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conference held in the latter part of December, 1962. [REDACTED] stated that the reason for this approach was to determine O'DELL's status with SCLC. The [REDACTED] representative understood based on this contact that O'DELL continues to be involved with SCLC in New York City in a fund raising capacity although he is not currently on the SCLC payroll. b7D

[REDACTED] also stated that he understands WYATT T. WALKER's job as Executive Director of SCLC is in jeopardy. [REDACTED] said he does not know the reason why WALKER is about to lose his job and stated that this was just rumor. [REDACTED] said another rumor that was going around was that WALKER's secretary, EDWINA SMITH and O'DELL are engaged to be married. b7D

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On January 10, 1963, [REDACTED] Atlanta Municipal Airport, advised SPC [REDACTED] telephonically that the following individuals were leaving Atlanta at 7:10 a.m. on January 10, 1963, on Delta Airlines Flight 427 for Savannah:

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R. D. ABERNATHY  
D. COTTON  
J. LAWSON  
J. LOWERY  
C. JONES  
M. KING  
J. O'DELL  
F. SHUTTLESWORTH  
W. WALKER  
A. YOUNG

All of the above individuals are undoubtedly identical with officers of the SCLC and are known to the Atlanta Office as RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Secretary-Treasurer; DOROTHY COTTON, Secretary to Educational Director; CLARENCE JONES, Head of the Gandy Society in New York City which is merely a branch of the SCLC; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., president of the SCLC; WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director and ANDREW YOUNG a Congregational Minister who is acting in an official capacity with SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta. J. LAWSON, J. LOWERY and F. SHUTTLESWORTH are representatives of SCLC from outside the Atlanta Headquarters.

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On January 11, 1963, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA [REDACTED] that they had no knowledge of the Dorchester Meeting of SCLC.

On January 14, 1963, [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA [REDACTED] he had no information regarding the Dorchester Meeting. [REDACTED] are all sources of information whose identity should be covered per their request. They are all familiar with some activities of SCLC in the racial field.

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Atlanta will continue efforts to obtain information regarding the Dorchester Meeting of SCLC and will continue efforts to determine O'DELL's activities and movements in Atlanta.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

1/25/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SM-C  
(OO: Atlanta)

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[REDACTED] advised on 1/24/63, that on that date, STANLEY LEVISON held a conversation with a MARY O'DELL (ph), not further identified (NYO has no information to indicate that MARY O'DELL (ph) is related to HUNTER PITTS O'DELL NY file 100-91330).

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MARY O'DELL (ph) told LEVISON that she had a phone call from LARRY HALSTEADER (ph) who is working with a TV program conducted by MERV GRIFFIN (ph) on NBC, 185 station network. They are doing an hour show on Lincoln's birthday and they would love to have "MARTIN" (MARTIN LUTHER KING) on the program. They would expect MARTIN to give a four or five minute talk on anything he wants and then there would be a discussion.

LEVISON stated "MARTIN" feels a strong obligation to reach a large number of people whenever he can, but he will have to check because he feels that on Lincoln's birthday, "MARTIN" would have other engagements. LEVISON will get in touch with "MARTIN's" secretary and let MARY O'DELL (ph) know if "MARTIN" will be available.

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(OO: NY)

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*Bannister*  
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[redacted] advised on 1/26/63, that on the afternoon of that date, the subject's twin brother ROY BENNETT contacted the subject. BENNETT said that he "needs a Negro." LEVISON asked if it is for housework and BENNETT replied that he needs "one" for a table sitting at a dinner. He added that the subject could come if he wants to, "in a black face." (Both laughed at this remark)

BENNETT explained that Mrs. R. PETER STRAUSS (ph) instructed him to get some Negroes for her \$600 table at the Roosevelt thing (ph) Dinner (later referred to as an ADA (Americans for Democratic Action) dinner). LEVISON suggested that BENNETT invite CLARENCE JONES and JACK O'DELL. LEVISON described JONES and O'DELL as two of Dr. (MARTIN LUTHER) KING's aides and that O'DELL runs the New York Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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- 1-New York (100-111203) (ROY BENNETT)
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LEVISON suggested that BENNETT tell JONES and O'DELL that LEVISON had recommended them for the ADA dinner. BENNETT said he didn't see why <sup>he should</sup> not, because he told Assemblyman TOM JONES from Brooklyn why he was inviting him. LEVISON replied that BENNETT could tell TOM JONES and CLARENCE (JONES), but you can't tell JACK O'DELL because he is sensitive. \*

LEVISON suggested that BENNETT tell O'DELL he had extra tickets. BENNETT said he may not ~~invite~~ O'DELL because it is a table of five couples and he doesn't want three Negro couples. BENNETT added that in proportion to population, "they" are only 1.7 and what he needs is .7 man. (Both found this amusing). \*

The above is being submitted to the Bureau for their information. \*

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[redacted] advised 2/5/63, that MARTIN LUTHER KING contacted STANLEY LEVISON in NYC on that date.

LEVISON said that he had some notes for KING for tonight (2/5/63). KING said that was the reason for his call. KING indicated that he was attending a dinner at the Essex House on 59th St. at about 6:30 p.m. that evening. LEVISON agreed to meet KING at KING's room at the Sheridan-Atlantic Hotel at 5:00 p.m., at which time LEVISON would give KING the notes referred to above.

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total to check this out further [redacted] b7c  
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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
IS-C  
(OO: NY)

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ReBulet 1/25/63, requesting report on subject  
by 2/25/63, concerning subject's activities in the following  
areas: 5(4)

1. CP and CP fronts.
2. Affiliation of LEVISON with organizations, connected in any manner with MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and organizations under KING's control and sponsorship.
3. Specific instances where KING has been influenced by LEVISON.

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Date: 2/8/63

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
IS-C  
(OO: NY)

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3. Specific instances where KING has been influenced by LEVISON.

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BOSTON

At Middleton, Rhode Island

Will interview LOUIS BUDENZ, 196 Allston St., Middleton, Rhode Island, regarding his knowledge of subject in CP. Enclosed photo of LEVISON should be exhibited to BUDENZ. Lead should be handled expeditiously in accordance with Buded.

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Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

February 12, 1963  
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1963, requesting a current prosecutive summary report regarding Stanley David Levison.

Since the only information regarding Levison's affiliation with the Communist Party, USA, since the effective date of the registration provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 has been furnished by a highly sensitive source who is not available for interview or testimony, your request is not being complied with at this time.

We are continuing to follow this case and you will be promptly furnished any pertinent information obtained from sources who are available to testify.

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2 - New York (Enc.) (See note)

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK:

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Internal Security Division of the Department dated 2/8/63. In view of the Department's interest in possible action against

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK, FROM PAGE ONE:

Levison under the membership provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950, you should immediately call to the Bureau's attention in a form suitable for dissemination any information you develop from sources who are available to testify indicating Communist Party membership and activities by Levison subsequent to 10/20/61.

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ReNYairtel to Bureau 2/6/63.

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a meeting between MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and STANLEY DAVID LEVISON in New York City on 2/5/63.



This memorandum has been classified Confidential because it contains information from the above three sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CP, USA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

In connection with KING's speech on 2/5/63, the NYO will continue efforts to ascertain the contents of this speech.

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Bureau (100-392452) (Encs. 6) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Inf.) (100- MARTIN LUTHER KING) (RM)
- 1 - New York 100-136585 MARTIN LUTHER KING
- 1 - New York 100-110049 SEYMOUR TEACHER
- 1 - New York 100-111180

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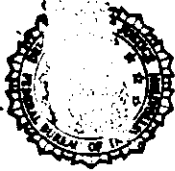
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
February 11, 1963

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Re: Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 5, 1963, that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr., planned to meet in New York City on February 5, 1963. (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

According to the first source, Levison, was to meet King at King's room at the Sheridan - Atlantic Hotel in the late afternoon of February 5, 1963. Levison was to give King some notes that King could use in preparation for a speech that he was making that evening, at the Essex House Hotel, 160 Central Park South, New York City. According to the source, this speech was to be given at a dinner which was to commence at six thirty that evening. (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] advised the following on February 11, 1963: The only dinner affair held at the hotel on February 5, 1963, was a dinner of the American Jewish Congress. (S)

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Re: Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - C

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This was a Kosher catered dinner for seventy people, and therefore no hotel personnel were used in connection with serving the dinner.

The reservation for the dinner was made by S. Facher, Fund Raising Director of the American Jewish Congress.



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The first source also advised on February 6, 1963, that Levison, had a discussion on that date with Sy Facher. They discussed the dinner of the previous evening. Levison stated he was not sure that he saw the purpose of this kind of thing from the fund raising point of view. He questioned why the gathering was so small. Facher replied he would have liked to have had it bigger but it would not have been practical.

Facher stated that it was not just a fund raising dinner, that there were implications for the (American Jewish) Congress program.

Facher asked to whom he should make out the check. Levison replied that it should be made out to Martin (Luther King) because it is for King's own personal use.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General

February 13, 1963

Director, FBI

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to prior correspondence concerning the captioned individual.

Information has been received that on February 5, 1963, Levison was in contact with Martin Luther King, Jr., while the latter was in New York City. In this connection, there is enclosed for your information one copy of a memorandum containing pertinent information available.

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On 2/21/63 a photo of subject was shown to LOUIS BUDENZ, 196 Allston Street, Middletown, R. I. Mr. BUDENZ after viewing the photo of subject stated he did not recognize him as anyone known to him as being active in the Communist Party affairs. He also advised that the name of subject was unfamiliar to him.

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Dr. BELLA DODD was interviewed concerning her knowledge of STANLEY LEVISON by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 2/14/63, at 100 West 42nd Street, NYC. A photograph of LEVISON was exhibited to DODD and she stated that the face was familiar but the name was not. She stated that possibly she knew the subject in the Party under another name, but could furnish no further information concerning him. \*

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Dr. DODD recalled that in 1948 or 1949, the CP set up a cement business which was run by SAM BROWN. According to DODD most of the money for this enterprise was furnished by a woman that at that time lived at 2 Horatio Place, NYC. This woman whose name DODD could not recall, was very wealthy and used to live in Cleveland. NYO will attempt to identify this individual. \*

Others connected with this business were WILL WEINER, MARTIN YOUNG and JACK KLING. Dr. DODD concluded by stating that she wished that she could be of more help in this matter, and would be always willing to help the Bureau where possible. \*

ESTHER WEINER, 28-79 Faber Terrace, Far Rockaway, NY, was interviewed on 2/14/63, by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the NYO. WEINER was approached solely on the basis of her knowledge of STANLEY and ROY LEVISON and their wives. She was shown photographs of the LEVISONs and emphatically denied ever having known anyone by the name of LEVISON.

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On 2/15/63, GEORGE WATT was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], after he was observed leaving his place of employment, the Encore Lithographing, 195 Hudson Street, NYC. WATT was accosted on the street, and upon being called by name, he acknowledged his identity. He was informed that the agents wanted an interview of him for information it was known he could furnish. WATT replied that he did not want to participate in any interview, saying, "you're wasting your time. I have nothing to say." It was pointed out to him that there was reason to believe he had become disillusioned with the CP, but he repeated that he did not want to make any statement and made no other comment. After about five minutes of attempting to secure some commitment from WATT, as he walked toward his subway station, the interview was terminated.

It may be noted that WATT was not hostile or discourteous, nor did he try to avoid entering into conversation with the agents.

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SA [REDACTED] checked the records of the United States Coast Guard, 3rd District on 9/16/55.

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SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] on 2/8/61, and checked the records of the Bureau of Excise Taxes, New York City, on 3/10/61. SA [REDACTED] also reviewed the records of the Charities Registration Bureau, New York State on 3/10/61.

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All of these contacts were made in connection with LEVISON's participation in an organization such as the American Jewish Congress or the Southern Christian Leadership Association. There is no reason to believe that any of these people were aware of LEVISON's background at the time of their contact with him.

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The Defected Communist Index of the NYO was reviewed in an effort to find someone that could be interviewed concerning subject's CP activity in the Rockaway area of NYC. The index did not contain the name of any individual that it was felt could furnish information of this nature.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth

On December 20, 1957, the records of the Municipal Reference Library, Municipal Building, Chambers Street, New York City, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED]. The volume entitled "Births Reported in 1912-Borough of Manhattan" reflected the following entry: b7c

	<u>"Date of Birth</u>	<u>Certificate Number</u>
"LEWISON-BENNETT	May 2	24857
STANLEY	May 2	24858"

On December 27, 1957, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Manhattan, New York. On birth certificate number 24858 it was reflected that STANLEY LEWISON, male; white; was born on May 2, 1912. His parents were listed as HARRY and ESTHER and their residence as 131 West 110th Street, New York City. The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics contained no birth certificate for the subject under the name STANLEY DAVID LEVISON or STANLEY D. LEVISON. b7c

On January 7, 1958, at the New York City Public Library, 42nd Street and 5th Avenue, SA [REDACTED] reviewed a microfilm of "Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York" for the year ending August 1, 1913 (1912-1913). On page 917 a listing was shown for HARRY D. LEVISON, residence 131 West 110th Street, New York City. b7c

B. Residence

An application filed by LEVISON in 1939 reflected that from birth through 1939 LEVISON had resided at various addresses within New York City.

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C. Employment

LEVISON is an attorney. He has had an interest in a variety of enterprises having to do with real estate, machine tool manufacturing, the import-export business, the automobile business and a number of other enterprises. He maintains office space at 6 East 39th Street, New York City, with ALICE LOEWI. Individual members of the LOEWI family are or were officers in various firms with which LEVISON has been associated.

Concerning the LOEWI family, "Who's Who in American Jewry", issue of 1938-1939, gives the following information regarding JOSEPH FISHER LOEWI:

He was born in Urbana, Ohio, on May 1, 1882. A merchant, he resides Woodmere, Long Island, and has an office at 511 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. He was married to ALICE, daughter of LEO and FANNIE ROSENSTEIN on January 16, 1912, in New York City. In 1921, he was President of Michael Brothers Furniture Company, Brooklyn, New York. His children are ROGER WILLIAM, ANDREW WILLIAM (now deceased), JOAN ALICE and NANCY LAURA. LOEWI was a trustee of the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum and Director of the Federation of Jewish Charities as well as a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

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D. Education

An application filed by LEVISON in 1939 reflected he has had the following educational background. He attended public schools 103, 39, 104, and 39 in the New York City area

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during the period September, 1918 to June, 1926. He graduated from Far Rockaway High School in June, 1930, and was thereafter a full-time student at the University of Michigan from September, 1930 to June, 1931. He attended Columbia University from September, 1931 to June, 1932 and from September, 1933 to June, 1935, but received no degrees. Thereafter he attended St. John's School of Law, New York City, from September, 1935 to June, 1939, and received a LLB and LLM degree.

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Records of Columbia University, verified that LEVISON attended the School of General Studies and took pre-law courses from September, 1931 to June, 1932 and from September, 1933 to June, 1935.

Records of St. John's Law School, reflect LEVISON entered that institution in 1935, received his LLB degree in June, 1938, and his master's degree in 1939.

E. Marital Status

*Mrs Jay Richard Kennedy  
Janet Alterman Kennedy*

The Marriage License Bureau records for the Borough of Manhattan, as reviewed on July 21, 1953, reflect the following information on certificate number 7160 for the year 1939:

*Mrs Stanley David Levison* *13 August 1913*

STANLEY LEVISON, residing at 415 West 23rd Street, New York City, was married on June 8, 1939 to JANET ALTERMAN LEVISON of 301 East 21st Street, New York City. She was described as a medical student, age 26, whose father, LOUIS L. ALTERMAN, was born in Russia, and whose mother, REBECCA, nee COHEN, was born in the United States.

*Esther Dorothy Levison*

The records of the Marriage License Bureau for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, further disclosed that STANLEY LEVISON married BEATRICE MERKEN in New York City on July 4, 1943. Marriage license number 15007 reflected LEVISON is the son of HARRY D. LEVISON and ESTER KIRSTEIN and at the time of filing his application for marriage certificate, LEVISON was residing at the Hotel Shelton in New York City.

*Harry D. Levison* *Esther Levison*

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*Mr Stanley David Levison*  
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BEATRICE MERKEN's address was listed as 2314 28th Street, Astoria, Long Island, her birth place as Fall River, Massachusetts, and her age as 24 years. Her parents were listed as ABRAHAM B. MERKEN and PAULINE SCHWARTZ, both born in Russia.

The application for marriage license indicated that LEVISON's first marriage had been annulled on June 21, 1942, in Westchester County, New York, and that this was the first marriage for BEATRICE MERKEN.

F. Military Service

LEVISON has not had any military experience. On February 20, 1943, he was classified 4F.

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The "New York Daily News" issue of September 23, 1948, in an article pertaining to deportation hearings, described WILLIAM WEINER as "former Financial Secretary of the Communist Party and erstwhile member of its National Committee".

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

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STANLEY D. LEVISON on February 26, 1960, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that on several occasions, probably during the late 1940's, he had met with ALFRED K. STERN. LEVISON stated that one time he, LEVISON, was active in an organization known as "Businessmen for Roosevelt" and that he went to STERN's office in Rockefeller Center in an attempt to sell him mailing lists which this organization had acquired. LEVISON stated he thought STERN could use this list in the "WALLACE for President" campaign that STERN was promoting. b7c

LEVISON stated that STERN did not buy the list as he considered them worthless as they were several years old.

LEVISON commented further that he did not know any acquaintances or associates of STERN and that he had no indication STERN might be involved in espionage or with Soviet officials.

He further stated he had no information as to whether STERN had been associated with the CP, USA or if he had ever contributed to the CP, USA.

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LEVISON stated that he himself did not know much about the CP other than the fact that those who apparently were in it now seemed thoroughly confused. He stated that he knew some people who probably could be called liberals, progressives or Communists, but that he would not name them because he believed a person should have freedom of political thought. LEVISON continued that one really cannot classify those people today because there are Communists, anti-Communists, Communists who are anti-Communist, people who are left, people who are right, and people who are in between.

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"The Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, December 20, 1959, reflected that at the 17th National Convention, CP, USA, held December 10-14, 1959, in New York City, GUS HALL had been elected General Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The Worker", December 20, 1959, reflected that at the 17th National Convention, CP, USA, held December 10-14, 1959, in New York City, BEN DAVIS had been elected National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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Set out below in alphabetical order are firms with which LEVISON has had some affiliation.

1. Allied Instrument Company (See Thermo Electric Fuse Company)

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4. ~~Colonial Tool and Machine Company~~

Records of the New York County Clerk's Office, as reviewed on November 27, 1953, reflect business certificate number 7743 was filed on August 6, 1942, for the Colonial Tool and Machine Company. The certificate was filed by STANLEY D. LEVISON, whose address was given as 110-116 East 13th Street, New York City. The certificate reflected that among the individuals who conducted business under the trade name Colonial Tool and Machine Company were STANLEY D. LEVISON, 400 East 57th Street, New York City, and SAMUEL WARSHAUER, 2061 St. Raymond Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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The "Magyar Jovo" and the Hungarian American Council for Democracy have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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7. J. F. Loewi, Inc.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office reflect that a Certificate of Incorporation was prepared by SIDNEY KRAMER and STANLEY D. LEVISON, Attorneys, which was filed on August 21, 1940, and authorized said company to engage in a general real estate agency and brokerage business. The office of the corporation was listed as in care of SIDNEY KRAMER, 110 East 42nd Street, New York City. Among the directors serving until the first annual meeting were SIDNEY KRAMER, HARRY C. SHUSTER, STANLEY LEVISON, JEANETTE ALTERMAN (LEVISON's first wife) and ROY BENNETT. A Certificate of Dissolution of this corporation was filed on November 13, 1945.

"The Worker", issue of April 27, 1947, listed one HARRY SHUSTER as an active member of the Furriers Joint Council.

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The Magazine Section of the New York "Herald Tribune", issue of March 7, 1948, contains an article by JAY RICHARD KENNEDY, entitled "One World Against Dope", stating that KENNEDY was author and co-producer of the production "To the Ends of the Earth", released by Columbia Pictures, and that this picture had been made with the cooperation of the Treasury Department and was based on Treasury Department files.

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15. Murray Music Company

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office reflect that STANLEY D. LEVISON, 285 Madison Avenue, filed a business certificate on February 10, 1948, for JOHN and JEAN MURRAY, 350 East 77th Street, New York City, and ALICE LOEWI of the Hotel Chatham, New York City, conducting business under the name Murray Music Company, 285 Madison Avenue.

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The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, May 14, 1951, contained the following regarding the Theater Arts Committee:

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"1. Cited as a Communist front which was formerly known as the Theatre Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy, and which was affiliated with the American League for Peace and Democracy, Medical Bureau, and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.377)."

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20. The L Realty Company

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office reflect that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed on January 22, 1945, for the L Realty Corporation by SIDNEY KRAMER, Attorney-at-Law, 110 East 42nd Street. The address of the corporation was given as in care of STANLEY D. LEVISON, 285 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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IV. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH  
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1. American Law Students Association

STANLEY LEVISON at one time was Vice President of the American Law Students Association during the period he was attending law school.

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It is to be noted that LEVISON attended St. John's Law School from 1935 to 1939.

With respect to the American Law Students Association, the Sunday edition of the "New York Times", December 27, 1936, under the heading "Society Formed By Law Students" set forth the following:

"The American Law Students Association, designed to deal with legal, ethical, social and economic problems affecting law school students, was formed yesterday by students from the Law Schools of Columbia University, New York University, St. John's University and Brooklyn Law School in this city and Harvard and Yale.

"During their three hour meeting in the Bar Association Building, the students showed great interest in the economic difficulties that are confronting them as

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law clerks and as young lawyers. Suggestion of a minimum wage for clerks brought a withdrawal for the St. John's Student Council. Assurance that the organization would take no stand at present on a minimum wage brought the Council back in and THOMAS W. LA VENIA, President of the St. John's Council, was elected Vice President of the new organization.

"The group finally adopted the proposal by the Linfield Committee that the association 'take adequate steps in conjunction with Bar Association's law school faculties and other legal groups to improve the economic well being of law students, law clerks and young attorneys'. Suggestions were made for more Government jobs for lawyers.

"The meeting decided that the organization would be a forum for the discussion of the legal basis of national problems and encourage cooperation between law reviews and the exchange of professors and would seek changes in curriculum to prepare for Government positions".

Mentioned in the above article with THOMAS W. LA VENIA were STANLEY LEVISON and JOHN MALONEY, student and Vice Dean, respectively, of St. John's University Law School.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, May 29, 1946, at Washington, D. C. reported the following on Page 8 with respect to the American Law Association:

"1. Cited as under Communist control, influence, or collaboration with the CP by the Committee for Cultural Freedom, Professor JOHN DEWEY, Chairman, April, 1940".

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3. City Wide Committee to Stage a Madison Square Garden Civil Rights Rally

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The "Daily Worker", issue of May 3, 1956, contained an article on page 8 concerning the mass Civil Rights Rally to be held May 24, 1956, at Madison Square Garden, stating that it would be jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, NAACP, and other church and civic organizations and that funds from this rally would be allocated to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Montgomery Improvement Association.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 22, 1956, in referring to the above rally, reflected that among the scheduled speakers were ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, HERBERT LEHMAN and Representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL.

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"The Churchman", issue of January 1, 1956, reflects that it is "an independent journal of the Protestant Episcopal Church published under the sponsorship of The Churchman Associates, Inc. It is edited in the conviction that religious journalism must provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas and opinions

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as one of the essential contributions to the church and democracy in search of truth. It stands for the application of the principles of Jesus to every relationship of the social order.

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It is to be further noted that in an article appearing in the May 26, 1948 issue of the "New York World Telegram", Mr. FRED WOLTMAN reported that Secretary of State MARSHALL had refused to accept the annual reward of "The Churchman", edited by Reverend SHIPLER, who, according to Mr. WOLTMAN, had been a repeated Communist front backer and a critic of American foreign policy where it conflicted with the policy of the Soviet Union.

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6. "In Friendship"

A leaflet captioned, "'In Friendship' - For Welfare Aid to Victims of Racism" stated, " 'In Friendship' was organized to provide economic aid to those who suffer reprisals and persecutions as a result of their efforts to secure their constitutional rights."

This leaflet indicated that the organization "In Friendship" intends to seek funds for the assistance of Negro - Americans throughout the South and "will serve as a clearing-house for information on economic needs of our southern brothers and sisters."

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It is to be noted that the March 25, 1956, issue of "The Worker" (Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker, an east coast communist daily newspaper), on page six, column three, carried an article captioned, " 'In Friendship' Relays Assistance to Negro Victims of Dixie Squeeze."

This article stated that "'In Friendship' is a new organization that had been recently formed by representatives of 75 New York churches, unions, fraternal societies, and other organizations to give economic aid to Negroes in the South caught in the vice of economic boycotts, terror, and intimidations."

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7. Other Organizations

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 19, 1957, carried an article under the heading, "Socialist Groups Call May Day Rally." The article reported that, "A United May Day Rally representing a broad cross-section of New York Socialist and Progressive opinion" was scheduled for Wednesday night, May 1, 1957, at the Central Plaza Hall, New York City. The article stated that STANLEY LEVINSON, Chairman of the March on Washington Movement formed in 1941, would speak at the rally on the forthcoming Pilgrimage of Prayer. The article further stated that the "rally would focus on ending the blight of segregation in American life, particularly in the South where the issue of integration is approaching a climax."

Similar articles were carried in the "Daily Worker" issues of April 29, 30, 1957, and in "The Worker" issue of April 21, 1957.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of May 1, 1957, published an item under the heading, "Correction", stating that the "Daily Worker" on the previous day had received a telegram from the Prayer Pilgrimage Committee requesting the publication of the following correction to an erroneous report carried in several issues of the paper:

"It was erroneously reported in the Daily and Sunday Worker that STANLEY LEVINSON, Chairman of the Executive Committee on the March on Washington Committee would speak on May 1, 1957, ... Mr. LEVINSON is not speaking nor can any other speaker be present for the March on Washington Committee of 1941 which is not in existence, nor any representative of the Prayer Pilgrimage Committee. The Prayer Pilgrimage Committee is not cooperating with any political group or parties.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Subpoena Re Eastland Committee

STANLEY LEVISON was issued a subpoena to appear before the Eastland Committee in Washington, D.C., on April 30, 1962.

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On May 1, 1962, LEVISON stated that the previous day, April 30, 1962, he had appeared before the "Eastland Committee". With respect to his testimony before the Committee, LEVISON stated that Senator JOHN MC CLELLAN remarked that he (LEVISON) was the worst witness that had ever appeared before the Committee.

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On March 9, 1961, [REDACTED] Charities Registration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare, 270 Broadway, New York City, advised that the Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING, and the Struggle for Freedom in the South, 312 West 125th Street, has registered with that Bureau in Albany, New York. According to [REDACTED] this registration is permanent and valid as long as the organization observes regulations such as filing financial returns within six months after the end of the fiscal year, and keeping the Bureau advised of changes of officers, addresses, or change of purpose.

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[REDACTED] stated that the record shows that STANLEY D. LEVISON is the Assistant Executive Director of this committee. He said the committee was formed on March 7, 1960, and was not incorporated.

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On March 10, 1961, [REDACTED] Comptrollers Office, New York City Bureau of Excise Taxes, 120 West 32nd Street, made available to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation an application for exemption from the New York City Amusement Tax dated January 23, 1961, and signed by STANLEY D. LEVISON. The exemption was requested for a "concert" to be given at Carnegie Hall on January 27, 1961, for a one evening performance.

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The name of the applicant was given as the "Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle", 312 West 125th Street, an unincorporated association. It was noted that under purposes for which the applicant was organized, the following was listed:

"To provide funds for the SCLC to be used for establishment of constitutional rights in the South, utilizing voting registration drives, educational meetings, church and synagogue conferences, sit-in techniques, legal actions, etc."

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Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is President of the SCLC.

On June 11, 1962, MARTIN LUTHER KING visited the office of STANLEY LEVISON at 6 East 39th Street, New York City.

LEVISON and KING discussed future affairs that were planned by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and also a new book authored by the lawyer EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS. KING mentioned that a group is attempting to make arrangements for him to appear in a television series which would provide a vehicle for the translation of his philosophy. LEVISON commented that this possibility should be closely followed.

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Charities Registration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare, 91 State Street, Albany, New York, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows: b7D

A registration statement had been filed at the Bureau by the "Appeal for Human Dignity Now, 13 Astor Place, New York 3, New York. The general purpose with which this charitable organization was being organized, according to the registration, was "to provide financial assistance to the Movement for Desegregation and Achievement of Equal Rights under the Constitution. Emphasis and assistance to be given to the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee of Atlanta, Georgia.

STANLEY D. LEVISON was listed as a co-chairman of this organization.

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On November 14, 1962, STANLEY LEVISON had a discussion with "LOTTIE" KUNTSLER, wife of New York attorney WILLIAM KUNTSLER. Mrs. KUNTSLER stated that she had heard that there was a story in a New Orleans, Louisiana, newspaper to the effect that JACK O'DELL (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) had resigned from the SCLC. LEVISON advised Mrs. KUNTSLER that JACK O'DELL has denied any active participation in the CP and offered to resign from the SCLC in order to avoid any embarrassment to that organization. LEVISON stated that he believes MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC are holding the resignation in abeyance because they first wanted a conference with the newspaper carrying the story that O'DELL had been active in the CP. X

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On December 4, 1962, LEVISON had a discussion with New York attorney WILLIAM KUNTSLER concerning the sale of tickets for an affair which was to be held at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York, on December 11, 1962. This affair, which will feature entertainers SAMMY DAVIS, Jr. and PETER LAWFORD, will be for the benefit of the SCLC of which MARTIN LUTHER KING is President.

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On March 30, 1962, LEVISON was contacted by an associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING for the purpose of getting LEVISON's opinion as to what KING's strategy might be in pushing Judge WILLIAM HENRY HASTIE of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals to replace Justice CHARLES EVANS WITTAKER who is resigning from the Supreme Court. LEVISON then proceeded to give his opinions as to what strategy KING should use in this matter and was informed his opinions would be relayed immediately to Dr. KING.

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On May 8, 1962, STANLEY LEVISON stated that he had finished preparing a speech that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING would make before the United Packing House Workers of America, AFL-CIO at their forthcoming convention. LEVISON stated the speech had to be typed and that he would have it ready for Dr. KING on May 17, 1962.

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On August 7, 1962, LEVISON conversed with HUNTER PITTS O'DELL regarding the racial situation in Albany, Georgia. LEVISON was irritated that he had not been consulted regarding a meeting of officials of the SCLC which had taken place in "KENNEDY's office" recently. LEVISON commented that people were not invited who should have been invited, and vice versa. O'DELL, in an attempt to explain this, stated that the meeting had to be kept quiet and free of any press coverage. LEVISON and O'DELL then discussed the possibility of organizing a delegation of important people to go down to Albany, Georgia.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed STANLEY LEVISON with HUNTER PITTS O'DELL in the vicinity of 42nd Street and Madison Avenue on August 30, 1962.

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On September 10, 1962, LEVISON had a discussion with CLARENCE JONES, Executive Director of the Ghandi Society for Human Rights. According to LEVISON, MARTIN LUTHER KING should not be silent in regard to the church burnings in the South. LEVISON stated that KING should send a "hot wire" to the President along the lines that the government cannot control a small community. JONES stated he would relay LEVISON's opinion to KING by telephone that evening.

On October 11, 1962, STANLEY LEVISON dictated a letter on that date to entertainer HARRY BELAFONTE on behalf of MARTIN LUTHER KING. In this regard BELAFONTE was extended an invitation to appear with entertainer SAMMY DAVIS, Jr. and PETER LAWFORD at the Westchester County Auditorium, White Plains, New York, on December 11, 1962.

On December 19, 1962, CLARENCE JONES, Executive Director of Ghandi Society for Human Rights, and STANLEY LEVISON held a discussion in New York City.

JONES mentioned that he recently had talked with MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to JONES, KING had just seen President JOHN F. KENNEDY the previous day and was most impressed with the President's knowledge of KING's writing and with the President's awareness of events in the civil rights field. It was obvious to KING, according to JONES, that President KENNEDY was well briefed prior to the meeting, but apparently had also done some reading along this line. KING stated the President is so well informed that he cites "your own material to you".

LEVISON asked what specific points the President cited to KING. JONES replied that he did not know the answer to this question because KING was on the run at the time that JONES spoke to him and did not have time to go into



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detail. LEVISON said that it would be worthwhile for JONES to call KING and find out the specific points that President KENNEDY had made in his conversation with KING because these points could be used as a guide-line by KING to determine the administration's thinking with respect to the civil rights problem.

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On January 28, 1963, LEVISON had a discussion with New York attorney WILLIAM KUNTSLER concerning the Negro student at Mississippi University, JAMES MEREDITH. KUNTSLER stated that he had recently spoken to MEREDITH and that MEREDITH indicated that although his credits will be good enough for him to stay at the University, someone is trying to get MEREDITH to write a book which would require him dropping out of school. KUNTSLER suggested to LEVISON that MARTIN LUTHER KING call MEREDITH concerning this and that KING advise MEREDITH to stay at the University of Mississippi and to forget about writing the book. &

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On January 31, 1963, LEVISON, in conversation with another New York attorney SHAD POLIER, discussed the fact that a white attorney by the name of WILLIAM HIGGS (ph) in Jackson, Mississippi, was going to be framed by the State of Mississippi on a sodomy charge. According to LEVISON, HIGGS expected to be arrested very shortly. POLIER indicated that he was aware of this situation and also that HIGGS was to receive an award in New York City on the 12th of February. LEVISON told POLIER that HIGGS had tutored JAMES MEREDITH, and had worked with MEREDITH's attorney. &

POLIER and LEVISON then discussed various means of obtaining funds for HIGGS defense, and the strategy that should be used in connection with defense. They agreed that in the event a mass rally or meeting was held in New York on behalf of HIGGS, it would be much better to have student JAMES MEREDITH appear than MARTIN LUTHER KING who is too far removed from this particular situation. &

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According to the New York "Herald Tribune", issue of January 23, 1956, the ATL made public telegrams sent from its headquarters, 40th Street, New York City, to the United States Senate calling for the Senate to take "appropriate action" against Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND for EASTLAND's inquiry into political beliefs of employees of the "New York Times". This has been a recent ATL activity. \*

A pretext telephone call to ELLA J. BAKER on January 2, 1957, determined that the ATL formerly located at 40 East 40th Street, New York City, was no longer in existence since the MC CARTHY issue had subsided. She said she had previously handled office correspondence for the ATL, but that ATL no longer maintained office space or any personnel. \*

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New York, New York

February 21, 1963

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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a conversation between MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON on March 6, 1963.

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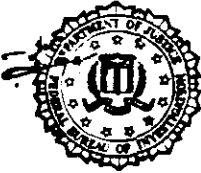
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Re: Martin Luther King  
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On March 6, 1963, a confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stanley Levison had a lengthy discussion on that date.

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According to the first source, King and Levison discussed an article that King is preparing for the magazine, "The Nation." King is trying to finalize this article which

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he had to delay because of his travelling around the country. King is of the opinion that the article needs to be changed now in the light of President John F. Kennedy's Civil Rights message. King feels that the article which deals with the 1962 program of the Administration in Civil Rights, isn't quite as relevant now as it would have been prior to the President's Civil Rights message.

Levison asked King to bear in mind that what "The Nation" was presenting each year were King's observations about the preceding year so that it would be proper to confine this latest article to observations about 1962. Levison pointed out, however, that it may be too stale to be discussing only 1962 this late in 1963, and that nothing compels King to stick to the formula of only discussing 1962. Levison stated that he would obtain a copy of the President's message and send it to King with "any other points on it," and although this would delay the article even more, it will improve the timeliness of it. King stated that the article does not need an extensive revision, but the message has to be mentioned somewhere.

Levison and King then discussed the President's Civil Rights message. King said he made a statement after the message came out to the effect that "if we can get a significant break-through in voter registration it will mean a great deal.....in the total struggle, but it doesn't go far enough." King referred to the "schizophrenic tendency of the Administration, on one hand it appoints a Thurgood Marshall as a Federal Judge and then appoints judges in the South who are outright segregationists." King stated that "Kennedy has often said to me - that you can't get this through...There is no point in introducing strong Civil Rights legislation because you can't get it through." King concluded by stating that his contention is that if he (President Kennedy) would get out and really fight - crusade for it, it would have a stronger chance of getting through." Levison agreed with King on this observation.

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- 1 - Mr. Malley
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- 1 - Mr. Lavin
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- 1 - Mr. Evans

March 12, 1963

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
 Special Assistant to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past has furnished this Bureau information to the effect that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stanley Levison had a lengthy conversation on March 6, 1963. As I have previously pointed out to you, Stanley David Levison has been identified by another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past as a secret member of the Communist Party.

According to the first source, Reverend Mr. King and Levison discussed an article that Reverend Mr. King is preparing for the magazine "The Nation." The article deals with the 1962 program of the Administration in civil rights and Reverend Mr. King feels the article needs changing in view of the President's civil rights message. Levison told Reverend Mr. King to bear in mind that what "The Nation" was presenting each year were Reverend Mr. King's observations about the preceding year so that it would be proper to confine the article to observations about 1962. Levison pointed out, in addition, however, that it may be too stale to be discussing only 1962 this late in 1963 and that Reverend Mr. King ought to mention something about the President's civil rights message.

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

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This information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, CAPTIONED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, 3/11/63, RBL:vhm.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/11/63

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FROM : A. Rosen  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

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That attached memoranda be furnished to Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, and the Attorney General.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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W. J. Brennan  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)  
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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[Redacted] advised on 3/9/63, that LEVISON had a discussion with JACK (HUNTER PITTS) O'DELL on that date. They spoke of "taking a trip down there (apparently to Atlanta) to discuss long range questions". However, they did not decide on the exact time they would take the trip, but indicated it would be sometime this spring.

LEVISON asked O'DELL, "So far as you know, JACK, are the plans for the activity in the un-named city still going through?" O'DELL replied, "Yes, as far as I know, I haven't

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- 2 - Birmingham (100- ) (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta (100- ) (Info) (RM)
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heard of any change". Later in the conversation, the city of Birmingham was mentioned, but informant was unable to determine if above remarks were in reference to Birmingham.

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[REDACTED] further advised on 3/10/63, that LEVISON conversed with MARTIN LUTHER KING on that date. KING stated that he would be in New York sometime next week and wanted to get a group together at HARRY's (BELLAFONTE ?) to discuss "this Birmingham thing". KING added, "We decided to postpone that thing until the day after the election because BULL O'CONNOR is in the run-off and we feel that if we make a move before that time, he could use that to his advantage....." (S)

KING then told LEVISON "that going into Birmingham is going to be a difficult matter; that they are going to do everything they can to destroy the image of the SCLC, (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), particularly the Birmingham newspaper. Now, since they played this thing up so much we were wondering if it would be better to continue sending the salaries through the usual channels". LEVISON agreed and concluded by stating, "There is no sense giving them a timely red herring". (S)

For the information of the Bureau, KING's remark regarding salaries would indicate that O'DELL is still being paid by the SCLC in a surreptitious manner (S)

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A letterhead memorandum is not being submitted with this airtel because of the ambiguous nature of the information set forth.

Birmingham advise Bureau and NYO if it has knowledge of KING's purpose in going to Birmingham as referred to above.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-826)  
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Re: Martin Luther King  
Racial Matters

A confidential source that has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1963, that Stanley Levison was contacted by Hunter Pitts O'Dell on that date.

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The first source stated that O'Dell told Levison that Carey Mc Williams of "The Nation" magazine called O'Dell and told O'Dell that he had received Martin Luther King's article which will be published in the March 30th edition of "The Nation". Mc Williams was so impressed by the article that he recommended that all members of Congress be sent copies of the article. Levison told O'Dell to drop King a line informing him of Mc Williams' opinion of the article.

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A review of information furnished by [REDACTED] reflects that on 3/20/63 [REDACTED] advised that on that date, LEVISON, in conversation with his twin brother ROY BENNETT, mentioned that on the previous day, "...I had a luncheon....and I was ..tough....and I think I established my - firm view - firm position - but I'll tell you all about it." ROY agreed and told LEVISON he would try to see him later that day.

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