreed with Cerillo that McCloud has no authority to confirm or deny any photograph. Levison added that he was also upset because McCloud, on the form letter, described himself as the National Director of the Fund Raising Campaign. Levison told Cerillo that this could not be true "if you are the Treasurer and don't know about it." Levison added that he has been involved in national fund raising all these years and that he knows nothing about what McCloud is doing. He said McCloud has taken

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on a title which he should not take on and that if the (SCLC) Executive Staff gave it to him they should not have done it. Levison added that it will complicate matters because "we're" working on certain things that have to do with fund-raising in New York and "you're working on things".

Levison said if people should suddenly point out that the national fund raiser is McCloud, he and Cerillo will look foolish. He counseled that Cerillo "as the top financial officer" should be the one to take this question up.

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"SECRET") OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JUNE FIVE
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STANLEY LEVISON, ON JUNE FIVE TOLD HIS WIFE OF
AN SCLC MEETING HELD WASHINGTON, DC ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR.
HE DESCRIBED MEETING AS GOOD IN ONE SENSE AND NOT GOOD
IN ANOTHER. HE STATED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY IS HOPELESS
AND WAS ASLEEP DURING ENTIRE MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT
CORETTA KING TOOK HIS ADVICE BUT INSISTED ON GIVING
PRIORITY TO THE LIBRARY (NOT SPECIFIED). HE SAID SHE
TOOK A GOOD POSITION ON MONEY AND ASSURED HIM SHE IS
GOING AHEAD WITH THE BOOK (ABOUT HER LIFE WITH KING).

LEVISON SAID ABERNATHY TOOK HIM ASIDE AND TOLD HIM
THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE HE TRUSTED WERE MARTIN
LUTHER KING AND LEVISON. ALSO THAT ABERNATHY SAID

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THAT KING HAS LEFT HIM AND PLEADED THAT LEVISON NOT DO THE SAME.

LEVISON INDICATED THAT ABERNATHY SENT PEOPLE TO WORK ON HIM TO GET HIM TO STAY WITH THE SCLC. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO TELL THEM THAT KING NEVER FLATTERED HIM. LEVISON STATED THAT THE PRESS APPARENTLY HAS NOT LEARNED THE FACT THAT ABERNATHY TOLD A REPORTER IN MIAMI THAT HE NEVER READ BAYARD RUSTIN'S STATEMENT GIVING THE DEMANDS OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. HE NOTED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN IS NOT IN WASHINGTON THAT RUSTIN HAD BEEN ACTED AGAINST. LEVISON SAID HE PROPOSED THAT THE SCLC

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MUST LOK-XXX-LOOK AT THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO GO INTO REAL ACTION. "THE NEW YORK TIMES", JUNE FIVE, PAGE FOUR, CONTAINS AN ACCOUNT DATED WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING THE MEETING BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK AND PEOPLE FROM THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. IT STATED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS OF THE SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF SAID RUSTIN WAS "OUT OF ORDER" IN MAKING POLICY STATEMENTS.

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ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON AND BILL RUTHERFORD,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCLC, DISCUSSED POOR PEOPLE'S
CAMPAIGN (PPC). RUTHERFORD MENTIONED A TELEGRAM FROM
CHRISTIAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH, YUMA, ARIZONA, ASKING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GET INDIANS TO PARTICIPATE
IN PPC. RUTHERFORD SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THESE
PEOPLE ARE BUT THAT THE SCLC DOES HAVE COORDINATORS
WORKING WITH THE INDIANS AND MEXICAN AMERICANS

RUTHERFORD MENTIONED THAT A BOB BROWN WOULD BE IN
WASHINGTON ON MAY THIRTEEN TO REPORT ON A TRIP TO
CHICAGO. BROWN, ACCORDING TO RUTHERFORD, SAID THERE

IS A SERIOUS EFFORT ON PART OF SOME PEOPLE TO MAKE JESSE
JACKSON (SCLC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER) SOMETHING HE IS NOT

"LIKE PRESIDENT OF THE SCLC". LEVISON MENTIONED THAT
HARRY BELAFONTE IS VERY IMPRESSED WITH JACKSON, THAT

THE SCLC IS GOING TO BE PRESENTED BECAUSE ABERNATHY'S MAY 1968
IS NOT GIVING LEADERSHIP. HE SAID THE TWO PERSONS,

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NAMED TO LEADERSHIP, CORETTA KING AND ABERNATHY, ARE NOT GIVING IT. LEVISON SAID "A FEW OF US" HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH ABERNATHY AND PERHAPS CORETTA, TO "SPELL IT OUT" BECAUSE THEY INSIST ON BEING LEADERS WHILE THEY ARE NOT. RUTHERFORD WAS CRITICAL OF CORETTA KING FOR HAVING ARRANGED FOR JESSE JACKSON TO ACCEPT A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH SOMEONE ELSE. LEVISON SAID THERE HAS TO BE A CONFRONTATION ON MONEY PROBLEMS BECAUSE CORETTA WANTS TO GET MONEY TO MAINTAIN HER SWOLLEN STAFF. RUTHERFORD AND LEVISON AGREED TO A MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY THIRTEEN TO TAKE UP THE MATTERS THEY DISCUSSED.

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ON MAY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CLARENCE JONES WAS IN CONTACT WITH LEVISON. JONES MENTIONED A FORTHCOMING DINNER AT THE ESSEX HOUSE (BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO BE SCLC DINNER ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT) STATING HE ASSUMED RIGHT PEOPLE RECEIVED INVITATIONS. LEVISON SAID HE WOULD NOT ASSUME THIS BECAUSE THE LIST WAS MADE UP BY LARGELY JEWISH PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS. THE SOURCE LEARNED ON MAY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT THAT, ON THAT DATE, ANDREW YOUNG AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED THE PPC WITH LEVISON STATING HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE SMALL SHOWING OF PPC MARCHERS IN CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY, ON MAY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. LEVISON SAID ALSO THAT ABERNATHY IS BECOMING

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OVER EXPOSED AND KEEPS REPEATING HIMSELF TOO MUCH.

LEVISON INDICATED HE WANTS YOUNG TO COME FORWARD

A LITTLE MORE, THAT YOUNG'S IS THE IMAGE THE PUBLIC

SHOULD SEE MORE OF NOW. YOUNG NOTED THEY

ARE HAVING A STAFF MEETING MOST OF THE DAY ON MAY

THIRTEEN AT THE PITT MOTEL IN WASHINGTON, DC AND LEVISON

SAID HE WOULD ATTEND (WFO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED).

LATER THE SAME DATE, CLARENCE JONES AND STANLEY LEVISON

DISCUSSED AN OFFER FROM A BOB CRUZ (PHONETIC) TO APPROACH

RECORD COMPANIES TO SOLICIT MONEY FOR THE PPC. JONES TOLD

LEVISON THAT EUGENE MC CARTHY WANTS TO MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT

ON THE ^{PEOPLES PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN} PPC AND DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE COULD ASK ALL

CANDIDATES TO WELCOME THE PPC MARCHERS. JONES SAID THE OTHER

THING IS A STATEMENT MC CARTHY IS PREPARED TO DO ON HIS

OWN. JONES NOTED THAT MC CARTHY IS SPEAKING AT MADISON

SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY ON MAY NINETEEN AND WANTS TO ENDORSE

THE PPC AND IT IS JONES' RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE MC CARTHY

GUIDELINES AS TO THE BEST WAY TO PUBLICLY ENDORSE IT. JONES

ASKED LEVISON TO GIVE HIM THE KIND OF THING MC CARTHY SHOULD

EMPHASIZE. LEVISON SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT AND GIVE IT TO

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JONES WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS MEETING WITH YOUNG IN WASHINGTON.

LEVISON MENTIONED THAT HE WANTS TO GET A COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE, WHO WOULD SUPPORT KENNEDY AND MC CARTHY, AROUND THE ISSUES BOTH AGREE WITH AND PUT ADS IN NEWSPAPERS. HE SAID THIS WOULD GIVE SOLIDARITY TO THE WHOLE PEACE GROUP WHICH IS IN DANGER OF GETTING

LOST. HE SAID HE IS WORKING ON THE ^{TEXT} OF THIS AD. JONES MENTIONED THAT FLOYD MC KISSICK (HEAD OF CORE) AND ROY INNIS

(CORE OFFICIAL) ARE HOSTING A MEETING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

(MAY NINETEEN) AND MC CARTHY IS GOING TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE BLACK LEADERS OF THE GHETTO NATIONALLY AND THEN AT SIX PM WITH

THE ESTABLISHED NEGRO LEADERSHIP SUCH AS ROY WILKENS AND WHITNEY YOUNG. JONES MENTIONED THAT CORE IS ALMOST READY TO PUBLICLY

ENDORSE RICHARD NIXON. HE SAID NIXON MADE A SPEECH ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK CAPITALISM AND THAT CORE "WENT HOG WILD

OVER IT" AND HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH NIXON. LEVISON DESCRIBED MC KISSICK AS AN OPPORTUNIST AND SAID HE KNOWS THE YEARNING TO BECOME A BUSINESS MAN IS A POWERFUL THING IN THE GHETTO.

LEVISON WAS CRITICAL OF GIVING NEGROES THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A SEPARATE ECONOMY IN THE GHETTO. HE SAID HE

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DISLIKED THE CONCEPT OF BLACK CAPITALISM GETTING LEGALITY AND CURRENCY. ON MAY TWELVE LEVISON DISCUSSED WITH ONE SI FASHIA (PHONETIC) THE NAMES OF PERSONS TO BE INVITED TO THE SCLC DINNER AND SI NOTED THAT ABOUT FIFTEEN TOP UNION MEN HAVE BEEN INVITED SUCH AS THE HOTEL AND CLUB EMPLOYEES AND AMALGAMATED LAUNDRY WORKERS. SI STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT TWENTY ACCEPTANCES THUS FAR. SAID THEY WANT BELAFONTE TO CHAIR THE DINNER.

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ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, CORETTA KING
AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND
FUTURE OF SCLC AND RALPH ABERNATHY (HEAD OF SCLC)

IN PARTICULAR. CORETTA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT STATEMENTS MAY 23 1968

BEING MADE BY ABERNATHY NOTING THAT HE APPARENTLY HAS

BECOME SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP AND IS ALWAYS

ON DEFENSIVE. SHE REFERRED TO SPEECH ABERNATHY MADE

ON THURSDAY NIGHT (PROBABLY MAY NINE) BEFORE TWELVE

THOUSAND PEOPLE AND SAID THE GENERAL TONE OF IT

WAS INFLAMMATORY. SHE SAID SHE IS BEGINNING TO GET

WORRIED ABOUT WHERE NONVIOLENCE IS. SHE SAID ABERNATHY
HAS STOP DEFENDING HIS LEADERSHIP AND ASKED IF

LEVISON HAD TALKED WITH HIM LATELY. LEVISON SAID

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HE HAD TALKED WITH ABERNATHY TWO HOURS BEFORE AFTER TALKING TO ANDY YOUNG (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SCLC). HE SAID YOUNG TOOK THE POSITION THAT ABERNATHY ONLY LISTENS TO PEOPLE WHO FLATTER HIM AND NOT PERSONS WHO HAVE CRITICISM. LEVISON SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF IT IS POINTED OUT TO ABERNATHY THAT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES CAN KILL HIM, HE IS SMART ENOUGH TO LISTEN. LEVISON SAID HE SEES RIDICULE ARISING IN THE PRESS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY OF THE SCLC WHICH WILL BE A REFLECTION ON ABERNATHY. HE SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF HE AND YOUNG TALK TO ABERNATHY THAT ABERNATHY KNOWS THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS DELIVERED AND WILL LISTEN. LEVISON STATED HE THEN TALKED TO ABERNATHY AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO BE THE OBJECT OF RIDICULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN, THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN NICE TO HIM BUT IF HE DOES NOT ORGANIZE THE MAY THIRTY (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC) MASS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON, DC) PROPERLY, HE WILL BE ATTACKED. LEVISON SAID HE RECOMMENDED THAT WYATT (WALKER FORMER SCLC OFFICIAL) WOULD BE A KEY MAN TO SET UP APPARATUS IN NEW YORK FOR THE PPC BECAUSE NEW YORK HAS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WASHINGTON (MAY THIRTY) EVENT, AND ABERNATHY AGREED. CORETTA SAID IT IS

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IMPORTANT TO GET THROUGH MAY THIRTY BUT IT IS MORE
IMPORTANT WHAT THEY DO AFTERWARD. SHE SAID ABERNATHY
HAS DONE NOTHING ABOUT AN SCLC STRUCTURE TO CARRY ON AND THAT
SOME OF THE MEN AROUND ABERNATHY FEEL HE IS NOT USING THEM.
SHE STATED SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SCLC
TO ABERNATHY THAT SHE FELT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO COMMUNICATE
WITH HIS TOP LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. LEVISON
AND CORETTA DISCUSSED USING JESSE JACKSON'S (SCLC STAFF
MEMBER) ABILITY TO THE BENEFIT OF SCLC. LEVISON STATED
THAT DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE TOP LEADERSHIP
COLLECTIVELY. CORETTA AGREED AND NOTED IF ABERNATHY WILL USE
PEOPLE AROUND HIM COLLECTIVELY, HE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND THE
SCLC CAN GO ON WITHOUT BEING HAMPERED BY "ALL THE POWER PLAYS
THAT ARE GOING TO COME." LEVISON SAID THAT THEY MUST BE FRANK
AND HONEST IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE'S SHORTCOMINGS. LEVISON FELT
THE MOST CORRECT TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLECTIVE
LEADERSHIP. LEVISON AND CORETTA DISCUSSED HER OPINION THAT THE
SCLC SHOULD HAVE A STRONG PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. LEVISON
DID NOT AGREE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE FINANCING OF THE SCLC.
LEVISON SAID HE HAS NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE SOURCES
OF FUNDS WILL BE BY THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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2/24/68

On this date CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). JONES mentioned that he had some material from a minister named KIRKPATRICK called a Declaration of Principle which dealt with the PPC. He said KIRKPATRICK was distributing the material to churches. LEVISON told him to send the material to HARRY WACHTEL.

LEVISON mentioned an 80,000 mailing of a fund appeal letter which he said was running ahead of last years. He said it was sent to a middle-class intellectual group.

This information was forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 2/27/68, and captioned, "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT - RACIAL MATTERS".

3/4/68

On this date, STANLEY LEVISON furnished DORA MC DONALD, MARTIN LUTHER KING's Secretary with a statement for KING's press conference scheduled for 3/4/68. In this statement LEVISON praised the findings of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, mentioned the PPC as a means of solving the problems uncovered by the commission, and said the highest patriotism demands an end to the Vietnam war.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by airtel and LHM dated 3/4/68, and captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT - RACIAL MATTERS".

3/19/68

On this date LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL discussed the PPC. LEVISON said that the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the Washington Jewish Community Council had endorsed the PPC. LEVISON also mentioned that the SCLC was planning on putting up "shanty towns" in Washington, D.C (to house the PPC participants) and that plans were underway to bring a cabin which people live in, in Mississippi, to Washington and donate it to the Smithsonian Institution as a publicity stunt for the PPC.

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3/26/68

On this date LEVISON discussed with MARTIN LUTHER KING what KING's position should be to a proposed April, 1968, College Presidential Poll. LEVISON suggested that KING's position should be that he did not want to be included as a potential candidate because his candidates are those who oppose the Vietnam war and who support the principles of the Presidential Commission on Civil Disorders. LEVISON said the only two candidates who reflect these views were Senators KENNEDY and MC CARTHY. LEVISON said, if KING was a candidate, it could split the college poll and result in President JOHNSON being the winner. They agreed that the only possibility of stopping JOHNSON would be with KENNEDY.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by airtel and LHM dated 3/27/68, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. SM - C".

3/29/68

On this date, LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed the position in which KING found himself as a result of the violence that occurred following the march he led through downtown Memphis in support of the striking garbage men on 3/28/68. KING was discouraged and felt the image of the SCLC had been hurt and that the PPC was in trouble. KING was fearful for the future of his non-violent philosophy, his own image and leadership.

LEVISON attempted to dissuade KING that his reasoning was incorrect, that KING could not get or expect 100% adherence to his philosophy of non-violence. He counseled that as far as the PPC is concerned KING can say that he could control his followers and was not undertaking to control everyone else.

KING was not persuaded and they agreed to discuss the matter at a meeting in Atlanta on 3/30/68.

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4/17/68

On this date, LEVISON and CORETTA KING, wife of MARTIN LUTHER KING, discussed the new head of the SCLC, RALPH ABERNATHY. LEVISON said he had advised ABERNATHY not to appear on the TV program, "Face The Nation" because he felt ABERNATHY would be gambling his reputation. He said ABERNATHY should put off any appearances until just before the PPC and that ABERNATHY acknowledged that he needed to study up on current legislation and political facts.

LEVISON told CORETTA that he had checked with DAVE DELLINGER, National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and that he, LEVISON, felt it was alright for her to appear on the program at the anti-Vietnam war rally in NYC on 4/27/68. He said it was alright for her to participate in the Mother's March on May 12 in connection with the PPC.

This information was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 4/18/68, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS".

4/19,20,21/68

On 4/19/68, LEVISON and one FRANK REISMAN (ph), Head of an institute for new careers for Negroes and STANLEY LEVISON discussed a conference his group and the SCLC were sponsoring in NYC on 4/22/68. REISMAN said the conference had to come up with some legislative strategy and a program.

LEVISON told YOUNG the same day that the SCLC should seek Negro membership using a slogan "A Million to Replace One".

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On 4/20/68, CLARENCE JONES discussed with LEVISON a rally for Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY to be held at Madison Square Garden on 5/19/68, and the fact that the MC CARTHY people wanted to invite CORETTA KING to attend and receive a collection to be taken up for the PPC.

On 4/21/68, WALTER FAUNTROY, Washington, D.C. representative of the SCLC, accepted the Chairmanship of the meeting to be held 4/22/68, at the Carnegie International Center, NYC, the purpose of which is to formulate a legislative program for the PPC. ANDREW YOUNG and RALPH ABERNATHY were to attend this conference.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 4/23/68, captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS".

5/4/68

On this date, WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, Executive Director of the SCLC and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the PPC. RUTHERFORD was critical of the lack of cooperation for the PPC on the part of the union with which the striking garbage men in Memphis are affiliated and LEVISON agreed with him.

LEVISON was critical of ANDREW YOUNG for not having contacted the Field Foundation which had earmarked \$275,000.00 (apparently for civil rights causes and the SCLC in particular).

LEVISON also was critical of the SCLC leadership and said the office should be run along business lines.

LEVISON also agreed to prepare speeches for ABERNATHY at ABERNATHY's request.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 5/7/68, captioned "SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS".

5/9/68

On this date WILLIAM RUTHERFORD and STANLEY LEVISON discussed a report read into the Congressional Record by a

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southern Congressman which information allegedly appeared in a Negro newspaper 10 years ago in which ABERNATHY is accused of something such as a rape attack or seduction. LEVISON felt it would not amount to anything because it was too old.

RUTHERFORD and LEVISON also discussed the fact that there were 642 Mexican Americans in Albuquerque and some Indians in the mid West who were ready to participate in the PCC but that no money had been used to provide them transportation. LEVISON urged that RUTHERFORD take this responsibility of sending the money and said he would share this responsibility with him.

RUTHERFORD and LEVISON agreed to send a "tough" telegram (appealing for funds) to WALTER REUTHER at the United Automobile Workers Union convention (in Atlantic City, New Jersey) over RUTHERFORD's signature and exactly as LEVISON had written it.

This information was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 5/10/68, captioned "SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS".

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During the past 90 days voluminous pertinent information has been derived through this tesur indicating the extent of influence by Levison on Mrs. King and SCLC leaders regarding financial arrangements, fund raising, plans and policies. Some examples are as follows:

On March 29, 1968, Levison attempted to encourage King, who was discouraged over the Poor People's Campaign and his image.

On April 17, 1968, Levison told Mrs. King that it would be all right for her to take part in an anti-Vietnam rally and the Mothers' March but that Ralph Abernathy, new President of the SCLC, should not appear on a T. V. program since he would be gambling with his reputation.

On May 9, 1968, Levison drafted a "tough" telegram for the SCLC to send to Walter Reuther at the United Automobile Workers Union Convention appealing for funds.

On May 16 and 17, 1968, Levison was engaged in various arrangements and discussions regarding the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination, the gist of which was that Vice President Humphrey must be stopped.

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Because of the extreme importance of the ties by Levison with Coretta King, SCLC leadership, and the civil rights movement, and the communist influence therein, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, it is recommended it be continued for another 90 days.

It is noted that the Attorney General authorized continuation of this telephone surveillance effective April 1, 1968.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-392452 (CODE)

FROM NEW YORK 100-111188

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON JUNE NINE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT (CLASSIFY "SECRET"). VIC (BELIEVED TO BE VICTOR LUDWIG) CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF TELLING HIM THAT A GOOD FRIEND AND HIS WIFE, PAUL AND MARGE ALBERT, WERE LEAVING TOWN (LOS ANGELES) AND GOING TO NEW YORK. VIC SAID HE WAS GIVING ALBERT LEVISON'S NAME. HE DESCRIBED ALBERT AS HAVING A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH A HALF DOZEN SENATORS AND AS BEING VERY CLOSE TO (WAYNE) MORSE AND (ERNEST) GRUENING, BUT AS HAVING NO MASS BASE. HE SAID FURTHER THAT ALBERT WAS WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DOVE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS. VIC DESCRIBED ALBERT'S WIFE AS A TERRIFIC ORGANIZER AND AS GOOD AT WRITING FUND RAISING LETTERS. LEVISON SAID HE WANTS TO MEET ALBERT. LEVISON MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES WITH THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC). HE COMMENTED ON BAYARD RUSTIN, STATING THAT IT WAS AN ERROR TO HAVE USED HIM

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AND THAT IN TRYING TO STOP HIM THE WHOLE THING BLEW UP.

ALLUDING TO HOW RUSTIN WAS CHANGED, LEVISON SAID IT WAS A PROCESS THAT EXTENDED OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS. HE SAID THE SITUATION CHANGED AND RUSTIN MOVED IN AND BECAME THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL THE TRADE UNION HIERARCHY, THE JEWISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS AND PERSONS WHO WERE LOOKING FOR A NEGRO LIKE RUSTIN.

LEVISON EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT, WITH KING'S DEATH, RUSTIN THOUGHT HE COULD EMERGE AS THE TOP MAN AND TAKING OVER AS THE COORDINATOR OF THE PPC SOLIDARITY DAY, JUNE NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WAS A BID FOR IT. HE SAID IT WAS TURNED BACK BUT WAS INJURIOUS TO THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS FALTERING ANYWAY BECAUSE OF THE WAKNESSES OF RALPH ABERNATHY. LEVISON AND VIC DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL SITUATION NATIONALLY WITH LEVISON NOTING THAT THE ONLY THINGS OUTSIDE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ARE SO ISOLATED THAT THEY ARE NOT A PRINCIPAL POLITICAL FORCE. VIC MENTIONED THAT THE MONORITY COMMUNITY IS TOTALLY DISAFFECTED FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STATED THAT TWELVE OF THE BROWN BERETS, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS MEXICAN AMERICANS WHO ARE STARTING TO DEVELOP A MILITANT WING, HAD BEEN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR. HE SAID THESE

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PEOPLE WOULD NOT WORK WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS SUCH.
LEVISON NOTED THAT SUCH ELEMENTS ARE HARD TO WORK WITH AND
THAT THE ONLY THING OF THAT DESCRIPTION IN NEW YORK IS THE
FREEDOM AND PEACE PARTY WHERE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS
WAS THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR (HERBERT) APTHEKER. VIC INDICATED
THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE IN MEXICO FROM JUNE SEVENTEEN
TO JULY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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REFERENCE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information concerning the contacts between STANLEY LEVISON and the assassinated President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the present leadership of this conference and activities by LEVISON on behalf of the Conference itself, is not included in this report because the Bureau has advised that this information would be more properly reported in the CIRM, the Cominfil of the SCLC, and the KING case.

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[REDACTED] used in this report, is a source close to STANLEY LEVISON whose primary function is to furnish information concerning LEVISON's contacts in and influence with the SCLC. Because of the highly sensitive nature of this information, the Bureau has instructed that information received from [REDACTED] is to be classified "Secret."

However, on 6/9/68, the source furnished information that a VIC (believed to be VICTOR LUDWIG of Los Angeles, California, a former business associate of LEVISON) told LEVISON that he would have PAUL ALBERT, who was leaving for New York, contact LEVISON when he arrives in NYC. Since the information concerning ALBERT being given LEVISON's name so that he could contact him appears to have no connection with racial matters or individuals within the SCLC, the information is being reported in this report under a "Confidential" classification.

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

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close association with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and because of the possibility that such an interview might be used in an attempt to embarrass the Bureau.
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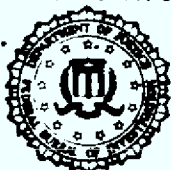
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Director NYfile 100-111180
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Stanley David Levison

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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
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Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

STANLEY LEVISON resides at 585 West End Avenue, NYC, and maintains an office at 1841 Broadway, NYC, where he operates the Park Management Corporation. In June, 1968, PAUL ALBERT, [REDACTED] will be given LEVISON's name so that he can contact LEVISON when he arrives in New York. Sources familiar with activities of the CP, USA, in the NYC area, were contacted in June, 1968, and could furnish no information concerning LEVISON. (c) b1

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DETAILS:

A. Residence

STANLEY LEVISON continues to reside at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

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MRS. PAUL ALBERT.

PAUL and MARGE ALBERT are leaving Los Angeles to go to New York and LEVISON's name will be given to ALBERT and he will be told to contact LEVISON when he arrives in New York. LEVISON has indicated that he is looking forward to meeting ALBERT.

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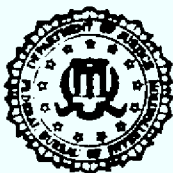
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During June, 1968, a number of confidential sources who are familiar with personalities in and activities of the CP, USA, in the New York City area, advised that they have no information concerning STANLEY LEVISON.

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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

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

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 MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 8, 1968

FROM MR. G. C. MOORE *hem*

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Reference is made to your request to be advised as to the identity of sources who can corroborate Stanley David Levison's previous Communist Party membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE:

6/25/68

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT:

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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ReNYteletype, 6/18/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau, eleven (11) copies of a LHM containing info furnished by [REDACTED] on 6/17/68, concerning a contact between STANLEY LEVISON and Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Michigan.

Info copies of this LHM are being sent to Detroit and Indianapolis because this LHM concerns Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Detroit and Mayor RICHARD HATCHER of Gary, Indiana.

- 1 - Bureau (100-392452) (Encls. 11) **ENCLOSURE**
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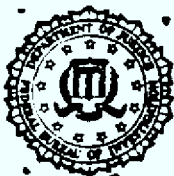
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
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Re: Stanley David Levison
Internal Security - Communist

WASH. D.C.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on June 17, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, whom he had met at the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Levison noted that he had been informed that Conyers recently held a meeting of 100 black political leaders and that Conyers was pushing ahead with this organization.

Conyers questioned whether Levison was referring to the National Committee of Inquiry and Levison said that he was.

Levison told Conyers that he had developed and has maintained the SCLC mail appeal for the past eight years, which realized close to \$600,000.00 while King was alive. He felt it should be easy to raise a quarter of a million dollars on a regular basis for the type of committee Conyers is organizing. He said he would like to discuss it with Conyers because he thinks he can operate such a thing along with what he is running for the SCLC.

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Stanley David Levison

Conyers told Levison that he would be interested in Levison's offer. He noted that his schedule has prevented him and Levison getting together and that he has not been giving the committee the attention it deserves. He also noted that they are holding a meeting at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 29, at the Washington Hilton, the day after the Poor People's march. Conyers reiterated that he would like to review the committee with Levison because he believes it has a potential that all candidates are going to have to recognize, that they are being confronted with a serious national committee that is going to raise the kinds of questions that may not be raised unless they do it.

Levison noted he had talked to Harry Belafonte about the committee and that Belafonte is interested in it. He said also that he had talked to Coretta King about it in general terms and suggested that Conyers call her and ask her to join. *USA.*

Levison inquired if Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, was on the committee and Conyers said he was but that he has to be sure Hatcher is still with them. Levison stated that he talked with Hatcher at the funeral of Senator Robert Kennedy about how important this kind of committee could be and that Hatcher is very sympathetic to the idea. Levison advised Conyers that the names he thinks are first rate are those of Conyers, Coretta King, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier and Richard Hatcher. *USA.*

Levison brought up the fact that Conyers had mentioned to him that he might be interested in having a young man working in his office, white or black. Levison said he knew a young, bright, white man, a graduate of Cornell who took his Masters work at Yale University, and who has been in jail in Mississippi and is very much involved in the cause. Levison added that this young man's father is wealthy and generous and has given 30-40 thousand dollars a year to the SCLC. He said

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Stanley David Levison

the young man wants to stay with the cause in a political role and that he, Levison, was thinking of the young man's father to provide the money to start the mail proposition for the committee. He said he would talk this over with Conyers.

Conyers noted that he could use a young man in his office, but that there are no openings in his office as such. Levison commented that he had been thinking that this person might do something with the development of the committee. Conyers agreed and said he would like to discuss this with Levison.

According to the source, Levison planned to go to Washington, D. C. for the Poor People's march, on June 19, 1968, and that he and Conyers agreed to meet in Washington prior to the march.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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July 5, 1968

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *wee* ✓

DATE: 7-5-68

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FROM : C. D. Brennan *cd*

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

The Attorney General under date of 6-29-68 approved our request for continuation of electronic surveillances for a period of three months effective 7-1-68. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 6-25-68, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

ACTION:

None. For information.

Enclosure *b7c*

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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ReNYlet dated 6/25/68 and its accompanying
letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 6/19/68.

Pages two and three of reLHM mentioned a young
Cornell University graduate whom Levison had suggested to
Congressman Conyers as a possible employee in the
Congressman's office. Levison indicated that this
individual's father had contributed \$30,000 to \$40,000
a year to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
New York and Atlanta should sulet with any data known
regarding the young man and his father with the results
of data in your files on these two individuals.

2 - Atlanta

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NOTE:

Levison was the principal advisor to the late
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-392452 (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-111180 3P

STANLEY LEVISON; INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST;
OO-NEW YORK.

FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JUNE ONE SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT

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ON JUNE ONE SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, STANLEY LEVISON
DISCUSSED WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF MICHIGAN THE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. LEVISON SAID HE HAD BEEN
TOLD THAT CONYERS RECENTLY HELD A MEETING OF ONE HUNDRED
HUNDRED BLACK POLITICAL LEADERS AND WAS MOVING AHEAD

WITH THIS ORGANIZATION. LEVISON MENTIONED THAT HE HAD
DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED THE SCLC MAIL APPEAL FOR THE PAST

EIGHT YEARS AND OFFERED TO CONDUCT A SIMILAR OPERATION

FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. HE SAID HE WOULD

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LIKE TO DISUCSS THIS WITH CONYERS. CONYERS SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH LEVISON AND THEY AGREED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY JUNE ONE NINE, BEFORE THE POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH SINCE LEVISON PLANNED TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR THE MARCH. LEVISON NOTED THAT HE HAD TALKED ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE WITH HARRY BELAFONTE WHO IS INTERESTED AND HAD DISCUSSED IT IN GENERAL TERMS WITH CORETTA KING. HE SUGGESTED THAT CONYERS CALL HER AND ASK HER TO JOIN. HE ALSO ASKED IF RICHARD HATCHER, MAYOR OF GARY, INDIANA, WAS ON THE COMMITTEE AND CONYERS SAID HE WAS BUT HAS TO BE SURE HE IS STILL WITH THEM. LEVISON SAID HE COULD TELL CONYERS THAT HATCHER IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA BECAUSE HE SAW HIM AT SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S FUNERAL AND THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT THIS KIND OF COMMITTEE COULD BE.

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LEVISON STATED THAT THE NAMES HE FEELS ARE FIRST RATE
ARE CONYERS, CORETTA KING, HARRY BELAFONTE, SIDNEY POITIER
AND RICHARD HATCHER. ^{MEMO} LHM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

7/2/68

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-32452)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON
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ReNYteletype, 6/27/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau, eleven (11) copies of a LHM containing info furnished by [redacted] on 6/26/68, relating to the Committee of Inquiry.

The source used to characterize MOE FONER is [redacted]

Info copies of this LHM are being furnished the Detroit and Indianapolis offices.

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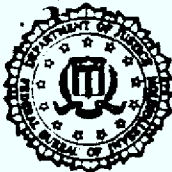
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New York, New York

Bufile 100-392452

July 2, 1968

Re: Stanley David Levison
Internal Security - Communist

On June 26, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that on that date, Stanley Levison and Moe Foner discussed the Committee of Inquiry being organized by Congressman John Conyers of Michigan. Levison, according to the source, agreed with Foner that Coretta King's major emphasis will be in this committee. *N.Y.* (9)

Levison noted that the reason he is interested in this committee is because it may be the new, young, responsible leadership (among Negroes). He mentioned that John Conyers is for peace and was pro-peace when it was difficult to take this position as was Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana. He said the same thing applied to Coretta King and that he sees these people as the type who can play a real role. (9)

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Stanley David Levison

Levison told Foner that Conyers is of the opinion that the Committee of Inquiry should have a New York Office. He questioned whether Foner would have space and Foner said he would provide a desk and telephone. S

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"The New York Journal American," a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that Moe Foner was banned from membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, because he admitted he was a Communist.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-392452 AND WASHINGTON FIELD

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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C; - Communist

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NEW YORK.

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (CLASSIFY "SECRET"), JULY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

STANLEY LEVISON ADVISED ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,

THAT SOMETHING IMPORTANT HAS ^{COME} ~~SHOW~~ UP THAT HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOUNG ABOUT. LEVISON STATED THAT, AS YOUNG

KNOWS, MARTY PERETZ (HARVARD UNIVERSITY LECTURER)

IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY AND

THAT PERETZ WANTS YOUNG AND LEVISON TO MEET WITH MC CARTHY

SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. LEVISON INQUIRED WHEN YOUNG WOULD

BE AVAILABLE AND YOUNG SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE EVERYDAY EXCEPT TUESDAY (JULY NINE) AND FRIDAY (JULY

TWELVE). LEVISON ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT PERETZ 10 1968

AND SET UP THE MEETING.

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LATER ON JULY FOUR, LEVISON CONTACTED ANN PERETZ, WIFE OF MARTIN PERETZ, AND DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH SENATOR MC CARTHY. LEVISON SAID THAT, WITH SOME PERSUASION, YOUNG HAS AGREED AND WAS RELUCTANT UNTIL LEVISON TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE A PRIVATE MEETING. LEVISON THEN SPOKE WITH MARTIN PERETZ AND WAS ASSURED THAT THE MC CARTHY MEETING WOULD BE PRIVATE BECAUSE YOUNG WOULD BE WILLING TO DO IT ON THAT BASIS NOT WANTING TO BE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE IT WOULD BE PUBLIC AND LOOK LIKE AN ENDORSEMENT. SINCE YOUNG WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF JULY EIGHT, PERETZ CONFIRMED THAT THE MEETING COULD BE MADE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA. PERETZ ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE MRS. MC CARTHY IS BEING OPERATED ON MONDAY (JULY EIGHT) THE MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK. LEVISON SAID THAT IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD LIKE TO BE THERE AND PERETZ AGREED. PERETZ SAID HE ALREADY HAD TOLD MC CARTHY'S SECRETARY HE WOULD BE MAKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUNG AND LEVISON. PERETZ SAID HE BELIEVES THE IMPORTANT

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THING IS NOT TO PUT MC CARTHY ON THE DEFENSIVE BECAUSE
MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TELLING HIM HE IS NOT GOOD ON THE
RACE QUESTION.

PERETZ STATED HE WOULD CONTACT LEVISON ABOUT THE
EXACT DATE OF THE MEETING

BOSTON ADVISED BY MAIL.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date July 5, 1968

Attached concerns plans for a meeting between Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Stanley Levison, advisor to the SCLC and long-time secret member of the Communist Party, and Senator Eugene McCarthy.

Due to the political nature of the attached it is being disseminated to the White House only.

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TO DIRECTOR 122-438794 (CODE) 54

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 135-149194 2P

SCOTLAND RACIAL MATTERS; OO-ATLANTA.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JUNE ONE EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT
CLASSIFY "SECRET".

ON JUNE ONE EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, STANLEY LEVISON
TOLD CORETTA KING THAT CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF MICHIGAN
WAS GOING TO CONTACT HER TO ASK HER TO JOIN THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. LEVISON SAID THIS COMMITTEE IS TO BE
MADE UP OF NEGROES WHO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE AND THAT THEY
WOULD EXAMINE ISSUES AND WHAT BLACK CANDIDATES ARE GOING TO
RUN FOR AND ENDORSE THEM OR NOT ENDORSE THEM. HE TOLD CORETTA
THAT HER HUSBAND, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., HAD BEEN INTERESTED
IN THE COMMITTEE AND THAT HE, LEVISON, FEELS SHE SHOULD
JOIN IT SO SHE CAN BE ON TOP OF WHAT IS GOING ON. CORETTA

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FELT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAD
SPOKE TO STERLING TUCKER, NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE JUNE
ONE SOLIDARITY DAY MARCH IN SUPPORT OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S
CAMPAIGN, ABOUT GETTING SEATS FOR IMPORTANT PEOPLE UP FRONT
AND WOULD HAVE SEATS FOR LEVISON AND HIS WIFE. LHM
FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 6/21/68

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Glass
- 1 - Mr. Dunn

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Through a sensitive New York source we have developed data regarding contacts between Stanley Levison and Congressman John Conyers (D. - Michigan) and also between Levison and Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison was the principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

The above-mentioned contacts pertained to a National Committee of Inquiry which, according to Levison, would be made up of Negroes who hold public office. These Negroes would examine issues and the Negro candidates who are running for particular public offices. The Committee would then decide as to whether or not the Negro candidates should or should not be endorsed by the Committee. As possible members of the Committee, Levison mentioned Conyers; Mrs. King; Harry Belafonte, the entertainer; Sidney Poitier, the actor; and Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana.

The June 16, 1968, issue of "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, mentioned that Congressman Conyers was forming captioned Committee and the article indicated that Conyers would be one of the leading forces establishing a black caucus at the Democratic Party Convention which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

ACTION:

If approved, the attached letterhead memorandum with facts in this matter will be disseminated to Mrs. Stegall at the White House; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley, Vinson, and Pollak; Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; Secret Service; and the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

June 24, 1968

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY 1 - Mr. Glass
1 - Mr. Dunn

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following data on June 17 and 18, 1968.

Stanley Levison has taken an interest in the National Committee of Inquiry which Levison has described as a committee made up of Negroes who hold public office. These Negroes will examine issues and also examine the Negro candidates who are running for public office. The Committee would then decide as to whether or not the candidates should be endorsed. U

Levison had been in contact with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan regarding the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison indicated to Congressman Conyers that he had been told that Congressman Conyers recently held a meeting of 100 "black" political leaders and that Congressman Conyers was proceeding with plans for the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison referred to conduct a mail appeal for the Committee. Levison and Congressman Conyers made plans to meet in Washington, D. C. on June 19, 1968. U

Levison indicated to Congressman Conyers that he had talked about the Committee with Harry Belafonte, the entertainer, and that he, Levison, had mentioned it in general terms to Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison suggested that Congressman Conyers contact Mrs. King and ask her to join the Committee. Congressman Conyers indicated to Levison that Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, is on the Committee and Levison stated that he knew that Mayor Hatcher was very sympathetic to the idea of the Committee. U

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

In addition to Meyer Hatcher, Levison mentioned Mrs. King; Harry Belafonte, the entertainer; Sidney Poitier the actor; and Congressman Conyers himself as possible members of the Committee. (5)

Levison advised Mrs. King that Congressman Conyers intended to contact her to ask her to join the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison indicated to Mrs. King that Martin Luther King, Jr., had been interested in this Committee and that he, Levison, believes she should join it. Mrs. King indicated she was in favor of the Committee. (6)

Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which is sponsoring the Poor People's Campaign and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963. (6)

The June 16, 1968, issue of "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, contained an article which indicated that Congressman Conyers was forming a "Reviewing" Committee of 100 nationally prominent Negro leaders to evaluate candidates in the coming election. The article indicated that the intent of this Committee is that no candidate would get the Negro vote unless he had a sweeping program to help the "black" people. In the article, Congressman Conyers was depicted as "a Black militant and peace fighter." It was indicated that he would be one of the leading forces which would establish a "black" caucus at the Democratic Party Convention which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968.

NOTE: See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 6/21/68, same caption, JJB:fhd. Classified "Secret" as it contains information from sensitive New York source. Unauthorized disclosure of this information might jeopardize the source and be prejudicial to national defense interests.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) **CONFIDENTIAL** 7/9/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: SCLC-RACIAL MATTER
(OO: ATLANTA) 73518

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ReNYtel 7/5/68, captioned "STANLEY LEVISON; IS-C" and NYairtel 7/6/68, captioned as above.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [REDACTED] on 7/4/68. **b2 b7D**

[REDACTED] **b2 b7D**
The information furnished by [REDACTED] on 7/4/68, concerning a possible meeting between Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY, ANDREW YOUNG, and STANLEY LEVISON, some time during the week beginning 7/8/68, was submitted by teletype dated 7/5/68 and captioned "STANLEY LEVISON; IS-C". It is not being included in the details of this LHM because it appears to be political in nature. **(U)**

The above meeting is being arranged by MARTIN PERETZ of Harvard University and a copy of the above teletype was sent to Boston.

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the Boston Office. **b2 b7D**

The information furnished by [REDACTED] on 7/4/68, concerning the alleged bribery involving JESSE JACKSON, who is the head of the SCLC's Breadbasket Operation in Chicago, SIRELLO MC SWEEN (ph), SCLC Treasurer, and a BOB BROWN, described as a Public Relations man for P. LORILLARD was furnished by airtel to the Bureau, Atlanta and Chicago on 7/6/68. Because of the lack of clarifying information on this matter, this information is not included in the details of this LHM. **(U)**

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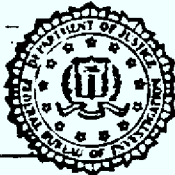
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Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC)
Racial Matters

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on July 4, 1968, that on that day Stanley Levison and Chauncey Eskridge, SCLC legal advisor in Chicago, discussed a meeting they were to attend in Washington, D. C. on July 5, 1968. Levison indicated that Marian Logan, SCLC Executive Board member, might be asked to attend the meeting but that he felt they could discuss the profundity of SCLC's constitution without her.

Eskridge indicated that there are financial matters within the SCLC that Levison should discuss with Coretta King because many things are her own property but others are the property of SCLC or were put together by SCLC people. He said that in Coretta's mind anything to do with Martin Luther King is to be the property of the estate unless she wants to devote it to one of her charities.

Levison stated he did not intend to discuss these matters with Coretta King. He added that because of Coretta's feeling about it and because of the attitude of both Andrew Young and Ralph Abernathy, SCLC Executive Vice President and President, respectively, they have to deal with anything that has to do with Martin Luther King as part of the estate and the consideration SCLC is getting, and should get, is Coretta's appearances for fund-raisings such as the SCLC dinner in New York from which the SCLC received \$100,000 in pledges.

They agreed that one day they would have to discuss all such matters with Coretta.

Eskridge mentioned that there is to be an SCLC fund-raising affair in the Hollywood Bowl on the 17th (of July) run by a Hollywood sports committee. Levison stated that there is a great deal of money around, that the SCLC will probably be getting a lot of it, but the organization will grow weak.

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Eskridge told Levison that the two of them are going to straighten the organization out.

He noted that, when Abernathy sent word from jail that Young was to take over his job and Eskridge Young's job, he immediately contacted Marion Wright (who had been a consultant to the SCLC's Poor Peoples Campaign) and had her prepare a training and activity schedule on what was to happen the following week. He added that when Abernathy is released from jail they are going to form a strategy committee and, at the SCLC meeting on July 5, 1968, they are going to have to out-think any effort to take the SCLC over at its convention in August, 1968. Eskridge mentioned that the "Atlanta Constitution", an Atlanta, Georgia newspaper said that Coretta was going to seek the presidency of the organization.

Levison felt she would not want this office and will probably state that she is not seeking it. He said he did not believe she will say that she will lend her support to Abernathy.

Levison noted that Abernathy has to be made see that he cannot lead SCLC alone. He blamed Abernathy for what he considers the failure of SCLC's operation. Levison indicated that he believes Abernathy, Young and Joe (Lowery, SCLC Officer) would make a good leadership team for SCLC from a public image standpoint. He said the white people like Young, the Southern and less sophisticated Negroes like Abernathy, and that the middle class (Negroes) look at Joe as an image of themselves, intelligent, sophisticated and successful. 5

Eskridge and Levison agreed to meet the next day at the Howard Johnson Motel in Washington, D. C. U

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7:50 PM URGENT 6-27-68 AWS
TO DIRECTOR 100-392452 (CODE)
FROM NEW YORK 100-11180

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NEW YORK CITY) AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED THE COMMITTEE
ON INQUIRY BEING ORGANIZED BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF
DETROIT. LEVISON AGREED WITH FONER THAT CORETTA KING'S
MAJOR EMPHASIS WILL BE IN THIS COMMITTEE. LEVISON SAID THE
REASON HE IS INTERESTED IN THIS COMMITTEE IS THAT IT MAY BE
THE NEW, YOUNG, RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP. HE MENTIONED THAT JOHN
CONYERS IS FOR PEACE AND WAS PRO-PEACE WHEN IT WAS DIFFICULT
TO TAKE THIS POSITION AS WAS MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER OF GARY,
INDIANA. HE SAID THE SAME THING APPLIED TO CORETTA KING
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REAL ROLE. LEVISON TOLD FONER THAT JOHN CONYERS THINKS THE
COMMITTEE ON INQUIRY NEEDS AN OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HE ASKED IF
FONER WOULD HAVE SPACE AND FONER SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE A DESK
AND TELEPHONE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: 7/16/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

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ON 10/29/81

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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ReBulet to NY, 7/8/68.

A review of information furnished by [REDACTED] (classify "Secret"), indicates that the young man LEVISON recommended to Congressman JOHN CONYERS on 6/17/68, for employment in CONYERS' office is ROBERT EARL FILNER, son of JOSEPH HYMEN FILNER. On 6/18/68, LEVISON told JOE FILNER that he had spoken to CONYERS about BOBBY but that CONYERS would not be able to pay him (BOBBY) and that the job would normally pay about \$12,000.00. FILNER wondered if it would be dishonest to make a contribution to CONYERS in this amount and LEVISON said it would not but that it might create a problem with BOBBY and BARBARA.

LEVISON suggested that FILNER establish a grant for research for one of the people on the (CONYERS) staff and that then BOBBY could take his place. LEVISON said he would be going to Washington and, perhaps, could see CONYERS and set something up. LEVISON said he would take it up with CONYERS and see what happens.

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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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There are enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [REDACTED] concerning the possible employment by Congressman JOHN CONYERS of ROBERT FILNER, son of JOSEPH FILNER, an associate of STANLEY LEVISON.

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New York, New York

July 31, 1968

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Stanley David Levison
Internal Security-Communist

J.C.
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on June 17, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison recommended to Congressman John Conyers of Michigan that he employ in his office in Washington a young man described by Levison as a graduate of Cornell University, who had been jailed in Mississippi for civil rights activity.

The source subsequently developed information indicating that this individual is Robert Earl Filner, son of Joseph Filner, an associate of Stanley Levison. According to the source, Levison, subsequent to his contact with Conyers, told Joseph Filner that he had spoken to Conyers about Bobby and that the job would be in Conyers' office but that Conyers would not be able to pay him.

Filner questioned what the salary for the post in Conyers' office would be and Levison stated it would be about \$12,000.00. Filner also questioned whether it would be dishonest to make a contribution to Conyers in this amount and Levison, although he felt it would not be dishonest, recommended that Filner establish a research grant for one of the persons on Conyers' staff thereby allowing Bobby to replace him.

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Stanley David Levison

Levison also told Filner that it would not be necessary for Filner to see Conyers since he would be seeing Conyers and would take the matter up with him.

The source has further advised that no additional information has been developed on whether Robert Filner has been employed by Conyers or will be so employed.

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The "Ithaca Journal", a daily newspaper published in Ithaca, New York, issue of June 17, 1961, contained an item reflecting that Robert E. Filner, a Cornell student, was one of five Freedom Riders arrested on breach of peace charges at a bus station lunch counter in Jackson, Mississippi on June 16, 1961.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (CLASSIFY QUOTE "SECRET"
UNQUOTE) WAS RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ON AUGUST ONE, LAST.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, ADVISED STANLEY LEVISON

THAT AN OFFICE (OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY) WAS TO BE
OPENED ON AUGUST ONE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH WILL BE MANNED
BY VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT A
LETTER IS BEING PREPARED TO BE SENT TO PEOPLE WHO PLEDGED
MONEY AND THAT A MEETING WAS BEING HELD THAT NIGHT OF THE WASHINGTON
AND MARYLAND CHAPTERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH RICHARD NIXON AND
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER OF NEW YORK HAD BEEN INVITED. HE NOTED
THAT NIXON COULD NOT COME AND THAT ROCKEFELLER HAD NOT BEEN HEARD
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CONYERS ALSO REMARKED THAT THEY PLANNED TO GET OUT A STATEMENT ON ROCKEFELLER AND REVIEW HIS PROGRAM, GOOD AND BAD AND ALSO WOULD CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST TWO.

LEVISON ASKED WHO WOULD BE MAKING THE DETERMINATION ON ROCKEFELLER AND CONYERS SAID IT WOULD BE THE COMMITTEE. LEVISON QUESTIONED THIS AND CONYERS STATED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD DO IT. CONYERS NAMED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS HARRY BELEFONTE, CORETTA KING, RICHARD HATCHER (MAYOR, GARY, INDIANA), RALPH ABERNATHY (PRESIDENT, ^{Southern Christian Leadership Conference} SCLC), JULIAN BOND (GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE), FLOYD MC KISSICK (FORMER NATIONAL DIRECTOR CORE), ^{Congress of Racial Equality} (BLANK) BENNETT, AND HIMSELF.

CONYERS NOTED THEY HAVE EMPOWERED ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES TO MEET WITH ANY CANDIDATE AND THEREFORE THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE COULD MEET WITH ROCKEFELLER. HE NOTED THAT (SENATOR EUGENE) MC CARTHY MET WITH THEM IN DETROIT ON JULY TWO SEVEN BUT DID NOT DO TOO WELL. HE SAID MC CARTHY, HOWEVER, LEARNED A GOOD DEAL AND INTRODUCED CONYERS' ~~X~~ FULL OPPORTUNITY ACT ON MONDAY, AS SOON AS HE GOT BACK. LEVISON NOTED THAT HE AND

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ANDREW YOUNG (SCLC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT) HAD LUNC^H WITH MC CARTHY SOMETIME AGO AND GAVE HIM A LOT OF ^{ADVICE} ADVISED.

LEVISON SAID ONE COULD NOT TELL IF MC CARTHY IS AGREEING OR NOT BUT THAT HE FOLLOWED THROUGH WEEKS LATER ON A NUMBER OF THINGS THEY SUGGESTED TO HIM. HE SAID THIS WAS THE ONLY TIME THEY KNEW HE HAD ACCEPTED THE ADVICE.

CONYERS STATED HE LIKES MC CARTHY PERSONALLY BUT THAT HE HAS NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE BLACK SITUATION IN AMERICA AND THAT HE, CONYERS, QUESTIONS WHETHER MC CARTHY CAN SHAPE UP FAST ENOUGH. LEVISON AGREED.

LEVISON ASKED IF CONYERS WAS READY FOR A FUND-BASH - APPEAL MAILING AND CONYERS, REFERRING TO THIS AS THE MAILING LEVISON WAS TO HANDLE, SAID HE INTENDED TO CONTACT LEVISON ABOUT IT. LEVISON STATED HE WANTED TO SHOW THAT THIS CAME FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THEN GET INTO THE SUBJECT MATTER.

CONYERS STATED THAT HE THOUGHT OF FORMING A LOOSE ORGANIZATION CALLED QUOTE "FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY" UNQUOTE SO THAT SOME WHITE PEOPLE CAN GET A GROUP DOING THE KIND OF THING THEY ARE DOING. LEVISON AGREED.
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CONYERS MENTIONED HE HAS ACCESS TO ALL THE BLACK NEWSPAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT NO STATEMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED, BUT SOMETHING WILL BE RELEASED TO THEM NOW THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS AN OFFICE.

CONYERS SUGGESTED THAT HE AND HIS WORKERS COULD COME TO NEW YORK AND SIT DOWN WITH SOMEONE LEVISON WOULD DECIDE UPON IN NEW YORK.

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LEVISON SUGGESTED THAT LOCAL ONE ONE NINE NINE, DUGG AND HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES UNION, COULD BE HELPFUL. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A TRADE UNIONIST SHOULD BE ON THE COMMITTEE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED CLEVELAND ROBINSON, TREASURER OF DISTRICT SIX FIVE, RETAIL WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE WORKERS UNION. CONYERS SAID HE WOULD CONTACT ROBINSON IMMEDIATELY AND PUT HIM ON THE COMMITTEE IF HE AGREES.

CONYERS STATED THAT THEY HAVE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR STATES NOW; ALDERMAN RHEMER IN ILLINOIS, JOHN HOLLMAN IN NEW YORK, THE HEAD OF THE DOCTOR'S MEDICAL DIVISION, DOCTOR ALBERT WHEELER IN MICHIGAN, HEAD OF THE NAACP AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN YVONNE BRATHWAY IN CALIFORNIA. (ALL NAMES PHONETIC). CONYERS SAID
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THEY SHOULD BE ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE BLACK THOUGHT.

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National Committee of Inquiry referred to in attached is organization of prominent Negroes formed for purpose of passing on candidates of two major political parties prior to asking support by Negro community.

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August 12, 1968

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to the memorandum furnished to you on June 24, 1968, concerning the interest of Stanley Levison in the formation of the National Committee of Inquiry, a committee of Negroes formed to decide whether or not a candidate for public office should be endorsed. Congressman John Conyers of Michigan was instrumental in forming this Committee. Reference is also made to my letter dated July 9, 1968, concerning the desire of Martin Peretz of Harvard University to arrange a meeting of Levison; Andrew Young, the Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and Senator Eugene McCarthy.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has furnished the following information about the above matters.

The Executive Committee of the National Committee of Inquiry consists of Congressman Conyers; Harry Belafonte, the prominent Negro entertainer; Coretta King, the widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.; Richard Hatcher, the Mayor of Gary, Indiana; Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Julian Bond, a member of the Georgia State Legislature; and Floyd McKissick, former National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, a militant civil rights organization.

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An office of the Committee is to be opened in Washington, D. C., during August, 1968, and the Committee will then start issuing statements to all newspapers in the United States aimed at Negro readers.

The Executive Committee of the group was to make a determination on and issue a statement concerning Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York after reviewing his record in public office. However, the New York committee was empowered by the Executive Committee to meet with Governor Rockefeller and question him on his views.

Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota met with the Committee in Detroit, Michigan, on July 27, 1968, and it was the impression of Congressman Conyers that Senator McCarthy's appearance before the Committee was not particularly successful. However, Congressman Conyers felt Senator McCarthy learned something at the meeting and did introduce Congressman Conyer's Full Employment Act on July 29, 1968, as soon as he returned to Washington, D. C.

Levison and Congressman Conyers, according to our source, agreed on the advisability of organizing a loose organization called Friends of the National Committee of Inquiry so that some white people can start doing the same thing the Committee is doing.

Levison and Andrew Young met with Senator McCarthy at lunch some time ago and advised him on a number of matters. Levison felt it was difficult to determine if Senator McCarthy was agreeing with the advice or not but noted subsequently that Senator McCarthy followed through weeks later on many things Levison and Young suggested to him. According to Levison, this was the only time Senator McCarthy accepted their advice as far as he knew. Levison and Congressman Conyers agree that Senator McCarthy has no understanding of the Negro situation in the United States.

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Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. [REDACTED] b1

No further dissemination is being made of the above data.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

The data set forth above was contained in New York teletype August 2, 1968, captioned "Stanley Levison, Internal Security - Communist." Informative note on this teletype indicated we would limit dissemination to the White House.

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