

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535** 

3:16 PM

May 21, 1969 Tele. Room.

Miss Holmes

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH

MR. SULLIVAN MR. BISHOP

Miss Gandy.

I talked telephonically with Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and advised him that this morning I saw Honorable John Bavis Lodge, the new Ambassador to Argentina and Special Agent James C. Farrington brought him in. I told Mr. Sullivan to be certain to check with Mr. Farrington as to the matters covered with me by Mr. Lodge because I told Mr. Farrington I wanted a letter to go forward to our Legal Attache in Argentina as to exactly what the Ambassador has in mind and what assistance he wants.

commented that we can be of help to him.

Mr. Sullivan

I said that Mr. Lodge was Ambassador at Madrid under the Eisenhower Administration, I believed, and had contact with our Legal Attache at that time and he was happy to learn we had a man in Argentina and looked forward to depending on him. I told Mr. Sullivan that our Legal Attache should pay a call on the Ambassador as soon as it is convenient for the Ambassador to see him after his arrival. I said I thought Mr. Lodge left today, not for Argentina, but to settle some personal affairs in Connecticut where he was formerly Governor. I told Mr. Sullivan I do want to get through to the Legal Attache the close personal friendship and relationship which the new Ambassador and I have had.

Mr. Sullivan said he would handle it personally.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. GALE

MR. BISHOP

I returned an earlier call from Senator Everett M. Dirksen. He said that I probably knew from the newspapers that he carried on this struggle with this fellow Alexander (Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Equal Employment Opportunity Commission). Senator Dirksen said he did not say a word or lay a glove on him that he did not deserve, and he knew what he, Dirksen, had.

Assistant Director Gale, in Mr. DeLoach's absence, was advised of the above and is handling.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. MOHR

MR. BISHOP

MR. CASPER

MR. CALLAHAN

MR. CONRAD

MR. FELT

MR. GALE

MR. ROSEN

MR. SULLIVAN

MR. TAVEL

MR. TROTTER

MISS HOLMES

RE: ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 1969

Each Division should begin promptly to collect necessary material to be submitted for use in the FBI Annual Report for fiscal year 1969 which ends on June 30, 1969.

A complete account of the activities of each Division during the entire year which can be made public must be submitted to reach Mr. Bishop on or before July 18, 1969. Statistics must cover the entire 12-month period. They must be accurate and must agree with official figures recorded by the Statistical Section.

In addition to statistical accomplishments, each Division should submit a clear, concise narrative detailing its operations and highlighting its responsibilities and accomplishments. Examples illustrating new techniques, unusual developments, new areas of responsibility, interesting and outstanding investigative achievements and other items of public interest should be included in this narrative.

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Mr. Tolson. Mr. DeLoach. Mr. Mohr ... Mr. Bishop ..... Mr. Casper. Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mar. Fat Mr. Gale Mr. Rosen .. Mr. Sullivan... Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room. Miss Holmes. Miss Gandy.

Memorandum to All Assistant Directors RE: ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 1969

New areas of FBI jurisdiction and summaries of significant cases which best illustrate the extent and importance of our work should be given special attention.

All data must be thoroughly documented and carefully checked for accuracy before submission. While the reports of Division activities must be complete, they should not contain extraneous information that has no value to a public document.

Inasmuch as reader interest is greatly enhanced by pictorial coverage, particular attention should be paid, consistent with each Division's narrative, to submitting or recommending photographs that best portray FBI activities during the fiscal year. These photographs may include FBI personnel in the performance of their duties, certain FBI facilities of public interest, those that depict FBI investigation or the commission of a crime within our jurisdiction, and even human interest pictures relating to FBI personnel. These may come from any source, but all must be carefully documented as to their origin, date of activity, Bureau file number or case title, and/or an accurate description of the scene pictured.

It should be emphasized that the Annual Report is the only document published by the FBI each year which gives a complete public accounting of our operations. For this reason it is imperative that each Division do its utmost to see that its performance is reported in an informative and interesting manner.

Very truly yours,

n Edgar Hoover



### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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May 19, 1989 Tavel...

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. MOHR

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Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy.

Assistant to the Director Cartha D. DeLoach called. He advised that he had received a call from Mr. Egil Krogh in the office of John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President, at the White House. Mr. Krogh said he needed some advice and indicated that Miss Rose Mary Woods, Secretary to the President, had received a letter from indicating he had previously talked to a Miss Tankersley, a stenographer in Miss Woods office, and told her he was celebrating his 35th Anniversary in the Bureau on May 20th and he would like a letter from the President to put in his book of memorial letters as well as an autographed photograph of the President. I inquired of Mr. DeLoach as to just who is this and Mr. DeLoach said he is in the Alexandria Field Office. I told Mr. DeLoach to advise the White House that such a letter is not necessary. Mr. DeLoach said that was what he wanted to recommend.

I checked and found that I had an appointment tomorrow to present this 35-year scroll to who was to be accompanied by his family, and I told Mr. DeLoach to tell the White House such a letter is not necessary and I will here indicate for Mr. Mohr to present the scroll, as I will not do it. I said I thought it was presumptious to ask that such a letter be written.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Mr. Trotter.
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MISS HOLMES

SAC, WFO

RE: CLERICAL TOUR LEADER SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS

A special tour leader training class of two weeks' duration is being formed on June 9, 1969. It is imperative at this time that we increase the number of qualified clerical tour leaders in order to handle our heavy summer commitments, and this class will also include those young men now eligible for Special Agent consideration, who have not had tour training.

Clerical personnel in the latter category are already being processed for this class. You should submit by appropriate memorandum the names of the other young men assigned to your Division whom you recommend for this training. As previously instructed, all candidates being recommended must possess, at least, the minimum physical requirements for the Special Agent position. Please give this matter your personal attention and be certain that the Crime Records Division is appropriately advised no later than the close of business May 29, 1969.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director





# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 2, 1969

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. MOHR

MR. BISHOP

MR. CASPER

MR. CALLAHAN

MR. CONRAD

MR. FELT

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MR. ROSEN

MR. SULLIVAN

MR. TAVEL

MR. TROTTER

MISS HOLMES

RE: HOUSING OF NEW EMPLOYEES
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum outlining the current difficulties encountered in housing new employees and the increasing general-type complaints received from resident managers concerning our employees. Such conduct will not be tolerated and each Assistant Director must impress this fact upon his employees. Although this subject matter is covered in detail during New Clerks' Orientation Classes, it is the responsibility of each division head to explain to new employees reporting to their divisions what the Bureau expects of them and to provide effective, continuing indoctrination to insure that employees understand and abide by the highest standards of personal conduct. This should be borne in mind in scheduling topics of discussion at divisional, sectional and unit conferences.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# Memorandum

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FROM :

: J. B. Adams

SUBJECT: HOUSING OF NEW EMPLOYEES

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA

This is to advise of current difficulties encountered in housing new employees, of increasing general-type complaints from resident managers conserning employees, and to submit appropriate recommendation.

New employees arrive from rural areas confronted with problem of securing housing, with good neighborhoods and transportation, in a metropolitan area. Accordingly, during past year, our Housing Cffice was required to place 10,110 people in temporary and 5,650 in permanent quarters. During next two months we anticipate bringing on duty well over 1,000 employees. Although we have in excess of 250 apartment projects on approved housing list and over 150 private homes (all of which are inspected regularly and require constant liaison), it is necessary to continually seek new housing, both of a temporary and permanent nature. Accordingly, as in past years, during past months our staff has been vigorously engaged in seeking new housing accommodations and renewing our liaison with established contacts.

During this period we have met with increasing reluctance on the part of both established and new developments to accept our employees. Although reluctance is motivated by complaints general in nature and, for the most part, result of youthful exuberance, loudness, and of general inconsiderateness towards other residents, the number of these incidents is obviously magnified due to fact we have so many employees in established projects. Usually complaints are of loud, rowdy parties with people coming and going at all hours, and general nuisance-type harassment of others. Of major concern of resident managers is the continual roommate and furniture swapping of employees. Inherent in problem of securing new accommodations upon arrival is the financial necessity for employees to band together in groups to share expenses of apartment, utilities, and rented furniture. Unfortunately, due to resignations, personality conflicts, or a desire to relocate, these groups disband. Often employees merely arrange with others to swap roommates. Although in violation of leases, most resident managers allow it as they have knowledge, through our liaison, of these problems In allowing it, however, they stipulate that employees notify of changes and make appropriate name changes on leases. When this is not done, which is frequently

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Memo Adams to Callahan
Re: Housing of New Employees
Metropolitan Washington, D. C., Area

the case, rent receipts are continually mixed up and confusion follows. The same is true of furniture which is rented not from apartment but from major leasing companies. It is a quite common practice for neighboring employees to raid an apartment being vacated by other employees in order to swap or secure a better couch or chair. Again, done without knowledge or consent of the management or leasing company, it causes confusion. Resident managers point out that although they sympathize with fact large numbers of employees returning home from a midnight work shift are just beginning their day, the constant slamming of doors, playing of stereo in a loud manner until all hours, and running up and down steps in buildings where there are families with children or individuals who rise early, is a constant source of complaints. Although resident managers concluded they realize majority of complaints result from normal, healthy youthful exuberance and inconsiderateness, the increasing number of complaints from other residents, including older couples who constantly threaten to move, naturally causes an increasing reluctance on their part to continue to house our employees. They appreciate the prompt and thorough handling of any complaint by our Housing Office have been guaranteed continued assistance of this sort, and, with this understandin will attempt to continue to house our employees. They realize also this type behavior is not confined to our employees but is typical of all tenants in this youthful age bracket.

When new employee enters on duty, complete instructions concerning housing procedures and standards of conduct expected in off-duty hours are explained in detail. Upon reporting to a division of assignment, each Assistant Director reiterates these standards and thereafter, through divisional conferences at section and unit levels, they are re-emphasized. In spite of this continuous indoctrination and admonitions, it is felt imperative that contents of memorandum be furnished each Assistant Director and SAC, WFO, to reiterate to our employees the need for their proper conduct during off-duty hours.

# RECOMMENDATION:

That above matters be brought to the attention of all employees to insure their proper behavior during off-duty hours.



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Mr. Gale

Mr. Tavel\_\_ Mr. Trotter

Tele. Room\_\_\_ Miss Holmes.

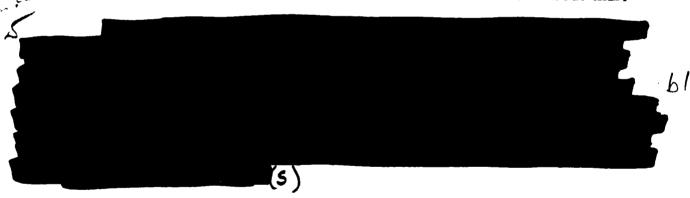
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MEMORANDUM FOR RR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH

MR. SULLIVAN

This morning in talking with Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, National Recurity Advisor to President Nixon, he stated that the White House was greatly concerned about the disturbances which have arisen during the course of the trip of Governor Nelson Rockefeller to Mexico and other points south thereof in the Western Hemisphere. He said that they were particularly anxious to ascertain the sources of the disturbances and whether they were spontaneous and came from within the countries visited by Governor Rockefeller, or whether there was a pattern of a conspiracy initiated from the outside of these countries that led to the disturbances.

I would like to have a memorandum on what we know about this.



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John Edgar Hoover Director

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

11:06 AM

June 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH MR. SULLIVAN

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MR. BISHOP

called. He said

Mr. Casper Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad

Miss Holmes

Miss Gandy.

he thanked me very much for talking to him because he knew this was an unusual kind of thing to have happen.

He said he wanted to ask me very seriously, but he was sure I was familiar with this and given thought to it already, but he wanted to report on the basis of about the authorization that the FBI had from Mr. Robert Kennedy, to release the King material; that they are getting a great deal of static from people who are telling them -they say they have this authorization, but they don't release it and don't show what the documents are and many of these documents that have been released in the past are fuzzy and don't really show there was clear authorization to do this and in general there is a nondisposition on the part of the readers to accept the idea that Bob Kennedy actually did authorize the tapping of King's phone. He said, 'Now I just want to ask you as seriously as I can to release those documents. You have them. They do show, I presume, exactly what you say."

I told that he authorized it in his own handwriting on October 10, 1963; it was installed November 8, 1963, and discontinued April 30, 1965. I told that, as a matter of fact, when Kennedy was Attorney General he requested that the telephones of Dr. King be covered by electronic device and was persuaded by our people not to do it in view of the possible repercussions, then later he changed his mind and delayed bringing the matter up again until in October the authority was signed by him in his own handwriting and it gave us the authority to do it and we discontinued it on April 30, 1965, under the administration of Attorney General Katzenbach. said he understood and asked if they could report this. I told him he could report what I have said to him. I told him the reason I was drawing a

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line on this is that Mr. Tolson wrote (Carl) Rowan about his slanderous column last Sunday and he, Rowan, wrote back in which he asked a series of eight or nine questions, such as, did we tap the telephone of a half dozen leaders like Wilkins of the NAACP, Farmer, eight or nine others, Abernathey; or if we had tapped the phones of a Congressman; and various other things. said he was not asking all that. I told him he could certainly print what I say because we are writing back to Rowan today that since he did not seek any facts before printing his column, he was not entitled to any information from us at this time, but as to the question he has asked, the dates that these wiretaps were on, I have the original copy of it on my desk. It was signed by Kennedy in his own handwriting on October 10, 1963.

said if I had one minute, could he repeat back to me what he understood I had said to him so there would be no misunderstanding and also could he tell me that he was adding into it some details that he thought they already understood about this from other sources they have talked to.

He said it was his understanding that in June, 1963, Mr. Kennedy did suggest through a liaison man that he had with me, that I should keep an eye on Martin Luther King because of his association with people that he, Robert Kennedy, was concerned about and was particularly talking about Stanley Levinson and a fellow named Jones, both of whom were supposed to be of Marxist leanings and that the Attorney General was concerned about King's relations with these people and he thought it might be a good idea to put an electronic surveillance device of some type into the picture to see what he was doing; that the FBI suggested at that time that this would be a difficult thing to do because of the fact that King traveled around so much and there were a lot of political repercussions that might result; but then subsequently on the 7th of November (and I corrected him and told him October 7, 1963) -- on October 7, 1963, I reported, and this is a memorandum from me to the Attorney General, a four-paragraph document, that I had determined the feasibility of establishing taps on the telephones of the SCLC headquarters at Atlanta and New York and if he authorized it, I was prepared to go ahead and do it and that came back to me, the memorandum, with his initials. I told him with his full name, Robert F. Kennedy. continued - o.k.'d by him, dating that 10/10/63. I told that was correct.

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June 19, 1969

continued that it was his understanding that I had no objection to his using this -- is it o.k. for them to identify the FBI as the source or flatly say it on their own. I told him I would rather he flatly said it on his own, but I anticipate similar requests from other sources that I would not be as frank with as I have been with him. said o.k.; that he thought this is a wise thing for me to do.

He said if I had one more minute, he would like to tell me one reason why he happened to be interested in this thing. He said he had some young people with whom he was friendly who were involved in a wedding this weekend and the boys and girls all ended up at his house after the thing and he did not 6know whether they had read Rowan's column, but they were talking about the fact how dreadful it was that the FBI would have presumed to tap the phone or keep an eye on Martin Luther King, a great hero. He said after listening to this for about an hour and a half, he told them to hold on a minute, that it was his understanding that the Bureau had been checking on King because there had been allegations that he had been in touch with recognized or potential communist agents and the reason nothing was ever released or done about it was that after checking into it, they became satisfied there was nothing dangerous and he asked them what they would think of a Government that did not check into information that seemed to show that communist agents were trying to work on a man in Martin Luther King's position. He said these kids listened and were astounded that there might be another side to it, and he was telling me that this was taken by Bobby Kennedy from the point of view of the generation gap. said he thought this is an important story. I said he became a kind of Messiah for the generation gap and individuals who were pro-King and still are.

I told that as to the matter of electronic installations, I have never authorized an electronic installation of any kind at any time except with written approval of the then Attorney General and that goes right down to today. I said I do not have authority to do it myself and I do not want it as I feel the Attorney General should be the one to approve or not approve electronic surveillances and we use it only in internal security cases and now in organized crime. I said in organized crime, the authority has to be obtained from the courts under the McClellan bill and in security cases -- espionage, communist activities -- that is approved by the Attorney General, which is

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allowed under the McClellan Bill. I continued that the Rowan article indicated we were promiscuously continuing this sort of thing without regard to restrictions or regard to authority, so the truth of the matter is, I have never ever authorized the installation of a technical electronic device except with the approval of the Attorney General in writing and we have on file the original documents that support that statement.

said that when he first asked me, I said it was all right to cite the Bureau for the authority and then I indicated I would rather have it come from them directly. He said if, in order to give this the authority it should have, it is necessary for him to cite me for the authority for some of this, is that o.k. with me. I told him that normally I would say no; that I would defer to his judgement because he knows more about the matter of public relations and public reaction. I told him I have been astounded at the reaction on this thing. I said some of these magazines, like Newsweek, which is owned by the Washington Post, carried the Cassius Clay testimony in Texas where he is on trial and where the use of the electronic device was exposed, and they stated the Agent testified the taps were continued until King's death. I said that is untrue and the Agent did not so testify. I said in the King case, it was discontinued April 30, 1965. I told if he thought it would be to the best interest of public relations in clearing up any really serious doubts newspaper people have, I would have no objection to being quoted.

decision in letting it come out. He said he thought I was making a wise important stories of the year.

I told that when I read the Sunday paper and Rowan's article I thought here is an individual who is a Messiah of the dissident left, of which Rowan is a part, and yet it was done at the instance of Bobby Kennedy, who later became a great friend of King's, notwithstanding he knew all the facts, as I kept him advised as well as every Attorney General since.

said there is one thing about this I should consider and that is that he has the gist of what is in these things from me, but I will be

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asked immediately to release them textually. He said he thought I ought to do it. I told him I would have to get the authority of the Attorney General for that. Said that is another problem, but the text ought to come out. He said it is very well for me to say what is in them, but the text ought to come out. I told him I realized that. He said he thought once before we had put out photostats.

of Kennedy's authorizations before he died and after he left the Attorney
Generalship. I said he denied he had approved certain authorizations and I sent to the Congressman Xerox copies of the authorization signed by Kennedy, as he being a Congressman, I felt he was entitled to it, and then Attorney
General approved. I said in this instance, if we get a request from a Congressman or Senator along the lines he indicated, I would submit it to the Attorney General with my recommendation.

Said I was going to get an immediate request -- within the next couple of hours or as soon as he can get this out -- from every news media for the text. I told him these were confidential documents of the Department and can only be released as to the text by the Attorney General.

hanked me.

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I returned a call from and he told me he very much appreciated my calling him back. He said he realized after we were finished talking that there was this one rather crucial question that he had not asked me and he did not know whether I could comment on it or not, but it seemed necessary to ask it; namely, whether the investigation of Dr. King did or did not reveal any suspicion of Marxist character.

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again thanked

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 24, 1969

Tele. Room. Miss Haimes

Miss Gandy.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. MOHR

MR. TAVEL

MR. TROTTER

I have noted numerous instances where incompetent employees, particularly in the Identification Division and in the Files and Communications Division, have been retained in the service for many months even though their ability and competency were in question. I refer in particular to a case in the Files and Communications Division in which Mr. Tavel just recently suggested that the employee's resignation be obtained. The employee had been in the service of the Bureau for fourteen months and there certainly had been sufficient information concerning her inability to properly perform her duties many months ago, yet we retained her.

I think that the Assistant Directors in charge of these divisions should be able to ascertain within a period of three months the capabilities of a new employee and if they are not average or above, then their resignations should be promptly requested. We should not palliate incompetency and inefficiency.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535



June 24, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH MR. SULLIVAN

Mr. Callahan..

With regard to the technical surveillance and investigation of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., I note that copies of the material were sent to Carl T. Rowan, then Director of the United States Information Agency. I further note that the material, particularly the over-all summary memorandum of December 21, 1964, was widely distributed to representatives in the Government agencies. I think there should be greater discrimination relative to the dissemination of highly confidential material.

I note the same material was disseminated to Dr. Leland J. Hayworth of the National Science Foundation. I do not understand why he should have been included on the list for dissemination, as certainly King's activities did not fall within the area of his Foundation.

Please initiate immediately a re-evaluation of the dissemination of our highly sensitive and confidential information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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July 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH MR. GALE

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, he said that the President's friend, whom I know, called him last night and said the FBI was investigating him and what he wanted to point out was that if this is the case, he did not object, but he thought it would be well if our people came to see him and got whatever information they needed from him as well as outside sources. The Attorney General commented he could not imagine what this is, and I said I could not either.

The Attorney General said there may be some mistake, but this is the way put it to him. I told the Attorney General I would check as they know I know and have associated with him, and I think any investigation going on should have been called to my attention first. The Attorney General said that he may be mistaken, but this is the way he put it, and I told him I would find out about it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. GALE

On June 24, 1969, the Attorney General in conference with me stated that a problem had developed in connection with namely, who has by certain boasting and associations embarrassed the President. The Attorney General informed was now employed with a concern mel that the Secret Service had been requested by Mr. John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President, to keep tab on and what his activities might be outside of his official duties with the concern that he is now associated with.

Mr. Mitchell told me that

I told Mr. Mitchell that I seriously doubted this to be the fact, but that I would communicate promptly with our New Orleans Office and ascertain from the Special Agent in Charge whether there was any basis to it. In the presence of the Attorney General, I called Assistant Director Gale and instructed him to call by long distance the Special Agent in Charge at New Orleans and make inquiry concerning this. Mr. Gale called me back and advised that the New Orleans Office knew nothing of this and that no room had been arranged for at the airport for the use of or anyone else nor did the Bureau have such a room at the airport for general use. I advised the Attorney General of this.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Gale

July 3, 1969

I suggested to the Attorney General that I check with the Director of the Secret Service, Mr. Rowley, so as to nail this down. The Attorney General stated he thought it would be best if he spoke to Mr. Ehrlichman, who could then check back on it with the representative of the Secret Service at the White House who had told Mr. Ehrlichman of this instance. I stated that was entirely agreeable to me as I would want it to be run down as there might be a case of impersonation of FBI Agents which we would want to thoroughly investigate.

When I saw Mr. Ehrlichman on June 25, 1969, I reminded him of the fact that the Attorney General and I had discussed the situation and I understood that he, Mr. Ehrlichman, was taking this matter up with the Secret Service representative at the White House who had conveyed the information to him about the FBI having such a room at the New Orleans Airport. Mr. Ehrlichman told me that he was doing so and would inform me as soon as he had word back.

I shall follow this matter up with Mr. Ehrlichman.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 8, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst brought to my office this morning the attached copy of a memorandum from the President addressed to various members of the Cabinet, including the Attorney General. Mr. Kleindienst stated that he had been designated to organize and place into immediate operation an "Action Task Force" to take immediate steps to prevent the bringing into this country from Mexico of marihuana and any other dangerous drugs. According to Mr. Kleindienst, the marihuana in use in this country largely comes from Mexico, being brought across the border either by peddlers of it or by Americans who go into Mexico and buy it and bring it back.

Mr. Kleindienst talked generally about plans which might be considered for implementing the order of the President. He stated that several months ago he visited Mexico City and conferred with the Mexican authorities and found that they were somewhat concerned about the marihuana menace because of the extensive use of it by the youth in Mexico, and he believed that, therefore, the Mexican authorities would be sympathetic to intensive action intended by the United States.

He stated that one of the matters that he had considered was the closing of the border for a period of time so as to put a stop to the bringing in of marihuana. I told him that this would raise very serious problems from the local residents along the border, particularly in San Diego where the together with

in San Diego, have extensive interests together in the United States, and the

Mr. Kleindienst stated he thought that it might be possible to require anyone under the age of 21 to be accompanied by his or her parents if they endeavor to enter Mexico and that this at least would keep the so-called "hippie" group from going across the border and bringing back marihuana.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach

July 8, 1969

Mr. Kleindienst proposes to saturate with personnel the border entry points and stated that the Defense Department has some kind of a device which will locate marihuana if it is on a person or in a vehicle. I stated that I could see where this would be possible if the marihuana were being smoked because it has a peculiar sweet odor, but I did not know such a device was in existence which would locate marihuana in its form before it is used for smoking. He stated that this device does do that.

He stated he would like to form a task force for consultation and inquired whether Mr. DeLoach, who has represented the Bureau on the previous consultations about this matter, could be designated to represent the Bureau on the so-called "Action Task Force." I stated I would be glad to so designate Mr. DeLoach.

I made no statement concerning the availability of FBI personnel for use in the so-called saturation for examination purposes. We now have committed hundreds of Agents on organized crime and I do not see how we can contribute any of our investigative staff to this work. I think the most that we can do is to alert our border field offices when the program is set up and for them in turn to alert informants that we may have along the Mexican border to furnish us any information relative to the smuggling of marihuana into the United States.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

Attachment

# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 27, 1969

#### MEMORANDUM FOR

Honorable William P. Rogers Honorable David M. Kennedy Honorable Melvin R. Laird Honorable John N. Mitchell Honorable Clifford M. Hardin Honorable Maurice H. Stans Honorable Robert H. Finch Honorable John A. Volpe Honorable Robert Kunzig

RE:

"Action Task Force"
Narcotics, Marihuana and Dangerous Drugs

On June 3, 1969, Secretary Kennedy and Attorney General Mitchell submitted to me an inter-departmental task force report dealing primarily with narcotics and marihuana, their traffic between Mexico and the United States and their sale and consumption in the United States. Some 23 persons representing ten Departments and agencies of the Government worked several months on the report. I concur in the basic conclusions and in the essential recommendations of the report.

In order to implement many, if not all, of the essential recommendations of the report as expeditiously as possible, I have this date asked the Deputy Attorney General to organize and place into immediate operation an "Action Task Force". This task force will proceed at once upon the following general guidelines:

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- 1. In concultation with the respective Cabinet Officer or Agency head, and the Deputy Attorney General, there will be immediately appointed one person to serve on the task force from the following Departments or divisions thereof:
  - a) Customs
  - b) Defense
  - c) BNDD
  - d) Criminal Division Justice
  - e) FBI
  - f) Immigration
  - g) Transportation
- The Ambassador to Mexico shall be kept advised of all programs of the task force by the Deputy Attorney General.
- 3. The task force shall bring about and put into action immediate steps calculated to make a frontal attack on the narcotic, marihuana and dangerous drug traffic across the Mexican border.
- 4. Specific proposals of the task force shall be submitted to the Attorney General in advance and prior to their effectuation.
- 5. I hereby designate John Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President, with the authority and responsibility to either consider and resolve any problems which might arise in connection herewith or to refer the same to me for disposition.
- o. The Deputy Attorney General shall submit interim written reports to the Attorney General and to the Counsel to the President, and, in addition, shall prepare a full report at the end of each three-month period following July 1, 1969, to the President and the Attorney General.

7. The work of the task force shall be confidential and any and all publicity with respect to its work and accomplishments shall be released only by the White House.

The work of this task force is government-wide. Because of the alarming increase during the past three years in the consumption of marihuana in particular by our Nation's youth, the task force and its work must be given high priority. I request that each Cabinet Officer and Agency head give his Department's or Agency's unqualified support to the task force in terms of cooperation, facilities, resources and personnel wherever and however possible.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I mentioned to him that I was appalled the other day when I received word that the Defense Department was contemplating appointing to a very sensitive advisory board in the Defense Department. I said when I learned that I wrote a letter to the Secretary of Defense advising him of the background on and advised him of the attack on the Bureau and me and the Attorney General and I sent a copy to John Ehrlichman. The Attorney General said he would talk to Secretary Laird. I said I think it would be most unfortunate to have him appointed where security is involved since he breached it when he was

The Attorney General said he would talk to Secretary of Defense Laird.

The Attorney General said that on the had talked to phonetic) and they will eliminate him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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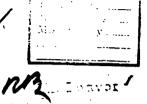
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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MR. GALE

MR. BISHOP



While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I asked if he had found out anything from (regarding our conducting an investigation of him.) The Attorney General said he had talked to him after he had sent that memorandum back to me and said he would try and track it down and if he got any information, he would get it back to him, the Attorney General, so the Attorney General could provide it to me, but he has not heard from I commented that I would surmise it could be somebody down there who is trying to get something on and indirectly embarrass the President. The Attorney General said that could be the purpose and he so advised and that he should get to the bottom of it. I said I would like to nail it down.

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I told the Attorney General I had a vague recollection that either Internal Revenue or the Securities and Exchange Commission had some kind of an inquiry going on about some months ago but that is a vague recollection since I have been trying to think it over. The Attorney General said had that down there where he went in to try to help them put together a but the poor guy is as clean as the driven snow as he was doing it to try to help the but he got tarred from the inferences. I said his being so close to the President I figure someone may be trying to embarrass the President.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. ROSEN

MR. BISHOP

I called the Attorney General and told him I thought he might be interested in knowing that in the case at Houston (Cassius Clay case), Judge Ingraham has ruled in our favor and has denied all the defense motions and ordered Clay to report for resentencing on July 24. I told him also that we won in Chicago (James Hoffa case) as Judge Austin ruled in our favor there.

The Attorney General said that was good and a step in the right

direction.

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mented that I felt Judge Ingraham would rule in our favor.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. DE LOACH MR. SULLIVAN MR. BISHOP

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, he mentioned that he had responded to my memorandum on the Black Panthers and he wanted me, if I would, to look it over closely as I know what the problems are and see if their recommendations are going to be too onerous because we always have the ultimate action of dropping prosecutions if the situations get too bad and, of course, as far as Bobby Seall is concerned in that Chicago rioting business, he would like to hang it on him but if it too materially affects internal security, it is something that could be done and to keep that in mind. I told him I would personally look into it. He asked that I do and to keep in mind we have this ultimate judgement after we exhaust the limitations in court.

I commented that they are trying to The Attorney General agreed, plus the adverse publicity coming out of this against the country

Very truly yours.

all over the world and it is a little ridiculous.

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH MR. CASPER

On Sunday, September 7, Dr. Arthur F. Burns, the Economic Advisor to the President, called me by telephone and stated that he had before him the letter which the Bureau had addressed to the White House about formerly associated with the associated with some He stated that he understood, in addition to the letter, the representative at the White House had been briefed about the fact that the FBI could not recommend for any appointment and he wondered what the facts were that led to this conclusion had already been offered the position and had accepted and that he, Dr. Burns, was now in the embarrassing position of either going ahead with the appointment or canceling it.

I told him that had been quite a controversial figure when he was associated with the and he had also indulged in excessive use of liquor at various

He stated was to some project dealing with law enforcement and that it would only be an assignment for two months with no compensation. He stated asked for a staff but he. Dr. Burns, had told him there were no funds available for a staff indicated he would be able to arrange for a staff himself through other sources.

I told Dr. Burns that very frankly, applying for a position in the FBI, he would not be appointed in view of his personal shortcomings. I also told Dr. Burns that he had better look into the sources of financial support which would be able to obtain

because when he was associated with the he was able to obtain personal funds from I stated in my mind

that this would be a real hazard because with a character like is a kind of watchdog over the activities of group that if any funds were obtained from that source, it could cause

embarrassment to the White House.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Casper September 25, 1969

Dr. Burns thanked me for the information but did not indicate what he intended to do.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director



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October 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. ROSEN

MR. SULLIVAN

MR. BISHOP

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst called. He said he was sorry to bother me by a trifling matter, but Mrs. Coretta King was supposed to have left Atlanta at 4:30 this afternoon by Eastern Airlines to arrive at Friendship Airport at 6:15 PM. Mr. Kleindienst said that they have arranged to give her protection so she can head this march tonight and then get her out of town. Mr. Kleindienst wanted to know if somebody in the Bureau could determine whether, as a matter of fact, she did leave Atlanta so they would know when to anticipate her arrival.

I told him I would check, but I did see in the paper this morning an article quoting her as being in New York. Mr. Kleindienst said there were two or three -- Baltimore, New York, et cetera. I told him I would find out whether she left Atlanta on the 4:30 PM Eastern Airline flight, as I would check with our Atlanta Office.

Mr. Kleindienst said he would be either in his office or in the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Beaver in Mr. Tolson's Office was instructed to contact the Atlanta Office by phone and as soon as he obtained an answer back, to let me know so that I might advise Mr. Kleindienst.

Wery truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. DE LOACH

MR. ROSEN

MR. SULLIVAN

MR. BISHOP

I called Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who was in the office of the Attorney General, and advised him that I had talked with our Atlanta Office and they tell me that Mrs. Coretta King departed Atlanta this afternoon; that they did not know exactly what time the plane left Atlanta, but the airport advises she boarded a plane this afternoon for Washington. Mr. Kleindienst thanked me.

I told him further that I had asked our Atlanta Office to try, if they can, to find out whether the plane is to land at Friendship or National Airport. Mr. Kleindienst said that if we find out and he is not in the Attorney General's office. he would be at the Mayor's Command Post for the rest of the evening and we can get hold of him over there.

Very truly yours.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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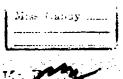
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I called Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who was in the Attorney General's office, and advised him that Mrs. Coretta King was due at Friendship Airport at 6:15 PM and the Maryland State Police are there and the D. C. Police. Mr. Kleindienst said that was right as they were set up to meet her, but they wanted to be sure she was on the plane. I told him she was on the plane and was due to arrive at 6:15 PM at Friendship. Mr. Kleindienst said that was fine, as it makes a difference as to when the march starts. I commented that it takes time to get in from Friendship and he agreed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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October 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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MR. CALLAHAN

I want to express my extreme displeasure at the manner in which summaries are prepared for me upon Agents and employees who ask to see me.

I note that no indication is given whether the Agent has attended language school nor is there any indication of his office of preference nor in what languages he may be particularly qualified. The last one that you prepared on Special Agent was completely unsatisfactory, but it was typical of the many previous memoranda of the same character that you have prepared.

You will henceforth give more attention to the preparation of these summaries for me so that I may have a complete picture of the background of an employee before I see him.

Very truly yours,

nn Edgar Hoover Director

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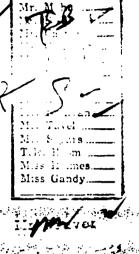
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MR. BISHOP



The Attorney General returned my earlier call to him. I told him I thought he might want to have the highlights I have received on Jackson, Mississippi, before he left. I told him we have interviewed the officers who participated in the raid upon the school; that the Governor has told us that he will back up the State Police, who have refused to make available to us members of their organization and any statements that they might make; that Governor John Bell Williams said he would want to talk with the Attorney General of Mississippi and reach a final decision today, but up to the present time they have refused to give us any reports or allow the officers to be interviewed. I said we have interviewed some of the officers who are on detail. I said there seems to be substantial proof, and I had about a 20-page teletype in, that there was sniper fire on the troops from the dormitory before the troops fired. I said this seems to be corroborated' by students who saw or heard firing and a gun pointed out of an upper window and the troops returned the fire with several volleys. It is generally indicated that the National Guard troops did not engage in the shooting; the Jackson City' Police and the Mississippi Highway Patrol officers are the ones who seemed to have fired the various volleys.

I said that in substance is the essence of the picture that came in. The Attorney General asked what the information is on their picketing down there and asked if I had anything on that. I said the President has closed the school and is to open it at the end of this week. I said the President has been quite cooperative with our people and the Mayor of the city has appointed a committee consisting of, I think, three white lawyers and two negro lawyers to investigate the matter down there. I said the picketing is not going on at the present time because some of the National Guard are still on the campus, and they are being withdrawn today.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Sullivan, Bishop

The Attorney General asked what the plans were to picket him.

I told him there was no indication and no word yet that he was coming in when the wire left this morning as it was sent this morning and they had not had word at that time that he was coming in. I told him I could find out quickly by calling our Agent in Charge in Jackson, who was on vacation but arrived back yesterday to take charge and be there to meet him, the Attorney General. I said I would call him and then call the Attorney General back.

I said the Mayor did indicate there was an appointment for the Attorney General to see him and the Governor at a hotel in Jackson. The Attorney General said he was going to see the Mayor and the President of the college. I said there was no word on picketing as yet, but I would talk to Jackson and let the Attorney General know.

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After talking to SAC Roy K. Moore, Jackson, at which time I told him it was fine of him to return to Jackson and I appreciated his doing this, I called the Attorney General.

I told the Attorney General I had just talked to Jackson and the picture is this: Unfortunately they announced over the radio that the Attorney General was coming in to have a meeting, but they did not give a time. I said all the schools have been closed and all the students in the schools in Jackson are marching in front of their individual schools; that so far as we know from our informants, there is no plan to picket the Attorney General at the airport, though it might develop by the agitators diverting the students. I said there are no plans to picket the Attorney General at the Heidelberg Hotel where the Attorney General is to meet with the Mayor and the President of the college. I said there are plans to picket him in what they call the Delta area where I thought the Attorney General is to speak; that they do plan to picket him there, and the plans are all set up.

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I told the Attorney General there is one individual who will probably try to see him and this is Charles Evers. Mayor of a small town in Mississippi and the first colored Mayor in Mississippi. I said he is the brother of Medger Evers and the Attorney General said he knew him well. I said when I was in Jackson the last time he

in Jackson and he may try to see the Attorney General. I said all the big television stations in the country are there with their crews to film what takes place today and tomorrow, but they do not know the time the Attorney General is coming in or leaving here.

I told the Attorney General I have instructed Mr. Moore, the Agent in Charge, to meet him and he has a new cadillac for him and will meet him at the airport and there will be additional Agents there in case any disturbance takes place, but Mr. Moore will accompany him into Jackson and I told him to bring the Attorney General up to date on anything that might develop or occur between the time the Attorney General leaves here and arrives in Jackson. The Attorney General said that was good and he appreciated it no end.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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MR. DE LOACH MR. ROSEN MR. SULLIVAN MR. BISHOP

Vice President Spiro Agnew called. He said he wanted to talk to me about something to see whether I could be of some assistance. He said he was really concerned about the continuing inflammatory pronouncements of Ralph D. Abernathy. I commented that he is one of the worst. The Vice President said he has seen some of the background material on him and he knows what that is, but it is beyond the pale as far as executive use is concerned. He said in view of what went on in Augusta and other places, it is important to have the information that revolved around this; the involvement of these people, what information we have, whether fleeing from looting or what is going on. He asked if there is any information available.

I told him we are working on these at the present time, both in Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson, where the recent demonstrations have taken place. I said we have pretty well concluded our investigation at Kent State University as to the shooting and, as always happens, we found a considerable amount of firearms in the dormitories and rooms of the students, whether they used them or not is a question; some say there was sniping and some say there was not. I said the same is true at Jackson as there are allegations of sniping at the troops before they fired and denials. We are interviewing all the individuals who had any knowledge, students, et cetera. I said the problem at Kent was they closed the university and the students departed for all parts of the country, but we finished the preliminary report on that and will finish today the final report on Kent, while at Atlanta, Augusta, and Jackson, it will probably be another week before we will have the preliminary reports. I said it is six of one and a half dozen of another, as you can't say it is proper to shoot, but we found at Kent that they were throwing 7 pound rocks at the soldiers and they hit one Guardsman in the back and knocked him down. There is just so much a human being can stand, and it is the same thing here at Maryland University. I said the National Guard is on the campus and they propose to

See memorandum R.D. Cotter to W.C. Sullivan, dated ACTION: 5-19-70, captioned, "Request of Vice President for Information Concerning Racial Disturbances in Mississippi and Georgia, Racial Matters." prepared by JCT:1jz.

See memorandum G.C. Moore to W.C. Sullivan, dated 5-18-70, captioned, "Ralph David Abernathy, Racial Matters," CEG:plm; and memorandum 5/19/70, same caption, CEG:ekw.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Sullivan, Bishop

have a demonstration today and the Guardsmen are present, but they have been blocking Highway No. 1 most every day. I said very fortunately, they have arrested and charged three of the leaders for the damage done to the Administration Building when they went in the other night and broke the furniture, et cetera.

The Vice President said what he wants to be able to do is bring out some facts the media conveniently overlooked. I said they never give the things that are being done constructively, many times by students, to try to prevent this, but they emphasize all the things these jerks are doing.

The Vice President said he saw a picture about Augusta showing some of the Negroes jumping out of store windows with loot and booty and fleeing and you never hear anything about that. He said whatever I can give him that can ameliorate some of the impact; that he understands some of these things are wrong and we are probably going to find some of the shootings showed too much force, but none the less, the people have to understand the very thrust of the newspaper articles is that a bunch of police shot down six Negroes and what happened before -- why did they shoot at them -- not just because they felt like killing people. I said they were severely provoked at Kent and we will finish Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson this week.

I told the Vice President I was sending to him Wednesday, the material Kent Crane asked for, which gives in summary the material we have sent in detail.

The Vice President said he thought he was going to have to start destroying Abernathy's credibility, so anything I can give him would be appreciated. I told him I would be glad to. I said I was the only one who spoke out against Martin Luther King and I got hell, but I did not give a damn because it is more like bouquets than brickbats from some people. The Vice President said we can't let demagogues become martyrs and heroes. I said I had briefed the Appropriations Committee about his (King's) background and it has been effective recently because they have been trying