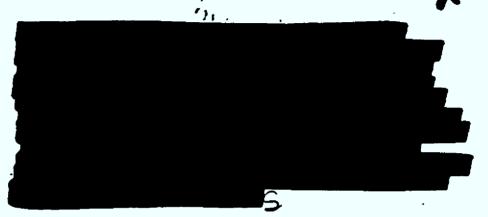
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Attached pertains to further influence by Stanley Levison in civil rights activities. Levison is a white man, a principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., who has the same position with King's widow and is in charge of fund-raising for King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He has apparently now very successfully directed his fund-raising abilities to assist the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a civil rights group organized in 1964, which unsuccessfully challenged the regular Democratic Party in Mississippi at the 1964 and 1968 Democratic Party Conventions, as not representing blacks in Mississippi.

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2/14/69

On 2/14/69, the source furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON had made plans to depart the United States for Quayaquil, Ecuador on 3/10/69. The source furnished the dates and method of LEVISON's travel plans.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 2/28/69, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, RM, ______ IS-C".

2/25/69

On 2/25/69, STANLEY LEVISON arranged with JOE FILNER to have the Frida Foundation match a \$75,000 gift from the Field Foundation to the SCLC. This was necessary, according to LEVISON, because the Field Foundation would not approve a matching grant from the SCLC. LEVISON said the SCLC would reimburse the Frida if it contributed this money.

FILNER told LEVISON he could proceed on his own on such matters.

This information was furnished the Bureau by airtel and LHM dated 2/27/69, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C".

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On 3/25/69, AUBREY YOUNG, the SCLC Executive Vice-President, and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the possibility of an SCLC boycott of the 1970 automobiles. YOUNG said he has been considering a boycott of 1970 cars by all blacks and believes they should be able to get the peace groups to join this action. YOUNG maintained that such a boycott would unite blacks and the white peace groups. He planned to announce this boycott in June, 1969.





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LEVISON cautioned YOUNG to keep in mind the fact that Negro income has increased and YOUNG said he would do nothing until he discussed it with LEVISON.

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4/1/69

On 4/1/69, CORETTA KING and STANLEY LEVISON held a discussion on her press conference the previous day, the possibility of suit being instituted on CORETTA's behalf against JAMES EARL RAY, and the question of whether RAY was the lone assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

During the discussion on the assassination of KING, CORETTA told LEVISON that she had told CHAUNCEY (ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor in Chicago) that she does not trust HOOVER or the FBI. She claimed the FBI had been following KING around the south for years and "know everything".

CORETTA mentioned letters she has been receiving and said one warned against trying to have January 15, named a national holiday in memory of MARTIN LUTHER KING because information possessed on KING will be exposed.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel dated 4/1/69, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C".

4/18/69

On 4/18/69, STANLEY LEVISON stated he has been working with CORETTA KING on her forthcoming book because it had to be completed by 4/19/69, or have the publication date pushed back to 1970. He said that because of this urgency he was able to get some things into the book that the publisher wanted to keep out. He said these were things such as the Vietnam war and the fact that MARTIN LUTHER KING did not have a one-dimensional negative attitude toward black militants and black nationalists.





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This information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and LHM dated 4/22/69, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C".

4/22/69

On 4/22/69, STANLEY LEVISON and a person believed to be MOE FONER of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Workers Union, NYC, discussed the hospital workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina. FONER mentioned that there was to be a meeting of high school students on 4/23/69, which ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC official would attend, and that on 4/24/69, a rally would be held with YOUNG and Mrs. RALPH ABERNATHY. FONER said that the President of the SCLC, RALPH ABERNATHY, would attend a rally and mass march on Friday morning, 4/25/69.

LEVISON gave his opinion that the strike could be a history making one if the people keep with it. He advised spacing the press interviews, giving out a little news each day.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and Columbia by airtel and LHM dated 4/23/69, and captioned "COMINFIL, SCLC - IS-C".

5/2/69

On 5/2/69, ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC official, discussed the Charleston, South Carolina hospital workers strike with STANLEY LEVISON. WOUNG mentioned that there have been personality conflicts but that assignments had been given out for the remainder of the week. He said they had agreed to send a team to Columbia, South Carolina to organize against the scheduled visit of President NIXON to Columbia on 5/3/69.

LEVISON encouraged YOUNG to hold on with the strike but cautioned against raising any state issues other than the Governor of South Carolina. He said that what was needed was to have some celebrities go to Charleston.



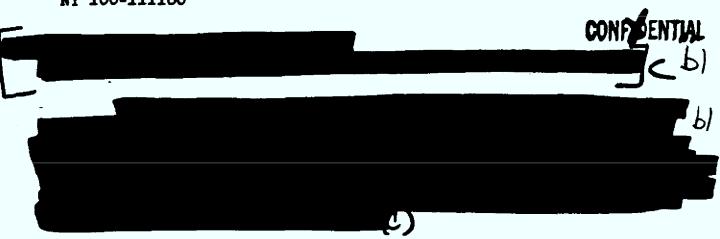


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YOUNG felt the SCLC could capitalize on a framework they have laid in the citizenship schools.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and Columbia by teletype dated 5/2/69, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC IS-C".





Levison is a long-time communist. He was a principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and to King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He has continued in this capacity for King's widow and to a certain extent for King's successor in the SCLC, Ralph D. Abernathy. The fund-raising for the SCLC is under Levison's general supervision and his counsel continues to be sought in a number of areas in the civil rights field, including political considerations Because of this communist influence in the SCLC, this surveillance is important to national security.

During the past 90 days this telephone surveillance has continued to furnish valuable information concerning Levison's influence over the affairs of the SCLC, and other aspects of the civil rights movement. Information from this/was given high level dissemination including Levison's part in the preparation of a statement by King's widow following the conviction of his slayer, and his part in planning a boycott of 1970 automobiles by all blacks and unnamed white peace groups to "shake the establishment."

This surveillance has also furnished information concerning financial manipulations by the SCLC and Levison in order to obtain funds from a foundation; Levison's assistance to Mrs. King in writing a book about King and Levison's ability to get information into the book about the Vietnam war and black nationalists which information the publisher wanted to keep out; and Levison's part in the strike of hospital workers in Columbia, South Carolina, which the SCLC joined. This information was disseminated to the Department and interested Government agencies.

It is recommended that this source be continued for another 90 days.

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DATE TO SAY SHE WAS SCRRY ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN IN THE PAPER

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AS IF CORETTA KNEW WHAT THE MEETING WAS ABOUT. CORETTA SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ETHEL KENNEDY WAS TALKING ABOUT AND DID NOT WART TO ASK HER.

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT HE FELT CORETTA'S ANSWER

WAS EXACTLY PIGHT BECAUSE THERE IS NO POINT IN ATTEMPTING

TO ASSESS WHAT ROLE BORBY KENNEDY PLAYED SINCE THERE IS NO

WAY OF FEALLY KNOWING.

COTETIA STATED THAT THIS WAS "SORT OF PASSING THE THER, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT IT ALL OFF ON HIMT. SHE ADDED THAT HE MAY HAVE AGREED AND GONE ALONG WITH IT.

LEVISON REMARKED THAT THEY KNOW KING, WHETHER HE FELT BOBBY KENNEDY WAS INVOLVED OR NOT, STILL MAINTAINED A FEIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. HE SAID IF KING FELT BOBBY MEMBEDY HAD DONE ANYTHING, HE FORGAVE HIM NO DOUBT BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TIME, THE FACT HE WAS ALWAYS SUPER DEPVOUS ABOUT HIS BROTHER (PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY). LEVISON SAID THIS IS THE ATTITUDE CORETTA SHOULD TAKE. HE SAID IF THE PRESS "WANTS TO DIG UP GARBAGE" IT SHOULD NOT BE ELLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP.

COPETTA SAID THAT FOLLOWING HER CONVERSATION WITH ETYPL KENNEDY, THE PHONE RANG AGAIN AND THAT THE GIRL WHO EGD PAGE TWO

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ANSWERED SAID IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY. CORETTA SAID, HOUEVER, THAT HE WAS CUT OFF. SHE AND LEVISON AGREED THAT SENATOR (TED) KENNEDY MAY HAVE FOUND OUT THAT ETHEL CONTACTED CORETTA AND DECIDED NOT TO CO THROUGH, WITH THE CALL

LEVISOR CONTINUED THAT THE PRESSURE AT THIS POINT HAS COME FROM MANY LIBERALS WHO RESENT FSI DIRECTOR HOOVER'S BOLE, AND THAT HOOVER GAVE AN ANSWER. HE ADDED THAT HOOVER HAS BEEN ANSWERD BACK BY (RAMSEY) CLARK, AND THAT CLARK'S ANSWER IS RIGHT.

LEVISON GAVE HIS OPINION THAT THE ENTIRE AFFAIR
WILL "DRIFT AWAY" AND ADDED THAT "IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING
YOU CAN KEEP GOING." LEVISON FELT THE ENTIRE THING WILL BE
FORGOITED BUT THAT FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER WILL BE BOTHERED BY IT
BECAUSE IT LEAVES HIM AS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE.

COPETTA AGREED, STATING "I FEELS LIKE HE IS THE

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT CORETTA'S SUGGESTION THAT SHE
SET TOGETHER WITH ETHEL KENNEDY COULD BE FRUITFUL AND SHOULD
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LINISTE TOLD WACHTEL TO TELL HIS (WACHTEL'S)
CLITHTS WHO THE LAWYER REALLY WAS. LEVISON HAD ALREADY
TOLD TOT FOUTS, OFFICER OF LECAL ONE DIE NINE NINE,
DRUG AND HOSPITAL MORKERS, MYC.

AND THAT MATTERSACH IS SITTING THERE SAYING NOTHING. HE SAID THAT THEY HAVE PRETTY WELL ACKNOWLEDGED THEY ARE ALL INVOLVED, NOW THAT ROBERT KERNEDY PUSHED IT. WACHTEL SAID THE MACHTEL IS NOW THAT MEMBEDY DID NOT PUSH IT.

LEVISOR SAID HE SAW (JAMES) WENTER, NEWSPAPER

COLUMN 187, AND ASKED HIM WHAT KIND OF THING THIS IS. HE SAID

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HE TOLD WINLER THAT CIVIL LIBERTIES ISSUES WERE ALL RIGHT FOR ...

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VERIFICATION AND I MAVE INTENTIONS OF GETTING IT IF I CAN-

WATUTEL SAID THE TIMES HAD AN EDITORIAL ON BURGING IN CHICKED. IT SAID THAT WHAT THE FRI IS DOING STANDS OF ITS ONE AS WRONG.

LIVIED, SAID THAT IN GENERAL WHAT IS AFFDED IS TO SET MIGNER TO BRIDE THE TAPES OUT FUT THAT CORETTA (MING) DOES NOT WANT TO SO FURTHER.

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THAT HE IS SOME SOFT OF A PROCURER. WACHTEL THEN SAID
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VERNMENT Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE : Mr. G. C. Moor DATE: July 2, 1969 FROM JUNE BIECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST Enclosed is the original of a memorandum dated 6/30/69 from the Director to the Attorney General, and approved by the Attorney General on 7/1/69, authorizing continuation of telephone surveillance on captioned individual at his residence, 585 West End Avenue, Apartment 30, New York City, for an additional three months. ACTION: For information. 100-392452 Enclosure REC 24/00-392452 - 340 JUL 11 1969 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED JUL 17 1969





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20635



June 30, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

On March 28, 1969, you approved the continuation through June 30, 1969, of a telephone surveillance on the residence of Stanley David Levison, Apartment 30, 585 West End Avenue, New York City.

He was the principal adviser to the late Martin Luther King, Jr. Since King's death, Levison has continued his activity in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and serves as an adviser to King's widow and Ralph D. Abernathy, who succeeded King as head of the SCLC.

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This coverage has been of great assistance in keeping this Bureau abreast of communist influences at work within the SCLC. Such information is vitally important in view of the prominent role being played by the SCLC in racial activities today.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location, or at any address to which Levison may move in the future, for an additional three months,

Respectfully,

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NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/28/69, captioned "Stanley David Levison, Internal Security - Communist," prepared by

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOP - Mr. C. D. DeLoach Mr. W. C. Sullivan 1 - Miss Holmes DATE: June 28, 1969 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan - Mr. G. C. Moore SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST Recommended that attached memorandum be directed to the Attorney General asking for authority to continue the telephone surveillance on the New York City residence of Stanley David Levison who was the principal adviser to the late Martin Luther King, Jr. The Attorney General authorized continuation of this coverage on 3/28/69. (c) Since King's death, Levison has continued " his activity in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and serves as an adviser to King's widow and Ralph D. Abernathy, who succeeded King as head of the SCLC. This coverage has furnished vital information regarding communist influences at work within the SCLC.(1)On 5/2/69, it furnished data regarding a contact between Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of SCLC, and Levison in which they discussed the sending of a team to Columbia, South Carolina, to organize against the scheduled visit to that city on 5/3/69 of President Negroes in Charleston, South Carolina, have been demonstrating in an effort to form a hospital workers' union. During the contact on 5/2/69, Young indicated he was not too optimistic about winning the strike, but Levison stated that Young could win if he holds out. 100-392452-342 REC-21 Enclosure Level 7-1-67 CONTINUED - OVER 100-392452 JUL J 6 1969 59 JUL 22 1969 DATH 41

Memorandum G.C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON



- (2) On 5/22/69 the coverage provided data regarding a contact between Levison and a member of a drug and hospital employees union in New York City. Levison, apparently in reference to the strike of hospital workers in Charleston, South Carolina, expressed the opinion that it was time for people to begin going to jail and to institute a national boycott.
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- (4) On 6/25/69, the coverage furnished information regarding a contact between Young and Levison during which Young mentioned the possible filing of a suit enjoining the FBI from wiretapping the Black Panther Party and several other organizations.

This coverage has enabled us to keep abreast of communist influence at work within the SCIC. We have kept the White House, the Attorney General, and interested officials of the Government advised of information being developed from this coverage. Continuation of this installation is most necessary, particularly in view of the prominent role being played by the SCIC in racial activities today. Data obtained is unavailable through other sources including live informant coverage.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached memorandum will be directed to the Attorney General seeking his authorization for a continuation of the tachone surveillance on Levison's residence for an additional three months.

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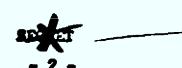
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - Mr. C. D. DeLoach - Miss Holmes $\it 1emorandum$ - Mr. W. C. Sullivan - Mr. G. C. Moore DATE: 8/25/69 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mereir is unclassified C. Moore EXCEPT WHERE SHOWS **DIKERWISE** STANLEY DAVID LEVISON INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST To recommend that attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General for authority to continue the telephone surveillance on the residence of Stanley David Levison, the principal adviser to the late Martin Luther King, Jr. The Attorney General authorized continuation of this coverage on 7/1/69. This coverage has furnished vital information regardi communist influence in the SCLC. On 7/8/69 Levison advised the SCLC on the hospital workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina. He also discussed the possibility that Ralph Abernathy, SCIC President, has a mental or emotional illness. On 7/27/69 Levison discussed SCLC involvement in black political and economic power. The SCLC is planning a more militant program; plans to join with labor unions in organizing poor people; to endorse political candidates; and to aid and counsel youth in evading the draft. Levison's part in these activities is most significant and we Will continue to keep the White House, the Attorney General and interested Government officials advised.344 This coverage has demonstrated the extent of Gevison's influence. In June, 1969, he personally chastised James Wechsler the columnist about an article on the King wiretap. Levison discussed with Harry Wachtel, an associate with a communist back; ground, Wachtel's discussion with Ramsey Clark about the content of the King tapes. SEP 18 NH ACTION: If approved, the attached memorandum will be directed to the Attorney General for authority to continue the telephone surveillance on Levison's residence for ADDENDUM OF INSPECTION

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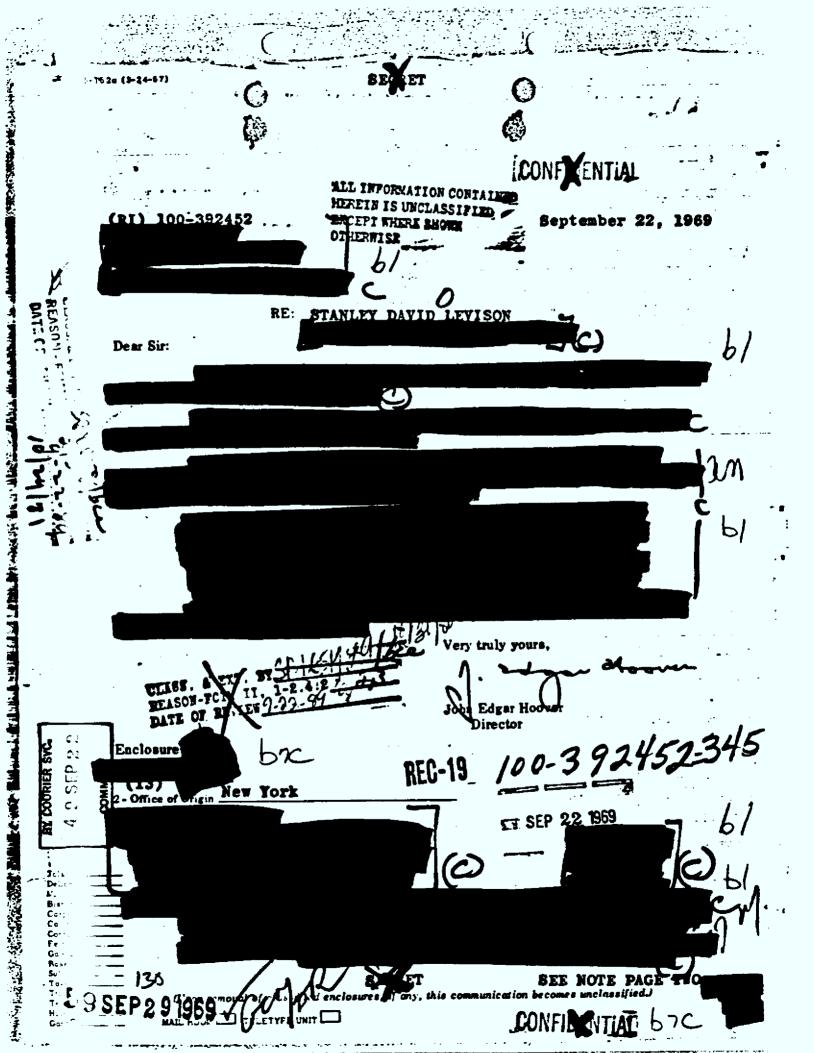
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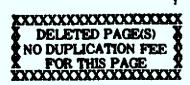


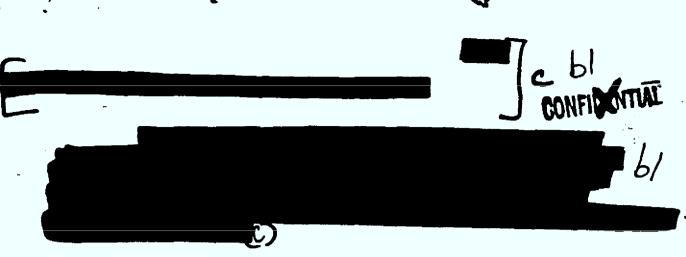
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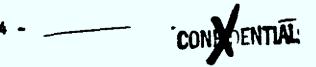




A memorandum dated 9/2/69 was directed to the Attorney General recommending that he approve the continuation of this surveillance for three months effective 9/1/69. See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, same title, dated 8/25/69, On 9/8/69 the Attorney General personally approved in writing this continuation for three months effective 9/1/69.

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On 5/20/69, LEVISON was contacted by ANDREW YOUNG, SCIC Executive Vice President and they criticized RALPH ABERNATHY, SCIC President, for trying to emulate MARTIN LUTHER KING, deceased President of the SCIC. YOUNG complained that ABERNATHY is suffering from an inferiority complex which affects his judgments. LEVISON at YOUNG'S suggestion agreed to contact ABERNATHY to see if he could get him straightened out.

On the same date, LEVISON told CORETTA KING, widow of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., that he was opposed to her being—the keynote speaker at the forthcoming SCIC Convention. He was opposed to it because he said it would place her in a policy-making status whereas she should limit her activities to participation in the cultural part of the convention.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 5/23/69, captioned "Cominfil SCLC; IS-C".

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On 5/22/69, MOE FONER, an official of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union, NYC, advised LEVISON that a meeting was to be held with a LANE KIRKLAND of the AFL-CIO in reference to the hospital workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina. The following were to be discussed:

- 1. a combined march and rally
- ?. funds
- 3. participation of the International Longshoremen's Association
- 4. a step up of the campaign in Charleston, South Carolina

LEVISON was of the opinion that it was time for people to begin going to jail and to institute a national boycott.



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On 5/24/69, ANDREW YOUNG, SCIC official, told LEVISON that a meeting was to be held on 5/25/69 in Charleston, South Carolina which would include representatives of Local 1199, the SCIC staff, and possibly some local people. At YOUNG'S request, LEVISON promised to attend.

MOE FONER also wanted LEVISON to be present because, at this meeting, FONER felt they should discuss where they were going with the strike.

This information was furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Columbia by airtel and LHM dated 5/27/69, captioned "Cominfil SCLC; IS-C".

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On 6/5/69, a conference of SCIC functionaries was held and included RALPH ABERNATHY, SCIC President, ANDREW YOUNG, SCIC Executive Vice President, WALTER FAUNTROY, SCIC Washington, D. C. representative, HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCIC Director of Voter Registration and Political Education and STANLEY LEVISON. The principal topic of discussion was the matter of a contemplated SCIC action on the issue of "Hunger".

ABERNATHY felt this issue should be raised in local communities and that they should bring only a representative group to Washington, D. C. at an appropriate time. He opposed bringing large numbers to Washington.

YOUNG suggested the time for such a program as July 1 and that they get local communities to send small delegations to Washington, D. C. at a given time.

FAUNTROY cautioned that anything planned for Washington must be well timed. He said he had a meeting scheduled with "MC GOVERN'S people" on 6/6/69, to discuss when, if at all, pressure should be brought in Washington. He suggested a concentration in several of the liveliest communities they have in Missouri and Alabama. He said the idea of a people-to-people



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tour appealed to him but only after the SCLC had finalized victory in Charleston, South Carolina.

HOSEA WILLIAMS took exception to the proposals made and advocated the use of pressure and the bringing of up to 3,000 people to Washington, D. C. He argued for an aggressive approach claiming that Megroes were ready to go to jail by the hundreds of thousands.

The other participants opposed WILLIAMS! position.

LEVISON praised FAUNTROY'S statement and said that 100 representatives could be elected from communities to go to Washington, D. C.

YOUNG and WILLIAMS agreed to discuss the matter further.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 6/6/69, captioned "Cominfil SCLC; IS-C".

6/20/69

On 6/20/69, CORETTA KING, widow of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. told LEVISON that she had been contacted by ETHEL KENNEDY who said she was sorry about what had been in the paper (referring to an article concerning the authorization from ROBERT F. KENNEDY, when Attorney General, to tap the telephones of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.). CORETTA said that ETHEL KENNEDY implied that she hoped this would not interfere with their friendship. CORETTA said she replied that she understood how the press could be devisive at times, but that this does not color her attitude in any way toward the (KENNEDY) family.

LEVISON commented that he felt that CORETTA'S answer was correct because there is no point in attempting to assess

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what role BOBBY KENNEDY played since there is no way of really knowing. LEVISON remarked that MARTIN LUTHER KING, whether he felt BOBBY KENNEDY was involved or not, maintained a friendly relationship with him. He said KING, even if he felt BOBBY KENNEDY was involved, forgave him and that CORETTA KING should take the same attitude.

LEVISON gave his opinion that the entire affair will "drift away", and said "It's not the kind of thing you can keep going". He felt the entire thing would be forgotten.

LEVISON also commented that CORETTA KING'S suggestion that she get together with ETHEL KENNEDY could be fruitful and should be done reasonably soon.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype dated 6/20/69, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; SECURITY MATTER-C". An air mail copy was furnished Atlanta.

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On 6/21/69, HARRY WACHTEL, NYC Attorney and an advisor to the SCIC, discussed with LEVISON the newspaper publicity in the NYC area about the wire tapping of MARTIN LUTHER KING'S telephones. WACHTEL said that guests at a party he attended were trying to guess the identity of the Communist, Marxist-Leninist lawyer whose phones had been tapped. WACHTEL could only answer that it was not he.

LEVISON told WACHTEL to tell his clients who the lawyer really was. He said he had already told MOE FONER, (an officer of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Workers Union, EYC).

IEVISON and WACHTEL discussed an article on the wire tapping of KING written by JAMES WECHSLER of the "New York Post" newspaper. IEVISON claimed that WECHSLER was drunk when he wrote the article. He also mentioned that he asked WECHSLER about the article and told him it was all right for him to hammer on the civil rights issues but "what was this". He said he told MOE (FONER) to tell WECHSLER to lay off the subject.



LEVISON also commented that, in general, what is needed is to get FBI Director HOOVER to bring the tapes out but that CORETTA KING does not want to go further.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype on 6/21/69, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SECURITY MATTER-C".

6/25/69

On 6/25/69, ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President of the SCLC, alluding to an article in "The New York Times" on the wire tapping of the telephones of MARTIN LUTHER KING, asked LEVISON if he was keeping up on what this newspaper was printing. LEVISON said he was and YOUNG stated he believed that KUNTSLER was about to file a suit enjoining the FBI from wire tapping the Black Panthers, Women's Strike for Peace, the Student Monviolent Coordinating Committee, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Students for a Democratic Society and "everything to the left of us".

YOUNG noted that KUNTSLER "is trying to get us in the soup but that's just not our company". IEVISON agreed.

KUNTSLER was believed to be MY attorney WILLIAM KUNTSLER, an attorney for BPP members involved in legal actions in MYC.

This information was furnished the Bureau by teletype on 6/25/69, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; SECURITY MATTER-C" and an air mail copy sent to Atlanta.

7/8/69

On 7/8/69, ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President of the SCIC, discussed the Charleston, South Carolina Hospital Workers strike with STANLEY LEVISON. He told LEVISON that the situation looked favorable for a settlement of the strike but that the County Commissioner does not want to set a precedent





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by putting in writing anything about the rehiring of the workers. YOUNG was uncertain as to what he should do about this refusal.

LEVISON advised that he should not let this refusal stand in the way of a settlement of the strike because it would not be possible to mobilize the community on an issue as abstract as having something in writing.

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LEVISON agreed with YOUNG and said he though ABERNATHY should seek help from a psychiatrist.

The source also advised that YOUNG was hoping to go to Cuernevaca, Mexico, about the middle of July, 1969, and remain there until the 10th of August.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 10635

September 2, 1969

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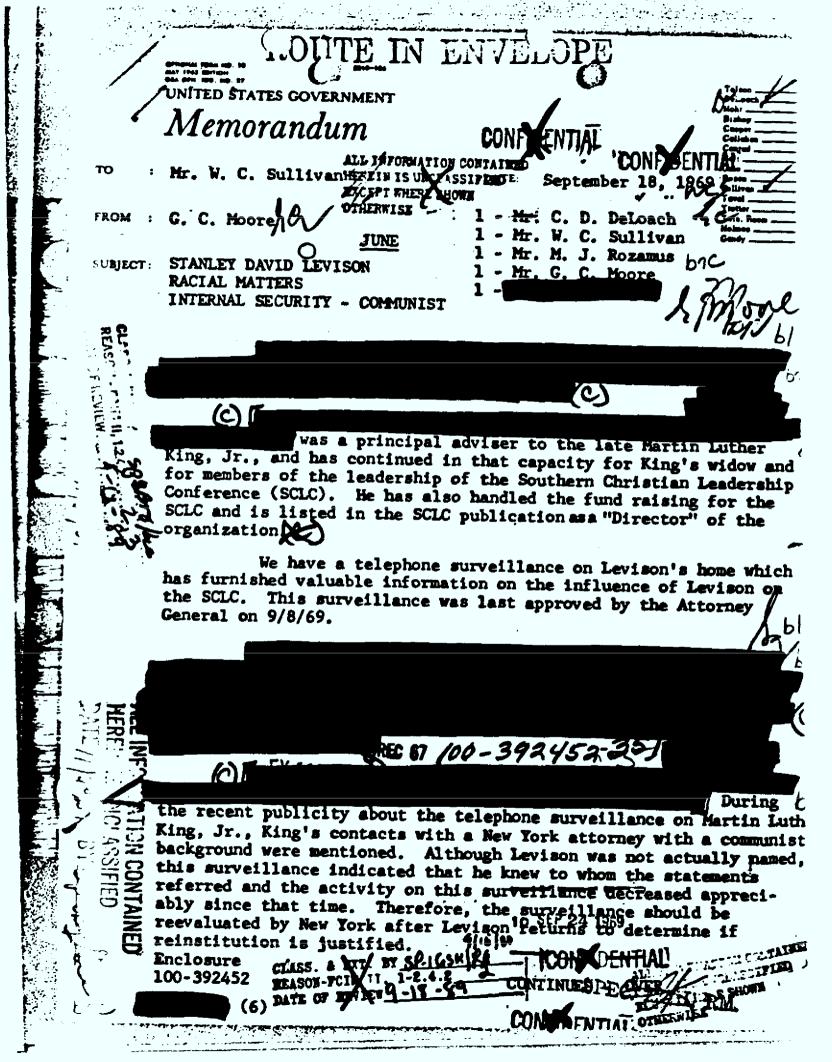
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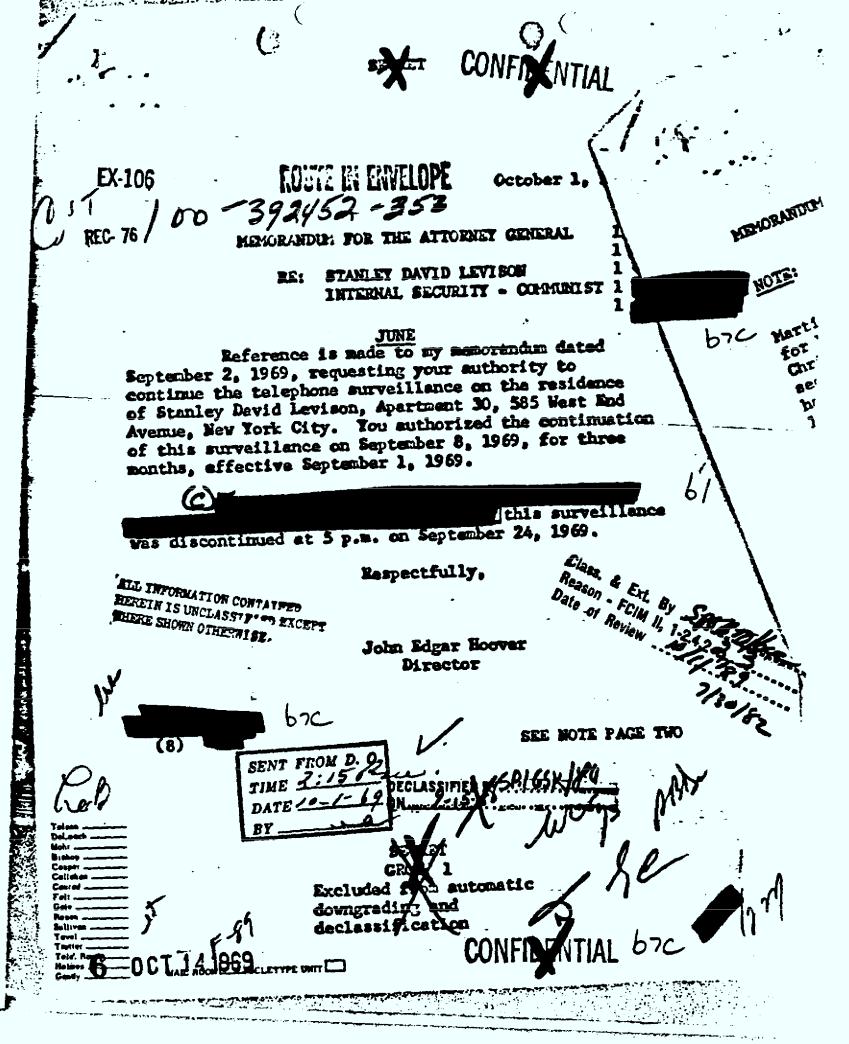
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Levison was the principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and continues in that capacity for King's widow and for certain leaders in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

had telephone surveillances on Levison dating back to 1954. The most current surveillance was initially approved on 5/25/65 by former Attorney General Katzenbach. Attorney General Mitchell approved its continuance on 9/8/69, effective 9/1/69.

because information has been sparse and nonpertinent from this surveillance following the public disclosure of the telephone surveillance on Martin Luther King, Jr. Although Levison was not specifically identified in the publicity, he has indicated that he knew he had been monitored in his conversations with King. This undoubtedly has contributed to the lack of information from this surveillance since the King disclosure.

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From: Director, FBI (105-165706)

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Page two of resirted indicated that David Hilliard had instructed Bobby Seale's wife to contact Sandy Levinson (phonetic) whose telephone number in New York City was 212-924-1161.

Stanley Levison (phonetic) may be identical with Stanley Levison, your file 100-111180. An extra copy of this airtel is attached for your file on Levison.

For the information of San Francisco, Stanley Levison was the principal adviser to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and has served in an advisory capacity to King's widow.

tie Levison in with the above-mentioned telephone number. Suffirtel and advise whether this number is one utilized by Levison and whether you have any information which would indicate he is engaging in fund raising for the Black Panther Party (RPP). Any positive data developed should be submitted.

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in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination with pertinent data set forth in resirtel included and paraphrased to protect

In addition, be alert during the future for information relating to fund raising activities by Levison in behalf of the EPP and if any such data is developed, promptly furnish the information to the Eureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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future course will be other than that of non-violence as advocated by MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and pledged by RALPH ABERNATHY. In addition, no information has been developed recently that STANLEY LEVISON is under the influence of the Communist Party or has any contacts with the Party leadership either as regards himself personally or his efforts on behalf of the SCLC. Therefore, it is believed that the intelligence information to be obtained by the reinstating of the source. Its reactivation is not being recommended.

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The Bureau concurs with New York's recommendation that technical coverage on the subject not be reactivated at this time. Movever, keeping in mind the Bureau's intelligence responsibilities, New York should remain alert during the Levison investigation for information warranting the reinstitution of this coverage.

If such information is developed, New York should submit appropriate recommendations.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Atlanta for its file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan. dated 12/8/69, captioned as above, prepared by

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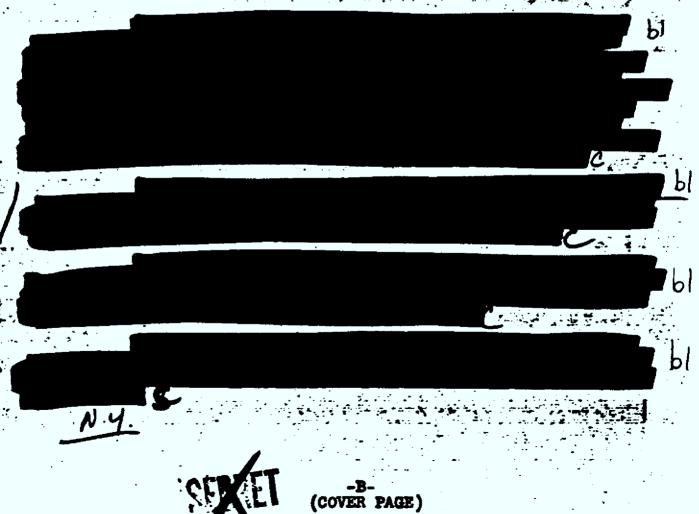


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LEVISON is in charge of the mail appeal program of the SCLC which is operated by the MY SCLC Office.

LEVISON is listed in the November, 1969 issue of "Soul Force", official journal of the SCLC, under the caption "Officers and Directors." JACK O'DELL's name appears under the caption "Editorial Board".





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