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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)  
FROM: ~~W~~SAC, MEMPHIS (157-166) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;  
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/15/63.

Names of individuals as set out in relet living within territory covered by Memphis FBI are as follows:

J. E. LOWERY, Nashville, Tenn., Second Vice-President

KELLY MILLER SMITH, Nashville, Tenn., Chaplain

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AARON E. HENRY, Clarksdale, Executive Board

B. L. ~~Y~~HOOKS, Memphis, Tenn., Executive Board

CAROLE, ~~HOOVER~~ (residence not shown), Field Secretary for Tennessee

ANNELL PONDER (residence not shown), Field  
Secretary for Mississippi

JAMES LAWSON, Memphis, Tenn., Special Consultant  
for Direct Action.

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KELLY MILLER SMITH is pastor, First Baptist Church (Negro), Nashville, Tenn., and is a contact of this office under the current "Liaison with Groups Sponsoring Desegregation" (LWGSD) Program.

AARON HENRY is a Negro, Clarksdale, Miss., druggist - is President of Mississippi Chapter, NAACP, and is a contact of this office under the LWGSD Program.

B. L. HOOKS is a Negro attorney, Memphis, Tenn., and also a Baptist minister and an assistant public defender, Shelby County, Tenn. He is a former American Legion contact.

JAMES LAWSON is identical with Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, aka JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., Negro minister, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church. He is a member of the Executive Board, Memphis, Tenn., NAACP Chapter, a former theology student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and by reputation is one of the originators of the so-called Negro Nonviolent Protest Movement in this country.

The following possible subversive references to LAWSON are reflected in Memphis files:

Page C17, late City Edition, "New York Times," daily newspaper, New York, New York, issued of 2/22/62 carried a full-page listing captioned "An Appeal to House of Representatives Abolish HUAC" (The House Un-American Activities Committee). This appeal called upon Congress to abolish the HUAC. It called upon individuals to send contributions or write to JAMES IMBRIE, Treasurer, or CLARENCE E. PICKETT, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee, 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia 2 Pa. This appeal stated: "Funds for this advertisement were contributed by many whose signatures are listed below."

The appeal listed numerous individuals broken down by their vocational or professional standing; under "Religious Leaders" was listed "Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON, Nashville, Tenn. b7D (On 12/3/63 [redacted] advised that as of 2/22/62 LAWSON was living in Nashville, Tenn.)

All racial and security sources have repeatedly been alerted to furnishing any evidences of possible Communist infiltration of Negro or racial groups.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT:

CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
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The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

- Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 13) (RM)
  - 1 - 100-407018 (CLARENCE JONES)
  - 1 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
  - 1 - 100-392452 (STANLEY LEVISON)
  - 1 - 100-358916 (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
  - 1 - 100-438794 (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
  - 1 - 100-5718 (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
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- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-91330) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
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1. NY 3580-S\* (S) X u
2. NY 694-S\*, used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON and HUNTER PETTS O'DELL. (S) X u
3. [redacted] used to characterize CLARENCE JONES. (S) X u

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3580-S\*. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. (S) L

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
December 12, 1963

Bureau 100-3-116

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

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ON 11-7-84  
Subj: SCLC/King/Levisa

On December 11, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. They discussed Martin Luther King's book, and during the course of this discussion, Levison mentioned that there are several chapters which should be revised and several others which require minor changes. Levison inquired about "the office uptown", and Jones replied that he thought the operation is to be transferred to Atlanta. Levison told Jones to get the key for the safety deposit box from Jack O'Dell (Hunter Pitts O'Dell), and he mentioned that there is a large list of contributors in the safe. They also discussed an appeal letter in connection with the "Jewish appeal". Levison said that he would send Wyatt (T. Walker) a constructive letter on the (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) Newsletter. Jones said he would appreciate that. (S) U

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1963, that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). (S) U

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). (S) u

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

With respect to "the office uptown", mentioned by Levison, it is to be noted that it has been determined from the first source that when Levison and Jones refer to "the office uptown", they are in fact referring to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. (S) u

It is to be noted that Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who also uses the name Jack O'Dell, was formerly administrator of the SCLC office in New York City. (S) u

The second confidential source advised on July 17, 1962, that as of July, 1962, Hunter Pitts O'Dell was considered by the Communist Party, United States of America, as a member of its National Committee. (S) u

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Wyatt T. Walker is an Assistant to  
Martin Luther King in the SCLC office  
in Atlanta.

The book referred to above is one which  
is currently being written on Martin  
Luther King's experiences in the civil  
rights struggle in Birmingham. *ftu*

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- 1 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 15) (RM)  
1 - 100-407018 (CLARENCE JONES)  
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1 - 100-437828 (HARRY WACHTEL)  
1 - 100-438794 (COMINFIL SCLC)  
1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)  
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)  
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1 - Washington Field (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)  
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)  
1 - New York (100-118562) (ARTHUR KINOY) (421)  
1 - New York (100-146994) (WILLIAM KUNSTLER)  
1 - New York (100-91330) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (414)  
1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)  
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The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

1. NY 4092-S\* [redacted] b7D
2. [redacted] used to characterize CLARENCE JONES.
3. Anonymous source of the WFO set out in report of SA [redacted] 7/19/50; WFO, re: "NLG; IS-C"; used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL. b6 b7C
4. NY 1190-S\* used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL and LEONORA WACHTEL.
5. [NY 694-S\*] used to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL. (S)
6. NY 4099-S\*
7. [redacted] used to characterize WILLIAM KUNSTLER. b7D
8. [redacted] used to characterize WILLIAM KUNSTLER. (S)
9. [redacted] used to characterize ARTHUR KINOY.

Indices of the New York Office contain no information concerning HERMINE POPPER.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 4092-S\* and NY 4099-S\*. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

With respect to the contacting of JONES by "representatives of the Government", the NYO has not contacted JONES, and a review of NYO files did not reveal who the Government Representative might be.

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New York, New York  
December 17, 1963

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
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On December 13, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on that date. During the course of their discussion, King mentioned that he will be on a very "tight schedule" for the next few days. He said that he will be in Michigan on Wednesday, December 18, 1963; in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, December 19, 1963; and Danville, Virginia, on Friday, December 20, 1963.

King mentioned that he does not feel there is any urgency for him to meet with Governor Rockefeller. Jones told King that he feels it is urgent for King to meet with Harry Wachtel and himself in order that the pressing problems confronting them may be discussed. Jones said that one of the most pressing problems involves the fact that "an inquiry was made of him (Jones) by a representative of the Government about a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) representative". Jones said, "It was akin to the questions asked Jack". King replied that he did not understand this problem. Jones stated he is afraid that "this problem will snowball". Jones reminded

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King that it could involve "the lawyer friend of Bill's". Jones said that "the government man" wanted to know "what position Bill's friend held in the SCLC", and Jones said that he told him that he did not know.

Jones and King made tentative plans to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 22, 1963, if that is agreeable with Harry Wachtel.

King said that he did not like a recent Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television program dealing with the civil rights movement in Harlem. King asked Jones to let CBS know about this.

Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1963, if she gets ten per cent of King's royalties up to \$3,000. He said that she wants an advance of \$500. King said that he is agreeable to this but does not want anyone to get the impression that he receives help in preparing his books since he feels this would hurt his national image.

Jones informed Harry Wachtel's secretary that he had been in touch with Martin Luther King and that King would like to meet with Wachtel and himself. According to Jones, King said that he could meet with them in the morning of December 20, 1963, in Washington, D.C., from which point he will be departing at 2:00 o'clock by plane to go to Danville, Virginia. Jones said that King would also be available to meet with them on the evening of December 22, 1963, and the morning of December 23, 1963, in Atlanta, Georgia. Jones indicated he favored going to Atlanta since they would have more time to talk to King down there.

<sup>4</sup> [On December 16, 1963, the same source furnished information that Jones contacted Wachtel on that date. Jones mentioned that King is coming to New York City on Thursday, December 19, 1963, for a three hour conference with the publisher of King's book. After this conference, King will go to Baltimore.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

[A second confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the <sup>u</sup>past,  
advised on February 26, 1957 <sup>u</sup>that  
he had identified a photograph of  
Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew  
during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a  
member of and in a position of leader-  
ship in the Labor Youth League (LYL). <sup>(S)</sup> <sup>u</sup>

The LYL has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel  
for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.  
He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings  
Point, Long Island, New York.

[A third confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the  
past, furnished information in December,  
<sup>u</sup>1949, <sup>u</sup>that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad  
Street, New York, New York, was on a  
list of individuals carried as active  
members of the National Lawyers Guild  
(NLG). <sup>(S)</sup> <sup>u</sup>

On March 5, 1944, a fourth confidential  
source, who has furnished reliable infor-  
mation in the past, furnished information  
which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel  
was on a list of names, significance not  
known, which was maintained at the Headquarters  
of the Kings County Communist Party at  
26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York. <sup>(S)</sup> <sup>u</sup>

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Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the fourth confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party. (u)

With respect to the name Jack, which was mentioned by Clarence Jones, it is to be noted that Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who uses the name Jack O'Dell, was formerly administrator of the New York Office of the SCLC.

A fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 17, 1962, that as of July, 1962, Hunter Pitts O'Dell was considered by the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), as a member of its National Committee. (s) (u)

With respect to the comment made by Jones about "the lawyer friend of Bill's", it is to be noted that Arthur Kinoy recently joined Bill Kunstler's law firm as a partner.

4 [On December 8, 1963, a sixth confidential source,] Who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones said many people are upset because of the fact that (Arthur) Kinoy says that he is trial counsel for the SCLC.

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*KC*  
*u* A seventh confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 29, 1962, that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

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*u* An Eighth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 3, 1962, that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

On August 30, 1960, a ninth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Arthur Kinoy had attempted to set up a Communist Party (CP) Club of professionals following the 16th National CP Convention.

*(u) release in NLG case*  
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The book mentioned above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait" and is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 12/18/63

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL,  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Baltimore letter, 12/16/63.

For purposes of reporting on instant matter, a characterization of LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK will be sufficient. This characterization should include any information available reflecting Communist Party influence on REDDICK and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
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Re New York airtel dated 12/17/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 16 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum dated 12/18/63, and one copy for Atlanta  
and Charlotte.

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- (1 - 100-407018) (CLARENCE JONES)
  - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
  - (1 - 100-413210) (ARTHUR KINOY)
  - (1 - 100-439612) (WILLIAM KUNSTLER)
  - (1 - 100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)
  - (1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
  - (1 - 100-437828) (HARRY WACHTEL)
  - (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
- 1 - Charlotte (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-118562) (ARTHUR KINOY) (421)
- 1 - New York (100-146994) (WILLIAM KUNSTLER)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)
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- 1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

1. NY 4092-S\*
2. [redacted] used to characterize CLARENCE JONES.
3. Anonymous source of the WFO set out in report of SA [redacted] 7/19/50; WFO, re: "NLG; IS-C"; used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL.
4. NY 1190-S\*, used to characterize HARRY WACHTEL and LEONORA WACHTEL.
5. [redacted] used to characterize WILLIAM KUNSTLER.
6. [redacted] used to characterize WILLIAM KUNSTLER.
7. [redacted] used to characterize ARTHUR KINOY.
8. NY 694-S\*, used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON.

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 4092-S\*. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

The New York Office has not been in contact with JONES, and a review of the files in the New York Office did not reveal any information as to who the Federal Representatives might be.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 18, 1963

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of America - Negro Question  
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~~u/x~~ [On December 13, 1963, a confidential source, who has ~~19-89~~ furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on that date. During the course of their discussion, Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1964. ~~25/ed~~ b6 b7C

~~u/x~~ [On December 17, 1963, the same confidential source] furnished information which indicated that King contacted Jones on that date. Jones said that Hermine does not want to get into the material until she talks with King. Jones explained that she wants to get "the proper guide lines" from King. Jones said that after going over the material, she indicated that she has a good idea of what is expected of her but she said she would like to discuss with King the arrangement of the material. According to Jones, Hermine feels that it would save her from doing things over if King could have a discussion with her.

King suggested that he might fly from Baltimore to New York City on Friday, December 20, 1963, and arrive at 12:00 noon. He stated that he would be able to stay in New York City until four or five o'clock. Jones and King agreed this would be a good arrangement. King also suggested that if he

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did not have to come all the way into town from the airport, he would be able to spend more time at the meeting. It was agreed that Jones would make arrangements to get a room at or near the airport. Jones suggested that he might try to get a room at the International Hotel or at the airport itself.

King inquired about the financial status of the Gandhi Society, mentioning that they were still being confronted with bills in Danville. King said, "They throw it up to us all the time that the Gandhi Society made a commitment and that they haven't had the follow through". Jones replied that Harry Wachtel has been working on this with Bill Kunstler. Jones indicated that Wachtel has been going over the bills, and he said that there has been a source of dispute because of a number of commitments were made "without our prior knowledge". He said these were commitments made by Bill (Kunstler), and he said he felt that they would have to honor them. Jones informed King that he thought the bills came to about \$12,000. Jones stated that some arrangements were made to have some money raised in Boston and that these funds were to be earmarked for Danville. Jones indicated that Wachtel was "a little angry" at the way Bill (Kunstler) had made certain commitments and "certain representations" without consulting him (Wachtel) or people in the (Gandhi) Society.

King told Jones that after New Years, he wants to have "a retreat like" conference for approximately two and a half days in North Carolina at "this retreat center" owned by the Episcopal Church. King said that the place is near Asheville. King indicated that it would give "us" time to get a little recreation; he mentioned that the place he has in mind has an indoor swimming pool and bowling alley. Continuing, King said that he was thinking of taking 20 or 30 people but not more than 30 people, and that these people would be members of the executive staff, a few of the board members, and four or five other people. King indicated he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he also indicated

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he would like to have Bayard Rustin attend. King explained that he felt this affair would be very valuable in that they could sit down and really discuss the program. King went on to explain that this would not be an administrative meeting as such, although he said some administrative matters might come up during that period. King said that it will mainly be looking at the program for 1964, and looking over 1963. He said that it will be "a where do we go from here discussion". King indicated that the affair would begin on January 6, 1964, at noon and that it would last until January 8, 1964, at noon. King suggested that it would cost approximately \$2,500 for the retreat, and he stated that he feels the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) treasury cannot handle it at this time. Jones agreed with this and said that this is something the Gandhi Society can and should do. King suggested that Jones discuss this with Wachtel in order to get his views. King repeated that he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he remarked that even if they brought their wives it would be a good break for a day or two.

Jones mentioned to King that arguments before the United States Supreme Court in regard to the "libel case" are scheduled for January 6, 1964. He also mentioned that the arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad". Jones told King that William P. Rogers, the former Attorney General, and Sam Pierce are doing the oral argument and that Harry and himself were counsel and would be advising them during the argument.

Jones told King that he had been contacted by a representative of a Federal Agency who spoke to him about Arthur Kinoy's relationship with the SCLC, and Jones said that he told him he knew nothing about it. Jones said he mentioned that Kinoy was just an attorney with whom he had worked at one time. Jones said that the questions "assumed an organizational link which does not exist". King commented that "it is very important for us to clear that up because there is no connection other than indirectly through Bill". King reminded Jones that "we made the decision on that - how we would deal with it".

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Jones left instructions with his secretary, Jo Ann Mc Cloud, to contact Joan Daves, the publishers representative, and Miss Hermine Popper (ph), to tell them about the meeting on Friday.

Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison for the purpose of informing him about the meeting with King on December 20, 1963. It was agreed that Levison and Jones would meet at Levison's office to have a discussion before the meeting with King and then proceed from there to the airport. Levison mentioned that Hermine has all of the material with the exception of that which King has himself.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

~~U~~ A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957 that he had identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). (u) (X/4)

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

[A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild. (u) (X/4)

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Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the fourth confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party. (u)

(u) [A fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 29, 1962, that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

(u) [A sixth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 3, 1962, that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

On August 30, 1960, a seventh confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Arthur Kinoy had attempted to set up a Communist Party (CP) Club of professionals following the 16th National CP Convention.

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The book mentioned above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait" and is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee are attached.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941, after the Nazi attack on Russia.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25,  
1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article  
which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive  
Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of  
eight non-Communist observers at the  
Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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secret member of the Communist Party,  
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Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a  
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ALL sources mentioned above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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rept. w/B/S 1-30-64 p51

Re Atlanta letter to the Director dated 10/15/63 which set forth the title and position held by the leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

A review of the indices of the NYO failed to reflect any information identifiable with C.O. SIMPKINS, D.D.S., Hollis, Long Island, New York listed as Fourth Vice-President, SCLC.

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ON 3-11-85

The following investigation was conducted utilizing the routine contacts of the NYO in a discreet effort to ascertain identifying data relative to GEORGE LAWRENCE, Brooklyn, New York, listed as Regional Representative, SCLC.

The files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the NYC Police Department, the files of the Bureau of Special Services of the NYC Police Department, the Central Indices of the NY State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Central Indices of the Boards of Election for Brooklyn and Manhattan Counties, the records of Local Selective Service Boards # 31, #32, #40, #6 and #12 covering Brooklyn and Manhattan Counties, and the Name Index of the New York Public Library Newspaper Section were reviewed and indicated that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, 828 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, was interested in and active in Civil Rights demonstrations on behalf of the Negro, that LAWRENCE had never been arrested in NYC, that there was no record of an automobile registered in his name, that he had not registered to vote from either his present Brooklyn address (see below), that he was not carried on current

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Selective Service files and that his activity was not sufficiently prominent to be brought to the attention of the Public Library Newspaper Files.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were made available to Investigative Clerk [redacted] on 11/15/63 by [redacted] and they reflect that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, who resides at 175 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY, and who previously had resided at 334 West 22nd Street, New York City, had been pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn since April, 1959 and prior to that had been affiliated with the Friendship Baptist Church, 144 West 131st Street, New York City (since 1955).

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Suitable pretext telephone calls to the Friendship Baptist Church, the Baptist American Ministers Council, the Baptist Educational Center, the Baptist Ministers Pension Fund, the New York City Baptist Society and the Empire State Baptist Convention resulted in the information that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE was known by reputation to have been educated at colleges in the Midwest (Ohio, Indiana and Illinois being mentioned) and to have been ordained in Ohio in approximately 1955. The persons contacted advised that Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE was approximately 40 years of age and unmarried.

[redacted] Antioch Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted under a suitable pretext and she advised that the Rev. LAWRENCE had been educated in the Midwest, had been ordained approximately 15 years, and was in his late 30's and that, as far as she knew, he had not been in the New York area very long.

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The Indices of the NYO contain the following security information concerning the name GEORGE LAWRENCE:

[redacted] (Conceal - deceased) advised on 2/12/46

[redacted] see above, advised on 2/26/46 [redacted]

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It is to be noted that no further information is listed regarding [redacted] and it is not apparent whether the above refers to one or two individuals. X

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[redacted] (Conceal) advised [redacted]  
[redacted] Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, Regional Director of the SCLC, advised a reporter for "The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, that a meeting had been held that date of approximately 50 ministers and other civil rights leaders and furnished the reporter a summary of the actions agreed upon. X

All of the sources utilized in this letter have furnished reliable information in the past.  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: December 19, 1963

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16849) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
IS - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 10/15/63.

The files of the New Orleans Office do not contain any subversive information concerning the following listed individuals mentioned in referenced Atlanta letter to the Bureau,

CLARENCE HENRY *CLARENCE HENRY*  
New Orleans, Louisiana

MAJOR JOHNS  
Maringouin, Louisiana

ANNELL PONDER  
Mississippi

ANDREW MARRISETT  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

JAMES ORANGE  
New Iberia, Louisiana

HARDY PAYNE  
New Iberia, Louisiana

JUANITA DANIELS  
Alexandria, Louisiana

ROBERT SEALS  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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2-Bureau (RM)  
2-Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)  
2-New York (100-149194) (RM)  
2-New Orleans  
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~~DANIEL~~ HARRELL  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

~~LAVERT~~ TAYLOR  
New Iberia, Louisiana

~~ELIZABETH~~ HAYES  
Alexandria, Louisiana

The files of this office reflect that CLARENCE "CHINK" HENRY is President of Local 1419 International Longshoreman's Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The files also reflect that MAJOR JOHNS is a field secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and has been active in a voter registration drive at Shreveport, Louisiana.

JOHNS has described himself as an organizer in voter registration drives and that he favors and encourages non-violent demonstrations.

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect that in Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated May 10, 1963 captioned Sit-ins, Birmingham, Alabama, Beginning April 3, 1963, the name HARDY PAYNE, Age 27, 1713-24th Street, Southwest was listed as one of the Negroes arrested on May 6, 1963 by the Birmingham Police Department in connection with demonstrations in that city.

The files of the New Orleans Office show that LAVERT TAYLOR is a field worker for the SCLC and has been engaged in integration activities in the New Orleans area.

The files of the New Orleans Office also reflect in Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated April 16, 1963 captioned Sit-ins, Birmingham, Alabama, April, 1963, on page 9, that one ELIZABETH HAYES, age 20, 842 Center Way, Southwest, was one of the individuals arrested on April 12, 1963 in Birmingham and charged with parading without a permit.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 12/23/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL

○ SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
IS - C  
(OO: NY)

Re Atlanta letter to Director 10/15/63, and NY letter to Director 12/20/63.

Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department, advised on 12/20/63 that further investigation by his department disclosed that GEORGE LAWRENCE, male, Negro, single, date of birth 9/2/28 at New York City, occupation - Minister, address 828 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, had been arrested January 6, 1962, at 5:45 A.M., in the Jamaica, Queens, Bus Terminal on a charge of violation of Section 722 of the New York City Penal Code Subdivision #8.

Detective [redacted] advised further that the record shows that LAWRENCE was arrested [redacted]

Detective [redacted] advised that on 1/18/62 GEORGE LAWRENCE was acquitted by Judge DUBIN of Queens Felony Court and the arrest record and fingerprint cards were returned to him.

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  - 2 - Atlanta (100-5718)(AMR)
  - 1 - New York (100-149194)#41

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE:

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FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-47609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
IS - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau dated 12/11/63.

Copies of this letter are furnished to Cincinnati and Atlanta for information in accordance with request in referenced letter.

FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Secretary

The following is furnished in accordance with request in referenced letter, Page 10, for verification of information from original sources.

It is not deemed necessary to recontact [redacted] and [redacted] to determine whether they desire that their identities be concealed, since they are [redacted]. The need for concealment would logically continue.

[redacted] furnished the "25th Convention Summary", from which information is cited on Page 11 of report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL dated 10/20/60 at Newark captioned "COMINFIL, UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA; IS - C; (OO: NEW YORK)", New York File 100-13644. The "25th Convention Summary" was furnished to New York as enclosure #12 with that report.

Page 34 of the same report reflected that Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH was mentioned in "UE News" of 9/26/60, Page 9. It is noted that the 9/26/60 issue of "UE News" was transmitted to New York by Newark letter to New York dated 10/21/60 captioned

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2 Atlanta (100-5718) (Info) (RM)  
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"COMINFIL, UERMWA; IS - C", New York File 100-13644.

With respect to information on Pages 32 and 34 of the same report of SA CONNELL regarding the fact that SHUTTLESWORTH was possibly headquartered at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, it is suggested that this information, if utilized, should be phrased thusly:

[redacted] (concealed by request; in a position to furnish reliable information) advised on 9/20/60 that it had been originally planned that a number of individuals, including Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH, Birmingham, Alabama, would be headquartered at the Ambassador Hotel during the convention of UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA from 9/12 to 9/16/60. However, this source could not state where Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH was headquartered or whether Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH attended sessions of the convention."

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Newark indices reflect no further pertinent information concerning SHUTTLESWORTH.

#### LEADS

#### NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY. 1. Will verify information regarding SHUTTLESWORTH referred to above as appearing in the "25th Convention Summary", Monday, 9/12/60, afternoon session. This summary was enclosure #12 to New York with report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL dated 10/20/60 at Newark regarding COMINFIL, UERMWA, New York 100-13644.

2. Will verify from "UE News", 9/26/60, Page 9, information regarding SHUTTLESWORTH. This issue of "UE News" was furnished to New York by Newark letter dated 10/21/60 captioned "COMINFIL, UERMWA".

3. Will, as office of origin UERMWA, furnish to Cincinnati and Atlanta an appropriate characterization of UERMWA.

4. Will appropriately advise Bureau, Atlanta and Cincinnati in accordance with instructions in referenced Cincinnati letter dated 12/11/63.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
SUBJECT: CPUSA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
IS-C 10-7-48  
C(00): NY (T. BY SA JSK/SA)  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum dated 1/6/64; one copy is enclosed for  
Atlanta and Washington Field Office.

The sources used in this letterhead memorandum are  
as follows:

1. NY 3810-S\*
2. NY 4099-S\*

On 1/1/64 ASAC Foley telephonically  
advised SA Chief (Barber) re NY 3810 &  
of LHM that they will cover King's  
presence in NYC for intelligence.  
Since SA commitment.

- 1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-Washington Field (100- ) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)  
1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)  
1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)  
1-New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)  
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Sources used in the characterizations are as follows:

Characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

1. NY 694-S\*.

Characterization of CLARENCE JONES

1. [REDACTED]

Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES on 1/3/64.

[REDACTED]

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3810-S\* and NY 4099-S\*. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
January 6, 1964

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Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America -  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On January 3, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. They made arrangements to meet at Levison's office, 6 East 39th Street, at 6:00 p.m., on January 3, 1964, for the purpose of discussing the meeting which Jones will have with Martin Luther King on January 5, 1964. Jones mentioned that King is a very sensitive person and was upset by the article in "Time" magazine in which he was named man of the year. Levison said he thought it was a poor article, but he said that it still might have a good effect in that it will make a lot of people angry. (S) U

On January 3, 1964, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones entering 6 East 39th Street at 3:01 p.m. Jones was observed departing from 6 East 39th Street at 4:58 p.m. with Stanley Levison. Jones and Levison returned to 6 East 39th Street at 5:30 p.m. Jones departed from this address at 5:55 p.m.

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Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America-  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

~~SECRET~~ [On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past,] furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King said that while he is in Washington, D.C., for the Supreme Court case, he will be staying at the Willard Hotel. King stated that it will be all right if his picture is taken on the steps of the Supreme Court Building, and he said that he hopes that the case gets good coverage from the press. Jones indicated that he was certain the press would afford good coverage inasmuch as William Rogers, the former Attorney General, who will argue the case, represents "Newsweek" and the "Washington Post."

Jones said that he had a long talk with "our friend" last night, and he mentioned that "our friend" thinks the material for "The Nation" should not be used until after the Congress convenes. Jones also mentioned that "our friend" thinks that most of the prints should be in draft form by the time King gets to New York.

King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 1964. King mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel and that he would come directly from Washington, D.C., to New York. King stated he will bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

King mentioned that he had received congratulations from Roy (Wilkins) and Whitney (Young) regarding the "Man of the Year Award" by "Time" magazine, but he stated that he had not heard from Jim Farmer. Jones told King he had learned that

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the derogatory information in the "Time" article came from a book, "A Negro Revolt" by Louis Lomax. Jones stated that Louis Lomax is "a totally dishonest man." King inquired about what "our friend" thought of the article, and Jones replied that "our friend" thinks "we are lucky 'Time' didn't go into the Communist issue or the financial issue."

King told Jones to arrange for a major magazine like "Life," "Look", or the "Saturday Evening Post" to do an "article in depth on Martin Luther King as the President of SCLC and as the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church". King also asked Jones to arrange a national net work television program concerning him (King) to be moderated by someone like Howard K. Smith of the American Broadcasting Company. (ABC).

Jones told King to make sure he attends the arguments at the Supreme Court in Washington, on January 6, 1964, since "the presence of Dr. King will have a tremendous effect on the Justices and will have a favorable influence in their decision." King stated he would be there. King said he was good friends with the family of Justice Black and that he was a friend of Justice Goldberg.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

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Re: Communist Party,  
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Martin Luther King is President of  
the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man  
in New York City, and has been given  
the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary  
of the National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People.

James Farmer is National Director  
of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Whitney Young is Executive Secretary  
of the National Urban League.

With respect to the information concerning  
arguments before the United States  
Supreme Court, it is to be noted that  
the arguments involving a "libel case"  
are scheduled for January 6, 1964. The  
arguments involve "The New York Times"  
and the individual defendants who signed  
"the ad."

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a  
one million dollar libel suit against  
"The New York Times," Martin Luther  
King, and four Negro clergymen for  
an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960  
issue of "The New York Times".

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Re: Communist Party,  
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It is to be noted that it has been determined from [the second source] that when King and Jones refer to "our friend" they are referring to Stanley Levison. (u)

[A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1963, that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America. (u)] (u)

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

U ~~SECRET~~ [A confidential source, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised  
on February 26, 1957 that he had identified  
a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person  
whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954  
to be a member of and in a position of  
leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). (S) 4

The LYL has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

January 8, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf  
1 - Mr. Phillips

Memorandum from W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont 12/24/63 summarized the results of a conference held at the Seat of Government 12/23/63 between Bureau officials and Supervisors and field representatives designed to explore how best to carry on our investigation of captioned matter to produce the desired results without embarrassment to the Bureau. We completely analyzed avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing Martin Luther King, Jr., as an effective Negro leader. One of the avenues explored was that concerning any facets of the financial operations of King and the organizations through which he operates which investigation might reveal either violations of the law or other potentials for discrediting King or otherwise neutralizing his effectiveness.

Bufiles contain two items of particular significance. A Washington Capital News Service release dated 10/22/63 reveals that King's integration organization had an income of more than \$735,000 during the past fiscal year and spent only about half of it. It is stated that in a report of the financial status of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which King is President, King disclosed that the organization had a balance of \$351,992.20 left 8/31/63 at the end of the fiscal year from a total income of \$735,534.02. Another such news release dated 11/4/63 revealed that Representative George Andrews (D-Ala.) asked the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate the tax status of the SCLC. Andrews is quoted as saying, "Thousands and thousands of dollars are collected and spent each year by so-called civil rights organizations and many people are beginning to suspect they could be a front for a full-grown racket."

It is noted that King's operations revolve principally around the SCLC. However, fund-raising operations on his part are further augmented by the activities of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, which commenced operations in 1962.

Enc.

100-3-116

1-100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

1-100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
100-3-116

**OBSERVATIONS:**

It is believed that an examination of recent income tax returns of King might well reveal information which could assist the Bureau in its efforts to discredit King or neutralize his effectiveness. This is possibly applicable also if the income tax returns of the SCLC and the Gandhi Society were reviewed. In view of the possibility that the SCLC has already been under some investigation by IRS, a request for the results of such investigation is indicated. We also had information in late 1963 that the Gandhi Society was negotiating with IRS relative to tax exemptions and therefore the results of any IRS investigation of that Society would be worth procuring.

To date we have been most discreet and circumspect in our handling of the King investigation, as well as corollary investigations such as revolving around organizations, because of the position King has not only as a clergyman, but also as a "respected" Negro leader. It is therefore essential that our current requests of the IRS which are herein being recommended be handled in a manner which would provide for optimum security so that neither King nor any other unauthorized individuals may become aware of the Bureau's interest and so that no embarrassment may come to the Bureau. For this reason, the attached memoranda are classified "Secret."

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Liaison Section obtain two uncertified copies of each of the income tax returns available for the past five years pertaining to King, the SCLC and the Gandhi Society. Attached hereto are three memoranda for the use of the Liaison Section.

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1-Bland  
1-Baumgardner  
1-Forsyth  
1-Liaison  
1-Kleinkauf  
1-Phillips

## SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The main office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. The President of this organization is Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

It is requested that two uncertified copies each of any income tax returns submitted by the SCLC during the past five years be made available. It is also requested that the results of any investigation involving the income tax status of the SCLC likewise be made available.

### NOTE:

See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 1/8/64 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, Internal Security - Communist," SFP:kmj. Classified "Secret" because the unauthorized disclosure of the Bureau's interest in this matter could result in serious damage to the Nation.

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1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. Phillips

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReATAirtel to Bureau, copies to New York and Baltimore, 1-10-64, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning the annual top-level meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) scheduled to be held at a church retreat area, Black Mountain, North Carolina, 1/20-22/64. An individual mentioned as planning to be at the meeting is a Dr. Reddick and a lead is set out for Baltimore to characterize the individual believed identical to this Reddick.

There have been recent other communications from Atlanta identifying individuals who are to attend the meeting and it should be noted that reLHM identified several other persons in addition to Reddick.

Atlanta is instructed to review its file in captioned matter for the identities of the individuals scheduled to attend the meeting and to be alert to additional information, if received, concerning attendees. As soon as possible after the meeting has been held, Atlanta should submit to the Bureau a summarizing LHM containing the identities of the individuals who attended or were scheduled to attend (if positive information is not known as to whether certain individuals actually attended), including any subversive information available about these persons. Such a summarizing communication will assist in determining what, if any, possible communist influence there may be in the SCLC. The LHM should be submitted under a dual caption pertaining to captioned matter as well as the current investigation of the SCLC.

New York should furnish any information available to Atlanta which will assist in the latter's preparation of the summarizing LHM.

1 - Charlotte  
2 - New York (100-151543)

① - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Ryan  
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf  
1 - Mr. Phillips

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Recent correspondence from receiving offices gives some indication that individuals and/or organizations of interest to the Bureau relative to captioned matter may possibly be taking actions either designed to circumvent tax laws or actually in violation of such laws. As examples, the following specific references are noted:

Atlanta letter to the Bureau, copies to New York, 12/31/63 contains a reference in the top paragraph of page 3 to a contact between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Mays, President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, at which time a financial statement of King was discussed. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of page 2 of the referenced letter report on a discussion concerning Wyatt Walker, Executive Assistant of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and one Reverend Simason (phonetic) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They discussed a possible speaking engagement for Martin Luther King, Jr., in Milwaukee and Simason asked Walker how a donation could be given to King, tax exempt. Walker said that the plan they always used was to have checks made out to a local church, in this case a Milwaukee church, and that church in turn would endorse the check to "Southern Home Mission work." Walker said that some sums as large as \$5,000 have gone directly to King's church in Atlanta to avoid taxes.

New York airtel 1/3/64, copies to Atlanta, enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date which reported in paragraph 2 of page 1 a contact between Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel. Wachtel stated that he had received an invitation from Martin Luther King, Jr., to attend the "Black Mountain

2 - Atlanta (100-6520)

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

1 - 100-438792 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Retreat." Wachtel mentioned that the invitation stated that the bill would be paid by the Gandhi Society and that if the Gandhi Society pays the bill for the affair, it might lose its tax exemption. Wachtel therefore felt that this statement should be deleted from the invitations.

The Bureau believes that the references developed to date to any possible evasion or violation of tax laws are too indefinite to enable the Bureau to make any logical dissemination to the Internal Revenue Service or any other tax authorities at this time. Another factor for consideration, but not necessarily a deterring one, is the most sensitive and discreet nature of our current investigation of King and the groups with which he is associated.

Receiving offices should remain particularly alert to all references developed to any possible tax evasion or violation of tax laws and furnish the Bureau promptly such information as developed. Such information may be forthcoming relative not only to King, but to the organizations with which he is associated. No open investigation should be conducted to develop this type of information. However, as information of this nature is developed in connection with captioned matter it should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

1/3/64

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

(PERSONAL ATTENTION  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. C.  
MULLIVAN, DOMESTIC  
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24345) (P)

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA;  
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DO NOT DISSEMINATE

Re Atlanta airtel 12/24/63.

A confidential source at Los Angeles has advised

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- 3 - Bureau (AM-101) (PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MULLIVAN)  
(1 - 100-3-116; ~~CPUSA~~, Negro Question)  
(1 - 100-438794; ~~CPUSA~~)  
(1 - 100-106670; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
2 - Atlanta (AM-101) (PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC)  
(1 - 100-5320; CPUSA, Negro Question)  
(1 - 100-5713; SCIC)  
(1 - 100-5586; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(1 - 100-55804; CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist  
Influence in Racial Matters)  
3 - Los Angeles  
(1 - 100-24345)  
(1 - 100-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(1 - 100-DOLANES EVANS)

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SAC, Atlanta (100-6520)

January 7, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
(Field Supervision)  
1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Phillips

Since recent establishment by your office of certain sensitive-type coverage pertaining to captioned matter your office has submitted a series of letters under above caption flagged to the personal attention of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, which communications have reported upon the results of such coverage. These letters have contained a caution in an opening paragraph that the communication is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau and that "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." These letters have not forwarded any letterhead memoranda (LHM) which would enable the Bureau to make dissemination when same might be indicated.

The Bureau has made a close analysis of the information being submitted by your office in the afore-mentioned communications and is now offering the following guidance and suggestions for future handling of the information emanating from the sources referred to above.

(1) Unless some specific reason exists pertaining to a specific matter involved, it will not be necessary for your office to flag these communications to the personal attention of Assistant Director Sullivan. He is regularly being apprised through Seat of Government channels of the more important aspects relating to captioned case.

(2) The review of communications submitted by your office to date appears to indicate that the greater bulk of information obtained from these sources is being furnished to the Bureau. This includes information which is voluminous

1 - New York (100-161643)

1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)  
1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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and which, if closely analyzed at the field office level, might well indicate that the raw material could be distilled down so that the Bureau will be furnished only the more pertinent information. Of course, there may be situations where information would be of interest to another office, in which event it should be furnished to such other office; but, this would not necessarily require advising the Bureau. Each item must be considered on its own merits. Doubtful situations should, of course, be resolved in favor of including advice to the Bureau.

(3) The material being furnished the Bureau has been handled in most instances by letter. It is believed that some of the information being obtained would indicate that an airtel would be the more appropriate type of communication to use. Also, there may be situations wherein a teletype should be used. You should therefore give thorough consideration to utilizing a more expeditious means of communication than a letter in these instances where time is a vital element.

(4) Your office has not been submitting LHM's with the letters discussed herein. Each item of information obtained from these sources should be closely examined with a view to the necessity for possible dissemination at the Seat of Government and when same is indicated, the pertinent information should be included in an LHM. It is suggested that information obtained from these sources be classified "Secret." As a guide to assist you, it is suggested that your office review a number of the airtels and LHM's which the New York Office has been submitting to the Bureau (in many instances your office also receives copies) which concern the same subject matter and are from similar type sources. In this regard, you should discontinue using the caveat "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." As you are aware, the Bureau is responsible for appropriate dissemination of matters in the security field and, particularly in captioned matter, considerable dissemination is being made on a daily basis to the Department. Some of the dissemination includes the Attorney General and even the White House. Therefore, information obtained from these sources should be considered

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for inclusion in LHM's and investigative reports when appropriate. Should a question arise as to some specific data, an appropriate inquiry of the Bureau should serve to resolve whether or not the particular item in question may be included in communications prepared for possible dissemination.

(5) It is believed that the submissions from your office should be on a daily or near daily basis and that you avoid submitting communications covering information obtained from these sources over a period of several days. Following such procedure will prompt timeliness to not only your advice to the Bureau, but to the subsequent dissemination by the Bureau to other agencies. As an example in this regard, your attention is invited to your letter 12/31/63 which contains considerable information obtained on 12/17/63 and 12/18/63 and one item of information obtained on 12/19/63. It would have been more desirable to have submitted one or more communications concerning the 12/17/63 information, one or more concerning the 12/18/63 data and one concerning the 12/19/63 information. In this respect, also note that it would be far more desirable to segregate the information by subject matter as received. In other words, if on a particular date your sources report information pertaining to several different matters, it would facilitate reporting and administrative aspects, as well as timeliness, if the items were handled by separate communications. A close review of the 12/31/63 letter in question will indicate what specifically is intended by this suggestion.

(6) As an example of the necessity for including information in an LHM which merits dissemination, your attention is invited to another letter from your office dated 12/31/63 which contains information commencing at the bottom of page 3 and on all of page 4 concerning a discussion involving an Obstruction of Justice case. It is indicated that Wyatt Walker had told Slater King that Martin Luther King, Jr., had not followed through on Bobby Kennedy. Walker told Slater King that Martin wanted to wait until things calmed down after the assassination of

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the President but if the Government does not withdraw from the case they plan to get a delegation together to go to the Department of Justice and the White House. Walker indicated this was the next step in their program. He said they will circulate petitions and at the same time send the pressure group to Washington and this should be sometime no later than 2/10/64. The Bureau intends to disseminate such information to the Department, the White House and other appropriate agencies.

In view of the above, you are instructed to furnish by return airtel an LHM classified "Secret" which may be used for dissemination purposes. It should be devoted exclusively to the matter referred to above.

(7) As indicated above, it is suggested that a review of copies of New York communications in this matter which your office has received should serve as a guide and should also serve as additional guidance to your office in handling the matters discussed above. Insure that all personnel engaged in captioned case are given the benefit of instant communication.



1 - Mr. Rosack

SAC, Boston

January 3, 1964

Director, FBI (100-438794)

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**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Information received at the Bureau indicates that a unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has been established in your territory. You should carefully review all information available to you concerning this matter and individuals connected therewith and submit to the Bureau your recommendations regarding an investigation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in your territory in accordance with provisions contained in Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions. This matter should be handled promptly. A copy of your communication should be furnished the New York Office which is office of origin in this matter.

1 - New York

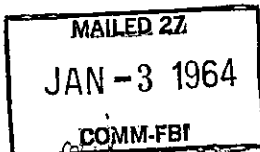
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## 'Will Never Turn Back, Say Freedom Marchers

"A new spirit is abroad in the land. We shall never turn back."

These were the sentiments of the Rev. James Breeden and the leaders of the recent Freedom March in Williamston, N.C., who participated in last night's Freedom Rally at St. Paul's Cathedral.

"You've recently come from the firing line," the Rev. Breeden told the Williamston Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, whose freedom songs filled the sanctuary. "Well, we're on the firing line too," he said.

The Williamston Unit has come to New England at the invitation of the Massachusetts Unit, whose president, the Rev. Virgil A. Wood, is leading each of the rallies

scheduled in the New England area.

Since Nov. 5, about 40 members of the Massachusetts Unit have participated in similar rallies in Williamston. They were the first white people to attend any of the rallies and demonstra-

The Williamstown group will appear in four more Massachusetts communities before the end of the month and at Mt. St. Joseph's Auditorium in Rutland, Vt., on

New Year's Eve.

Tonight's rally will be held at the Methodist Church, Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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Boston, Mass.

BOSTON HERALD  
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON TRAVELER  
Boston, Mass.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
MONITOR,  
Boston, Mass.  
RECORD AMERICAN  
Boston, Mass.

Date: 12/27/63  
Edition: LATE CITY  
Author:  
Editor: GEORGE E. MINOT  
Title: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
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ENCLOSURE

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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**Airtel to Charlotte**

**Atlanta**

**New York**

**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**

**NEGRO QUESTION**

**COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS**

**100-3-116**

Because of the extremely discreet nature of the Bureau's inquiry to date concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and because the retreat may involve the legitimate activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, no coverage whatsoever of the retreat itself is desired. Of course, if any of the receiving offices should receive information, particularly through sensitive sources available to Atlanta and New York, concerning activities taking place at the retreat, the Bureau and interested offices should be advised.

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Date: 1/7/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

W. C. SULLIVAN

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-260) (P)

SUBJECT: CP, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

IS - C

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter 12/31/63 in captioned matter setting out information concerning Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., planning a two-day meeting for 20 to 30 persons at the Episcopal Church Retreat near Asheville, N. C., 1/6-8/64.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT S. MOORE:

On 1/6/64, a pretext telephone call to Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, N. C., revealed the Regional Center for Church Conferences was located in or near Hendersonville, N. C., and was operated only during the summer months. The Diocese of Western North Carolina maintains In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain, N. C., which is available for church and Christian groups to conduct conferences throughout the year by making advance reservations. These conferences are

- 100-805813
- 3 - Bureau (100-3-116) (RM)  
(PERSONAL ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR  
W. C. SULLIVAN)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-6520) (RM)  
(PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC)
- 2 - New York (100-151548) (RM)  
(PERSONAL ATTENTION ASAC RONEY)
- 4 - Charlotte (2 - 157-260)  
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usually closed conferences and not opened to the public. The Center maintains a heated swimming pool, bowling alleys, have rooms for overnight guests and dining facilities. [redacted] of the Center.

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In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, which has large grounds and opened to public travel, was observed and the Center did not appear to be occupied. The only vehicle at the main building was a repair truck with workmen on the roof of the building. There were a few automobiles at the office building located a short distance from the main building and two automobiles were noted at the manager's residence.

On 1/6/64, [redacted]

[redacted], an established source, advised there is no conferences being held at In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center this date. He stated he would maintain a daily check on this Center and advise when it appears they have a conference assembled here.

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Atlanta and New York are requested to furnish any additional information received concerning the contemplated conference of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and SCIC in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C., or if this conference has been canceled. If this conference is re-scheduled and is to be held at In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Diocese of Western North Carolina, Black Mountain, N. C., or elsewhere within the Charlotte Division, Atlanta and New York are also requested to advise what coverage is desired.

Contact will be maintained with [redacted] so as to be advised if the SCIC conference is held here. Pursuant to previous instructions, no open investigation is being conducted unless requested by Atlanta, New York or the Bureau.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. Ryan  
1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Phillips

To: SACs, Charlotte (157-230)  
Atlanta (100-6520)  
New York (100-151543) 016406

From: Director, FBI (100-3-113)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReNYairtel 1/15/64, copies to Atlanta and Charlotte, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date concerning a retreat which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has scheduled to start 1/20/64 at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The President of the SCLC, Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as many of the organization's leaders, is scheduled to attend the retreat.

Reairtel set out a lead for Charlotte as follows:

"Consistent with maximum security, Charlotte should endeavor, UACB, to take such steps as might be feasible to determine the nature of King's activities while at the Black Mountain retreat. Any positive course of action in this matter should first be cleared by the Bureau."

Attention is directed to Buairtel 1/10/64 to Charlotte, Atlanta, and New York which discussed the retreat and responded to Charlotte's request for advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired. The Bureau instructed as follows:

- 1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Atlanta  
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"Because of the extremely discreet nature of the Bureau's inquiry to date concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and because the retreat may involve the legitimate activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, no coverage whatsoever of the retreat itself is desired. Of course, if any of the receiving offices should receive information, particularly through sensitive sources available to Atlanta and New York, concerning activities taking place at the retreat, the Bureau and interested offices should be advised."

Charlotte is instructed to abide by the instructions set out in the paragraph quoted immediately above, which instructions are applicable not only as to coverage of the retreat but also as to King's activities at the retreat.

1/19/64

RE:

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# Memorandum

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ON 3-11-85

DATE: 1/6/64

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (RUC)

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ReCilet to Director 12/11/63 requesting review of indices re FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary.

WFO indices and file references reviewed and were found to contain no additional subversive derogatory info re SHUTTLESWORTH.

For info, WFO file 157-253, entitled "FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH vs. City of Birmingham, Racial Matters, (OO:WFO)" reveals:

Examination of Docket in U.S. Supreme Court in June, 1963, showed there was filed on 5/29/63 a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in case entitled FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH vs. the City of Birmingham, Case No. 1140 Appellate. JACK GREENBERG was one of the attorneys for the petitioner.

The petition sets forth that SHUTTLESWORTH was arrested 5/17/61 at Greyhound Bus Station in Birmingham, Alabama, and charged with violation of Section 856, General City Code of Birmingham (preventing a police officer in the discharge of his legal duty).

On 12/5/61, SHUTTLESWORTH was tried and convicted of the charge in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. On failure to pay the fine he was sentenced to 52 days of hard labor. He was sentenced to an additional term of 180 days of hard labor and 16 days for costs.

Judgment of conviction was affirmed by the Alabama Court of Appeals on 10/23/62 and thereafter Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the Supreme Court of Alabama was stricken on 12/20/62 and application for rehearing was overruled on 2/28/63.

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As of 11/24/63 the Supreme Court docket showed this case pending, and WFO is following this matter. This info has been made available to Bureau and Birmingham under the Racial Matters caption.

Relet on page four reflects information attributed to WF 1062-S\*. This information, according to current indices search, should read: ~~X~~

According to WF 1062-S\*, on 1/6-7/1959 Rev. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH of Birmingham, Alabama, was an overnight guest of MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN of Washington, D.C. This informant reported that Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH attended a function of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., on 1/6/59. ~~X~~

~~X~~ - protect) on 11/7/62 advised that <sup>supplied</sup> ~~X~~ MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN were supporting the CP financially. ~~X~~

~~X~~ - protect) on 9/11/63 advised that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN considered herself to be a communist. ~~X~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO

Director, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 1/6/64

FROM

SAC, Miami (157-489) (RUC)

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**SUBJECT:**

# COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 10/15/63; Miami letter to Bureau 12/10/63 and Bureau letter 10/17/63.

Miami indices contained numerous references to Reverend EDWARD T. GRAHAM, many in files of a security nature, however it was determined that the organizations and groups he was active in, or a member of, were not capable of being documented. These groups dealt primarily with GRAHAM's efforts concerning integration and better working conditions for the Negro.

Referenced Miami letter contained an enclosure setting forth the names of these organizations, over 30 in number, the vast majority not capable of documentation, and they will not be set out again in this letter. 21a

The following documentation is submitted although it should be noted that upon reviewing the original source files, a positive identification with Reverend GRAHAM could not be made in many instances.

All sources mentioned below have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise stated.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New York (100-149194) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)  
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COMMUNIST PARTY

On March 24, 1947, [redacted] deceased, no need to protect, advised that during a recent conversation between LEONARD LEVY and MIKE SCHANTZEK and [redacted] as Communist Party members, there was mentioned that one GRAHAM, not further identified, was a member of the Communist Party. Location 66-1417-Sub A-6.

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On March 28, 1947 [redacted] attended a Negro meeting of the Communist Party at the Pharr Funeral Home, 1025 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami. The principal speaker at this meeting was Dr. HARRY F. WARD of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. According to [redacted] WARD delivered a tirade against the United States government for anti-Communist stand and in the next breath recommended much worse tactics be adopted by the Communist Party in this country in order to defend themselves and obtain the Communist objective.

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One ED GRAHAM was introduced [redacted] at this meeting as a member of the Communist Party. Location 66-1417-Sub A-6.

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A review of Miami City Directories for the indicated years lists only one EDWARD GRAHAM in each as follows:

- 1945-46 - EDWARD T. GRAHAM, Colored, Executive Secretary, Negro Service Council, resides 1027 Charles Avenue;
- 1947 - EDWARD T. GRAHAM, Colored, Vice President, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, resides 1854 N.W. 64th Street;

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1949 - Rev. EDWARD T. GRAHAM, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, resides 356 N.W. 9th Street. MIAMI, FLA

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

On July 7, 1949, [redacted] protect, advised that Rev. EDWARD GRAHAM was one of the speakers at a meeting sponsored by the Progressive Party to protest recent zoning regulations affecting negroes in central Miami. Location - 66-1494. ~~X~~ E. GRAHAM

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[redacted] on July 7, 1949 and June 23, 1950, [redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] in June, 1950, reported that [redacted]

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CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

On March 4, 1949, [redacted] at that time a Special Agent of the Miami Office, attended a rally of the Civil Rights Congress at the Hungarian-American Cultural Club, 3901 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami. Rev. EDWARD GRAHAM was one of the speakers. Location - 100-10558-5.

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The Civil Rights Congress is an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH  
WOMEN'S CLUBS (ELF)

The June 5, 1952 issue of the MORNING FREIHEIT, page 6, columns 1-3, reflects that "The Negro Minister, Rev. EDWARD T. GRAHAM" was one of the speakers at a recent meeting to honor the memory of the Warsaw Ghetto of the two Emma Lazarus Clubs in Miami, Florida. Rev. GRAHAM emphasized the closeness and necessity of a united fight by the Negroes and Jews against race terror and genocide. According to the article, Rev. GRAHAM left his sick bed to come to the meeting, because he realized the importance of it.

On June 23, 1952, [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] protect, advised that a Rev. GRAHAM spoke at the Jewish Cultural Center, Miami Beach, on June 25, 1952. Rev. GRAHAM in his speech lauded the publication WE CHARGE GENOCIDE. ~~CU~~

The May 28, 1956 issue of the MORNING FREIHEIT, reflected that "the Negro Rev. GRAHAM" was a speaker at a "Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Meeting" held on April 9, 1956 at the Jewish "Culture" Center in Miami.

Characterizations of the local and national Emma Lazarus Federation, as well as the Jewish Cultural Center, are included at the end of this letter.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

In March, 1947 an anonymous source advised that the following information was on a membership card of the Greater Miami Council of American-Soviet Friendship at that time:

"GRAHAM, Mr. EDWARD T. Negro,  
7757  
646 N.W. 2nd Ave.,  
Miami, Fla.  
7/3/45, Negro member, \$5"

Location - 100-2164-186, page 97.

[On March 22, 1949 [ ] advised] that a Rev. GRAHAM, not further identified, had offered his house for one evening at which time Dr. HARRY F. WARD of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship could address a group of Negroes.

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[ ] protect, periodically advised] during 1947 that the Greater Miami Council of American-Soviet Friendship was an affiliate of the National Council of the American-Soviet Friendship with headquarters at New York City.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG

On November 27, 1952, [ ] protect, advised that a Rev. GRAHAM was one of the speakers at a mass meeting held on January 26, 1952 at the Jewish Cultural Center, Miami Beach. The

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meeting was concerned with raising funds for the defense of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. Location [REDACTED] *u*

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On November 27, 1953 [REDACTED] advised that Rev. GRAHAM was urging the Minister of a local Unitarian Church for a "Save the ROSENBERGS" meeting at that church. Same location. *CU*

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were executed by the United States in June, 1953, following their violation and conviction of the Espionage Statutes of the United States.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE

On March 1, 1947 there was obtained by the Miami Office from its confidential Post Office box, #2675, a list of "Officers of the Executive Board, District 4, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, elected February 10, 1947, Miami."

Included in this list was "EDWARD GRAHAM, Vice President, Negro Service Council, residence 1854 N.W. 64th Street, Miami." The original source, sending this list to the confidential Post Office box, could not be determined. Location - 100-808-85.

The February 16, 1947 issue of the MIAMI TIMES reflects that Rev. E. GRAHAM was recently elected Vice President of the 4th District, Council of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The Miami Office does not have a thumbnail for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, Inc.

On March 24, 1960, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] protect, furnished a copy of a memorandum of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Perdido Street, New Orleans, concerning a Southern Conference Educational Fund meeting March 12, 1960 at Orlando, Florida. Among those listed as attending the meeting was "The Rev. T. GRAHAM, 356 N.W. 9th Street, Miami, Florida." Location - 100-808-301.

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Miami does not have a current thumbnail of this organization.

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On December 1, 1953, Rev. EDWARD GRAHAM, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge EDWARD J. POWERS of the Miami Office, to offer his complete cooperation to this office. He advised he understood some vicious rumors were being circulated that he is under investigation by the FBI for being a pro-Communist. He advised that nothing could be further from the truth and he could not understand how this rumor started. He indicated he would like to come to the Miami Office and talk to the Special Agent in Charge, and would call later for an appointment. There is no indication in his file or office references that GRAHAM ever came to the Miami Office in this regard.

The December 21, 1960 issue of the MIAMI HERALD contains an article reflecting that the Florida Supreme Court, Tuesday, reversed the conviction of Rev. EDWARD T. GRAHAM, who had been sentenced to jail for refusing to tell the Florida Legislative Investigating Committee whether he belonged to the NAACP. The court said that compelling GRAHAM to testify to his NAACP membership would violate his "right of legitimate associational privacy." Also there was no showing that GRAHAM's testimony was needed "to smoke out subversives," the court said.

The MIAMI HERALD of April 7, 1957 carried an article headed "Former NAACP Chief" - "Pastor is jailed on morals charge." The article stated that the Rev. EDWARD T. GRAHAM, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and past President of the local NAACP, was booked into County jail on a charge of drunkenness and indecent

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exposure in the company of another man's wife. The article continued that GRAHAM had been a leading civic figure in the Negro community life since coming here in 1943 as a U.S.O. Executive. He served as Executive Secretary of the Negro Service Council until called to the pastorate at Mt. Zion in 1948. He resides at 356 N.W. 9th Street.

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APPENDIX

EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION  
OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS  
(ELF)  
(MIAMI, FLORIDA)

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A source in Miami, Florida, advised on May 23, 1963, that there are presently three Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) in the Miami area with a total membership of 120.

This source advised that the Town Club and Miami Beach Club were formed sometime prior to 1953, exact dates unknown.

The third and newest club, the English Speaking Club, which meets at Miami Beach, was formed on September 20, 1960.

This source also stated that the three clubs are presently affiliated with the national organization of the ELF.

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EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which disclosed that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report of the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted that the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

On April 25, 1963, a source advised that the ELF is one of several mass organizations comprising the Jewish cultural progressive movement. June Gordon, ELF Executive Director, who is a member of the New York State Communist Party (CP) Board and Committee, is the leading force in the organization, whose leadership is largely made up of communists.

The source stated that the ELF claims to be for peace and interested in protecting the rights of the foreign born. It is against the Ben Gurion Government of Israel, bomb testing, anti-Semitism, Negro discrimination, and the rearmament of West Germany.

The source related that the ELF renders support to and receives support from the "Morning Freiheit" and other Jewish progressive organizations.

The source also stated that the ELF is recognized by the CP, USA, as an important progressive national organization of women.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

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The IWO and JPFO have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, to supersede Guide published on January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily'  
(Attorney General Francis Biddle,  
Congressional Record, September 24,  
1942, p. 7686).
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the  
rankest organs of Communist propaganda  
in this country for almost a quarter of  
a century.'  
(Special Committee on un-American  
Activities House Report 1311 on the  
CIO Political Action Committee,  
March 29, 1944, p. 75)."

APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER (JCC)

The records of the Circuit Court, Dade County, Miami, Florida, reflect that articles of corporation were filed by the Jewish Cultural Center (JCC) and on July 13, 1949, a charter was granted it. The JCC was established as a corporation "not for profit." The general nature of the object of the JCC is to preserve and extend Jewish culture, including, without limitations, educational, theatrical, musical, scientific and literary activities.

On July 27, 1953, a source advised it is his opinion that the JCC is a local "progressive" organization not directly connected with the Communist Party, USA (CP); that the JCC was started by some local members of the CP but not, in his opinion, at the orders of the CP; and that he believes the JCC was formed in order to provide a meeting place for "progressive Jewish groups."

The source advised on January 5, 1955, that the JCC continued to act as a meeting place for "progressive Jewish groups" in the Miami area, and to rent space to any group meeting that qualification. He further advised the JCC in itself is not a Communist front organization but does permit such organizations to hold meetings at the Center.

On May 23, 1963, another source advised that the JCC is dominated by Communist Party sympathizers, and it continues to permit Communist front organizations to hold meetings in the Center.

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Report of SA [redacted], dated 7/12/63, at New York.

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Copies of this report are being disseminated to local intelligence agencies for information purposes. b6

Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services of the NYCPD, advised on 12/20/63 that GEORGE LAWRENCE, male, Negro, single, date of birth - 9/2/28 at NYC, occupation-minister, address-828 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, had been arrested 1/6/62 at 5:45 a.m. in the Jamaica, Queens, Bus Terminal on a charge of Violation of Section 722, Subdivision 8 of the NYC Penal Code.

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Detective [redacted] advised that the records show that LAWRENCE was arrested [redacted]

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[redacted] Detective [redacted] advised that on 1/18/62, LAWRENCE was acquitted in the Queens Felony Court.

This report is being classified "Secret" in view of the highly sensitive position in the civil rights field and the Communist infiltration thereof of such informants such as NY T-7, NY T-8, NY T-10, NY T-11, NY T-14, NY T-15 and NY T-16. These informants are of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of the information contained within the report could result in the identification of these sensitive informants and compromise their future effectiveness. Such compromise might be harmful to the national defense interests of the country. \*

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Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE  
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BENJAMIN DAVIS

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NY 4096-S\*

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Anonymous source of the WFO

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 7/19/50, [REDACTED]  
entitled, "NATIONAL  
LAWYER'S GUILD; IS-C".

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Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Atlanta Office, inasmuch as the National Headquarters of the SCLC are in Atlanta, Georgia. One copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau file Cominfil Racial Matters, in view of the close association of the SCLC in that field.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report Cominfil of the SCLC.

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Office: New York, New York b6  
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Field Office File #: 100-149194

Bureau File #: 100-438794

Title:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Synopsis:

The New York office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is at 312 West 125th St., NYC. RUTH BAILEY is in charge of this office which reportedly is being moved to Atlanta, Georgia. CP influences on SCLC set forth. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of SCLC, attacked the anti-semitism of the Soviet government.

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This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be abbreviated by the initials SCLC where appropriate in this report.

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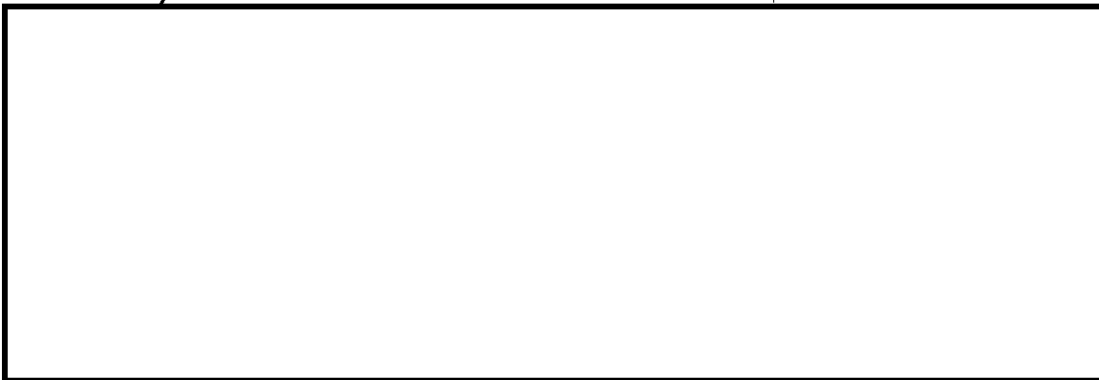
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A. OFFICIALS AND LOCATION OF SCLC

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, issued by the New York Telephone Company on November 21, 1963, contains the following listing for the office building at 312 West 125th Street, New York City:

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It is to be noted that the information furnished by NY T-1 is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. In the event that the information furnished by NY T-1 is to be utilized, the subpoena duces tecum should be directed to [redacted]

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Among the ministers active in securing signatures for a "Clergy Appeal to the President on Behalf of MORTON SOBELL", which appeal was circulated and sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS) was the Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR. (C) 4

[NY T-2  
April 6, 1960] ~~XX~~

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A characterization of the CSJMS  
may be found in the Appendix  
Section attached hereto.

The officers and staff of the SCLC, according  
to the program of the Seventh Annual Convention of the  
SCLC, held at Richmond, Virginia, from September  
24 through September 27, 1963 includes the following:

Fourth Vice-President-C.O. SIMPKINS, D.D.S.,  
Hollis, Long Island, New York

Regional Representative-GEORGE LAWRENCE,  
Brooklyn, New York

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[NY T-3  
September, 1963]

BORN 9-2-1928,  
J.N.Y. NY

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The name Reverend GEORGE LAWRENCE, 828  
Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, appeared on  
a list of what this source believed to  
be a mailing list of the Seventeenth  
Assembly District Club of the Kings  
County CP: ~~CP~~

[NY T-4  
July 7, 1961]

This source advised that on July 19, 1963  
JACK O'DELL and he had discussed [redacted]  
for the SCLC and at the time O'DELL had not said  
anything to him about leaving his position at the SCLC.  
The source stated [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that RUTH  
BAILEY, at the SCLC office in New York City, appeared  
to occupy a menial position with the SCLC.

MEMBER OF [redacted] ORGANIZATION

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This source advised that as of July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was considered by the CP United States of America as a member of its National Committee. It is to be noted that O'DELL has also been known as JACK O'DELL and "J.H. O'DELL". *N.Y.*

[NY T-5  
September 17, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that he was told by personnel of the SCLC in New York City that O'DELL was no longer connected with the New York Office of the SCLC. ~~(X)~~

[NY T-6  
July 30, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that [redacted]

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he called the SCLC Office in New York City on July 31, 1963 to [redacted]

[redacted] he was advised that O'DELL was not in New York City.

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This source advised that he had not seen or heard of O'DELL since [redacted] August 5, 1963. This source advised that RUTH BAILEY was now doing all of the work formerly done by O'DELL and was also signing all the SCLC letters.

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This source advised that RUTH BAILEY of the New York Office of the SCLC and a person known to the source only as CLAYTON, public relations man for the SCLC in Atlanta, visited [redacted]

[redacted] New York City during November, 1963 and during this visit advised that O'DELL was no longer associated with the SCLC.

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This source advised that JACK O'DELL told RUTH BAILEY during early November, 1963 that he had stopped by the New York Office of the SCLC but that she had not been present. The source advised that O'DELL and BAILEY discussed the moving of the New York Office files and records of the SCLC to the Atlanta headquarters of the SCLC. ~~(X)~~

[ NY T-7  
November 5, 1963 ] ~~(X)~~

B. FINANCES

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It is to be noted that the information furnished by NY T-1, listed below, is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. It is further to be noted that NY T-1 no longer [redacted]

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[NY T-1  
October 29, 1963] ~~(X)~~

C. CP INFLUENCE

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed, during September, 1963, a candidate experienced in promotion work in whom the SCLC might be interested in hiring.

[NY T-8  
September 3, 1963] ~~(X)~~

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

This source identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League. ~~(X) 4~~

[NY T-9  
February 26, 1957] ~~(X)~~

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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This source advised that as of July 16, 1963 STANLEY LEVISON was a "secret" member of the CPUSA. ~~(S)~~

[NY T-5  
July 16, 1963] ~~(u)~~

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This source advised during September, 1963 that MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed the recent March on Washington with CLARENCE JONES of New York City and the possibility of the sale of a recording of the KING speech made during the March. This source advised that a discussion concerning the distribution of the profits from the sale of this record was also discussed.

[NY T-10  
September 10, 1963] ~~(u)~~

The Reverend GEORGE LAWRENCE, Regional Director of the SCLC, advised a reporter for "The Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, that a meeting had been held on September 16, 1963 at the Friendship Baptist Church in New York City at which approximately fifty ministers and other civil rights leaders were present, and the Reverend LAWRENCE furnished to the reporter a summary of the proposed course of action agreed upon at the meeting. ~~(S)~~

[NY T-11  
September 16, 1963] ~~(u)~~

This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed routine SCLC business during October, 1963 and further discussed a plan proposed by one HARRY WACHTEL relating to the bonding of persons under subpoena to appear before local courts as well as governmental committees.

[NY T-10  
October 22, 1963] ~~(u)~~

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HARRY WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street,  
New York, New York, is on a list  
of names of individuals carried  
as active members of the National  
Lawyers Guild. 44

[NY T-12  
December, 1949] (X)

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

This source furnished information that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on a list of names, significance of this list not known, maintained at the headquarters of the Kings County CP in Brooklyn, New York. X

[NY T-13  
March 5, 1944] (X)

This source furnished information to the effect that the name LEONORA WACHTEL, wife of HARRY WACHTEL, and her address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP. X

[NY T-13  
March 5, 1944] (X)

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES, during October, 1963, requested of HARRY WACHTEL that he represent the SCLC at a meeting to be held in New York City to discuss a Civil Rights Bail Fund.

[NY T-10  
October 22, 1963] (X)

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during late October, 1963 a candidate for the position of being in charge of the SCLC Office in New York City.

[NY T-14  
October 22, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON during October, 1963 discussed a proposed conference with SCLC officials relative to a candidate for a position with the SCLC office in New York City.

[NY T-10  
October 22, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON during late October, 1963 agreed that a previously proposed candidate for a position with the SCLC in New York City was not suitable for the job.

[NY T-10  
October 23, 1963] ~~(X)~~

On page five of the October 24, 1963 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Guardian Honors Shuttlesworth November 26" which reports that the "National Guardian" would honor the Reverend FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Secretary of the SCLC, at a "Guardian dinner" in New York City on November 26, 1963.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed a proposed candidate for a position with the New York Office of the SCLC and JONES advised KING that he and a "friend" did not have a completely favorable reaction to the hiring of the proposed candidate.

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October 29, 1963] ~~(X)~~

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed with CLARENCE JONES during late October, 1963 a proposed visit to New York City during November, 1963 by KING at which time KING would be the guest of honor at a dinner given in his honor by a prominent comedian and which dinner would be a potential source of future donations.

[NY T-10  
October 29, 1963] ~~JX~~

This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during early November, 1963 the possibility of cancelling a November, 1963 dinner in New York City in honor of KING because of a conflict in plans which dinner would be given by a prominent comedian.

[NY T-14  
November 2, 1963] ~~JX~~

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the delay in publishing a book written by MARTIN LUTHER KING and the fact that the publisher desired to know when he could expect the KING manuscript. ~~(S)~~-

[NY T-15  
November 14, 1963] ~~JX~~

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed during November, 1963 a book written by MARTIN LUTHER KING and the necessity for editing and re-editing the book. JONES and LEVISON, according to the source, discussed the possibility that they (JONES and LEVISON) would have to go to Atlanta, Georgia in order to see KING in order to straighten out all of the problems in connection with the publication of this book.

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November 19, 1963] ~~JX~~

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON agreed to meet with MARTIN LUTHER KING at Idlewild Airport in New York City, on November 20, 1963 in order to discuss the problems in connection with a book written by KING and adding that KING would be at the airport in New York City a short time during a layover between planes.

[NY T-14  
November 20, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that STANLEY LEVISON discussed with a representative of the publishers of MARTIN LUTHER KING's book objections that KING had raised relative to the book. ~~(X)~~

[NY T-16  
November 20, 1963] ~~(X)~~

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This source advised that a meeting

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~~BENJAMIN DAVIS~~ on May 6, 1962, while addressing a group in Brooklyn, New York, stated that he was then National Secretary of the CPUSA.

[NY T-4  
May 7, 1962] ~~(X)~~

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and HARRY WACHTEL discussed a recent publication of the "SCLC News Letter" and SCLC affairs and the need to meet with the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING in order to brief him with "ideas".

[NY T-14  
December 8, 1963] ~~(X)~~

This source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES discussed the MARTIN LUTHER KING book and the need to revise several chapters. The source also advised that both discussed the belief that the SCLC office and operations then in New York City would be moved to Atlanta, Georgia. ~~(X)~~

[NY T-16  
December 11, 1963] ~~(X)~~

The source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during early December, 1963 the need for JONES, WACHTEL and KING to meet in order that problems could be resolved and tentative plans were made to meet in Atlanta, Georgia during December, 1963.

[NY T-10  
December 13, 1963] ~~(X)~~

D. ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENT BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE SCLC

On page thirty of the October 20, 1963 issue of the "New York Journal American" is a news article entitled, "Rev. King Blasts Red Anti-Semitism" which reports that the Reverend M. L. KING, Head of the SCLC, "lashed out at Soviet government attempts to liquidate the Jewish people in Russia" during a speech at Kiamesha Lake, New York on November 19, 1963.

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APPENDIX~~SECRET~~COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, 'the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case' . . . ."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Character Internal Security-C

Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose  
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1. NY 4099-S\*
2. NY 4092-S\*

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Sources used in characterizations are as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 6) (RM)  
(1 - 100-105670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (INFO) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-148194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-150405) (AL DUCKETT) (422)
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Indices of the NYO contain nothing identifiable with ADELE CANTOR.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 4092-S\* and NY 4099-S\*. Sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of  
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Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their discussion, King mentioned that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 AM on January 8, 1964. King also mentioned that he would be at the New York Hilton Hotel. King stated he would bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this might help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

On January 9, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Jones mentioned that he will be at the SCLC office on January 13, 1964 to talk to Ruth Bailey, who is employed in that office. Jones remarked that "they won't get any money until they talk".

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Levison said that he was amazed by the lack of interest shown in this problem yesterday. Levison told Jones to handle this matter with Ruth Bailey diplomatically. Levison stated that "the problem with these people was that they made policy without considering the parent organization". Levison related that the New York Office of the SCLC "just got out of control and it will have to be set straight right now".

Levison told Jones that they had resolved the problem of Al Duckett yesterday while he (Jones) was out of the room. Levison said they feel the fact that Duckett can contact such people as Jack Robinson and Rockefeller outweighs his shortcomings. Jones said that any problems Bayard (Rustin) can cause Martin Luther King are mild compared to those which Duckett can cause King. Levison remarked that Jones should have raised these objections yesterday.

Levison stated that Ed Clayton is doing a tremendous job with the "SCLC Newsletter" even though he is a drunk. Levison stated "if those jerks can tolerate Wyatt (Walker) why can't they take care of this drunk". He mentioned that Wyatt has "real problems". Levison stated that Billy Rowe has some good ideas but talks about things he is not experienced in and, therefore, did not make the best impression yesterday. Jones remarked, "that jerk Wyatt thinks he can run all the public relations aspects of this show".

Jones asked Levison what King thought about being "man of the year". Levison said that King related he (King) has 185 plaques at his home and "what's one more".

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Negro Question  
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Jones and Levison agreed to meet on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM at Levison's office at 6 East 39th Street.

The same source furnished information which indicated that Adele Cantor, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted Jones on that date. Jones made an appointment with her to interview her for a job on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM, at 6 East 39th Street, Park Management Company, 6th floor, which is Levison's company.

The same source advised that Jones made an inquiry at the New York Office of the SCLC regarding Ruth Bailey on January 9, 1964. Upon learning that she was not there, Jones left a message that Reverend Abernathy has money for the New York Office but that he must obtain certain information from Bailey before he will send the money. Jones made arrangements to see her on January 13, 1964 at 10:00 AM.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Ed Clayton is Director of Public Relations  
for the SCLC.

~~✓~~ A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised in July,  
1963, that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley  
Levison was a secret member of the ..  
Communist Party, United States of America. (S)

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Communist Party, United States of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). ~~4~~

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

On January 20, 1947, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one Alfred Duckett was a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA).

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the UNAVA:

- "1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA, which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means'. (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction'. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p 92.)"

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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[redacted] was contacted on 1/7/64 by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] at which time he advised that Rev. SIMASON (ph)  
was probably identical with Dr. WILLIAM E. FINLAYSON, a  
Negro physician with offices at 435 West North Avenue,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that FINLAYSON  
is the Program Chairman for a group of Milwaukee organizations  
who are sponsoring the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. at a  
meeting to be held at the Milwaukee Auditorium, 1/27/64.  
FINLAYSON is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, one of  
the sponsoring organizations. [redacted] and other  
security informants of the Milwaukee Office advised that to  
their knowledge FINLAYSON is not connected with any subversive  
groups operating in the Wisconsin area. *C*

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The records of the Milwaukee Office do not contain any information regarding FINLAYSON.

- 4-Bureau (RM) - ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN
    - 1-100-3-116 (CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION)
    - 1-100-438794 (SCLC)
    - 1-100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.)
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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

1/9/64

SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-138) -RUC-

CP, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 1/6/64.

The Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON is President of Wesley Methodist Church, Beloit, Wisconsin, resides 1014 Copeland Avenue, Beloit, Wisconsin, telephone EMerson 2-2938 (362-2930).

Milwaukee Indices contain the following background information concerning GIBSON:

Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON formerly resided at 1406 South Valmar, Little Rock, Arkansas and was Pastor of the White Memorial Methodist Church, a negro church. His wife is MARJORIE, and she is believed to have taught in a negro school in Little Rock. In October, 1958, GIBSON furnished the Little Rock Office information concerning LOUIS BURNHAM, a reporter of the National Guardian, New York, New York, and BURNHAM's activities while in Little Rock. GIBSON knew BURNHAM and JAMES JACKSON, formerly indicted top communists, while BURNHAM and JACKSON were working with the Southern Negro Youth Congress in about 1948 in Alabama. At that time, GIBSON and his family were in a printing business in Birmingham and did some work for BURNHAM and JACKSON until GIBSONs determined

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(1 - 100-106570) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

2 - Atlanta (1 - 100-6520) (AM-RM)

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they might have some subversive connections. At that time, Birmingham had no record for GIBSON and the Little Rock Office had no security information regarding GIBSON. In a Little Rock case involving the bombing of a residence of one of the original nine negroes to enter Little Rock Central High School, GIBSON furnished information, the reliability of which was very questionable, and acted as spiritual advisor for one of the negro subjects. While in Little Rock, Arkansas, GIBSON associated with white and negro groups advocating integration.

The April 15, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News, a daily newspaper published at Beloit, Wisconsin, contained a letter to the editor from GIBSON, wherein he lists himself as president of the Beloit branch of the NAACP. In this letter, he points out that Beloit, Wisconsin has possibilities of being a model city from the standpoint of size and other qualities except they have prejudice and discrimination; and then he asked questions as to why negroes are not employed by the police department, fire department, certain jobs in the telephone company, public utilities, Beloit Iron Works, faculty of the high school, sales and clerical capacity in department stores and at the Fairbanks-Morse Company in Beloit, Wisconsin.

The May 4, 1961 issue of the Rockford Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Rockford, Illinois, contained an article under the headline, "Freedom Week Rivalry Ended," and stated that representatives of the Beloit Freedom Week Committee and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated principles of their separate rallies scheduled for May 6, 1961. Although differing in their interpretation of freedom, both groups emphasized that the two observances would not interfere with each other. This was a joint statement by Rev. O. W. GIBSON, president of the NAACP, and BY JAYSON, Chairman of the Freedom Week Committee.

The May 8, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News contained an article describing a rally of Beloit negroes held May 6, 1961, wherein the main speaker was

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the Rev. O. W. GIBSON, President of the Beloit NAACP and pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church. The article stated that nearly 300 Beloit negroes, joined by about 45 white persons, participated in a mass freedom rally May 6, 1961 at Beloit, Wisconsin.

The June 14, 1961 issue of the Wisconsin State Journal, a daily newspaper published at Madison, Wisconsin contained an article describing a civil rights rally of about 200 persons held on the steps of the Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, Tuesday, June 13, 1961. The group was addressed by Wisconsin Governor GAYLORD NELSON and Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON of Beloit, who stated, "We want legislative action." GIBSON was described as one who participated in the anti-segregation struggle in Little Rock, Arkansas, as a minister of a congregation there for four years and noted discrimination here and contrasted the difference between government leaders in Wisconsin and the South, stating, "The only difference I see here in Wisconsin is that this time the governor is on our side."

On May 8, 1961, GEORGE GRIFFIN, Chief of Police, Beloit Police Department, advised that the negro rally held on May 6, 1961 in Beloit had been very orderly. There was no indication of any violence and no urging of violence on the part of GIBSON; GRIFFIN stated that the subject has become the spokesman for most of the negro groups in Beloit, Wisconsin and apparently has taken a continual interest in attempting to obtain employment for negroes, particularly in the municipality of Beloit, Wisconsin.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION  
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Re NY airtel to Director, 1/6/64.

- 8 - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)  
(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)  
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(1 - 100-407018) (CLARENCE JONES)  
(1 - 100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)  
6 - Atlanta (100-6520) (INFO) (Encls. 6) (RM)  
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)  
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(1 - 157-169) (WYATT WALKER)  
(1 - 157-) (RALPH ABERNATHY)  
(1 - 157-) (BERNARD LEE)  
1 - New York (100-149194) (SCLC) (41)  
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (414)  
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)  
1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated January 10, 1964, and four copies to Atlanta.

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is as follows: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY-4099-S\* ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON was NY 694-S\* ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~

  used to characterize CLARENCE JONES. ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~

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The agents who observed CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON meet in the lobby of the NY Hilton Hotel the morning of 1/8/64 are as follows:



WILLIAM J. BARRON



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The agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JONES, LEVISON, LEE, WALKER and ABERNATHY leaving the NY Hilton Hotel on the evening of 1/8/64 are as follows:



WILLIAM J. BARRON

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It was ascertained by discreet use of the "House" telephone that KING and his party had checked out of the NY Hilton Hotel at 5:00 PM, 1/8/64.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 4099-S\*. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 10, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Bureau 100-3-116

NY 100-151548

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On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their discussion, King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 AM on January 8, 1964. King also mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel. King stated that he would bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

On January 9, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones mentioned "they had discussed the SCLC yesterday. Jones said that it had been decided that there would be a complete revamping of the New York Office of the SCLC. He also mentioned that it had been decided that the New York Office of the SCLC would be closed at its present location and moved to some

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location at midtown Manhattan. Jones indicated that in the new office there would be only white, women employees and that a full time employee would earn from \$100.00 to \$150.00 a week. According to the source, Ann Jones, who is the wife of Clarence Jones, said she would be interested in employment there.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 8, 1964, observed Stanley Levison entering the New York Hilton Hotel, 6th Avenue and 53rd Street, at 9:41 AM. Clarence Jones was observed entering the New York Hilton Hotel at 9:52 AM. Jones and Levison met in the lobby and then took an elevator to the 33rd floor. At 4:59 PM, on January 8, 1964, agents observed Martin Luther King, Stanley Levison, and Clarence Jones departing from the New York Hilton Hotel. Bernard Lee, Wyatt T. Walker and Ralph D. Abernathy were also observed departing from the hotel at this time.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Bernard Lee is an Assistant to Martin Luther King.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1963, that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America. ~~SECRET~~

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of America - Negro Question  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised  
on February 26, 1957, that he had identified  
a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person  
whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954  
to be a member of and in a position of  
leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL). ~~9/9~~

The LYL has been designated pursuant to  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

(PERSONAL ATTENTION  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. C.  
SULLIVAN, DOMESTIC  
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24345)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 1/2/64 captioned as  
above.

[redacted] advised on 1/9/64 [redacted]

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- 3 - Bureau (AM-RM) (PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SULLIVAN)  
(1 - 100-3-116; CPUSA, Negro Question)  
(1 - 100-438794; SCLC)  
(1 - 100-106670; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 4 - Atlanta (AM-RM) (PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC)  
(1 - 100-6520; CPUSA, Negro Question)  
(1 - 100-5718; SCLC)  
(1 - 100-5586; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(1 - 100-6520A; CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist  
Influence in Racial Matters)

- 2 - Los Angeles  
(1 - 100-24345)  
(1 - 100-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

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A pretext telephone call to Los Angeles telephone number [redacted] on 1/9/64 asking for [redacted] was answered by an unidentified female [redacted]

[redacted] This unidentified female volunteered that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]

A March of Dimes campaign worker pretext telephone call on 1/15/64 to Los Angeles telephone number [redacted] asking to speak to [redacted]

[redacted]

Records of the Driver's License Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California; records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles; and above mentioned pretext telephone calls disclose [redacted] description to be as follows:

Name  
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Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association,  
Los Angeles, California, as of 1/15/64 disclose no adverse  
information concerning [redacted]

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The Los Angeles Office indices disclose no references  
identifiable with [redacted]

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