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SECTION 14

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FBI NEW YORK 5:18 PM URGENT 8-15-68 PAC  
TO DIRECTOR 100-392452 AND CHICAGO  
CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON  
ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK 100-111180 CP

*INTERNAL SECURITY*  
STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-G; OO; NEW YORK.

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*G. E. Moore*

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUGUST FIFTEEN, INSTANT (CLASSIFY QUOTE SECRET UNQUOTE).

ON AUGUST FIFTEEN, INSTANT, HARRY BELAFONTE ADVISED STANLEY LEVISON THAT QUOTE WE, THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY UNQUOTE HAD A CONFRONTATION WITH (SENATOR GEORGE S.) MC GOVERN ON AUGUST FOURTEEN AND THAT MC GOVERN HANDLED HIMSELF VERY WELL. BELAFONTE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THERE IS NO ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND (SENATOR EUGENE) MC CARTHY. HE ADDED THAT ANY CHARGES THAT CAN BE MADE AGAINST MC CARTHY ON RACISM CAN BE MADE AGAINST MC GOVERN.

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BELAFONTE ASKED LEVISON'S THINKING ON TWO THINGS, ONE, WHETHER CORETTA KING WAS COMING (PROBABLY TO CHICAGO FOR EITHER THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OR A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY MEETING) AND TWO, WHETHER LEVISON HAS ANY OBJECTION TO CORETTA ENDORSING A CANDIDATE.

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LEVISON STATED THAT SHE HAD NOT PLANNED TO GO BUT THAT HE HAD TOLD HER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SHE GO. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO CORETTA ENDORSING A CANDIDATE PROVIDED IT IS A SOUND ENDORSEMENT.

BELAFONTE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE COMMITTEE (OF INQUIRY) ENDORSE MC CARTHY. HE SAID THAT WHATEVER THEY CAN DO TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO INFLUENCE VOTES AND CHALLENGES, THEY SHOULD DO EVEN IF IT MEANS BACKING MC CARTHY. HE NOTED THAT, AFTER THE CONVENTION, THE COMMITTEE CAN COME OUT WITH MUCH MORE DEFINITIVE STATEMENT, IF IT IS HUMPHREY, "THEN GO OUT TO OUR MOST RADICAL POSITION".

BELAFONTE NOTED THAT HE MET WITH MC CARTHY BEFORE THE MC GOVERNMENT MEETING AND THAT HE BELIEVES "WE" (THE NEGRO PEOPLE) STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING MANY OF THE THINGS "WE" WANT BECAUSE MC CARTHY IS "ICONOCLASTIC" WITHIN HIS OWN CONTEXT. BELAFONTE SAID MC CARTHY IS MUCH MORE OPEN AND SENSITIVE TO THE THINGS "WE" NEED. HE ADDED THAT "MUCH OF IT IS IN THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES AND PEOPLE

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WHOM HE IS TRYING TO DISRUPT. THEY (APPARENTLY MC CARTHYITES) ARE AGAINST CERTAIN FEDERAL AGENCIES, THEY ARE AGAINST THE FBI, THE CIA, AND BECAUSE HE ISN'T THE BOSOM BUDDY OF BLACK PEOPLE DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T A LOT OF THINGS WE CAN GET IF BY SOME FLUKE HE SHOULD BECOME PRESIDENT".

LEVISON SAID HE WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS PROVIDED THE STATEMENT (OF ENDORSEMENT) IS CAREFULLY WORDED.

BELAFONTE URGED LEVISON TO BE IN CHICAGO ON AUGUST NINETEEN ALTHOUGH LEVISON HAD NOT PLANNED ON IT. HE SAID HE WOULD BE AT THE ASTOR TOWERS AND THAT LEVISON SHOULD CALL HIS SECRETARY AND HAVE HER GET RESERVATIONS FOR LEVISON THERE. LEVISON AGREED.

BELAFONTE SAID LEVISON SHOULD BE IN CHICAGO ON THE NINETEENTH AND AT "OUR MEETING" ON THE TWENTY FIRST WHICH MEETING WILL BE OPEN. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE TWENTY FIRST. HE NOTED THAT CONYERS' (CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF MICHIGAN) OFFICE DID A GOOD JOB IN MOBILIZING PEOPLE TO CONFRONT MC GOVERN. BELAFONTE STATED IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO INTERROGATE THESE "GUYS" (CANDIDATES) BUT THAT THEY HAVE TO STATE WHAT THEIR PLATFORM IS

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AND CONFRONT THE "GUYS" WITH IT. HE ASKED LEVISON TO FORMULATE SOME OF THE THINGS THEY SHOULD ASK.

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT OF ALL AVAILABLE NOMINEES MC CARTHY IS BETTER THAN THE OTHERS ON KEY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY ON WAR. HE ASKED IF BELAFONTE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH CONYERS, ABOUT MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE SAID CONYERS HAD COME AROUND TO THIS WAY OF THINKING. HE SAID THE ONLY PERSON HE, BELAFONTE, HAS TO DEAL WITH NOW WOULD BE HATCHER (MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER, GARY, INDIANA). HE SAID HE IS SATISFIED THAT HATCHER'S APPRAISAL OF HIS SITUATION VIS-A-VIS HUMPHREY "GIVES US THIS OPENING TO DO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT".

LEVISON NOTED THAT CORETTA KING HAD ENDORSED MC CARTHY WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ALIVE BUT THAT HE HAD ADVISED HER TO WITHDRAW IT AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION, BECAUSE SHE WAS THEN A PUBLIC FIGURE AND HAD TO REEXAMINE ALL HER POSITIONS. HE SAID CORETTA MIGHT NEED SOME CONVINCING BUT THAT HE WOULD LET HER KNOW HE IS FOR IT. HE NOTED THAT THE FACT THAT SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HUMPHREY ON THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL CENTER MAY <sup>F</sup>ND TO BOTHER HER.

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BELAFONTE, ALLUDING TO THE CONFRONTATION WITH MC GOVERN, STATED THAT WHEN MC GOVERN SAID HE WOULD ENDORSE WHOMEVER IS THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, HATCHER CHALLENGED HIM ASKING HOW HE COULD BE AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR, TALK ABOUT RACISM, THEN ENDORSE HUMPHREY. HE SAID MC GOVERN'S POSITION IS THAT HE IS AGAINST NIXON, WOULD VOTE FOR HUMPHREY WITH A HEAVY HEART, BUT AGAINST NIXON.

BELAFONTE AGREED WITH LEVISON THAT THEY CANNOT FORGET THAT THERE IS AN "EVIL FORCE-NIXON- STANDING ACROSS THE ROOM". LEVISON SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO HAVE A NEW FORMULATION POINTING OUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO DEFEAT A "WILDLY DANGEROUS FORCE LIKE NIXON".

BELAFONTE STATED THEY KNOW THEY CAN BREAK THE BACK OF A PRESIDENT, CITING LYNDON JOHNSON WHOM HE SAID THEY BROKE ON THE BLACK ISSUE AND THE VIETNAM WAR.

LEVISON AND BELAFONTE AGREED THAT IF ANY PRESIDENT IS NOT DOING WHAT THEY WANT TO DO THEY WOULD NOT QUIT BUT GO TO WORK AND RUIN HIM. THEY AGREED WITH NIXON AS PRESIDENT IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO RUIN HIM.

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LEVISON SAID HE WOULD SEE BELAFONTE MONDAY EVENING  
(AUGUST NINETEEN).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, THE COMMITTEE OF  
INQUIRY HAS BEEN INDICATED TO BE A GROUPING OF ELECTED  
REGRO OFFICIALS WHO WILL PASS ON THE QUALIFICATIONS  
OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND THEN EITHER ENDORSE  
OR NOT ENDORSE THIS CANDIDATE. CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS  
IS A PRIME MOVER IN THIS COMMITTEE.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF LEVISON IS BEING SENT CHICAGO BY  
SEPARATE MAIL.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/15/68

Attached contains information furnished by sensitive source relating to possible endorsement of Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, by Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Because of the nature of this information, it will be furnished to the White House only by letter.

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

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the following information.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that according to Harry Belafonte, prominent Negro entertainer, the National Committee of Inquiry, a committee of Negroes formed to decide whether or not a candidate for public office should be endorsed, had a confrontation with Senator George S. McGovern of South Dakota, on August 14, 1968. According to Belafonte, Senator McGovern handled himself very well. Belafonte expressed the opinion that there is no essential difference between Senator McGovern and Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota. At this confrontation Senator McGovern allegedly said he would endorse whoever is the Democratic presidential candidate. Senator McGovern was challenged by Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, who asked how Senator McGovern could be against the Vietnam War and then endorse Vice President Hubert Humphrey. According to Belafonte, Senator McGovern's position is that he is against the Republican candidate, Richard Nixon, and would vote for Vice President Humphrey reluctantly.

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The source also learned that Belafonte asked Stanley Levison whether he had any objection to Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., endorsing a presidential candidate. Levison is an adviser to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

Levison reportedly had no objection to Mrs. King's endorsing a candidate, provided it is a sound endorsement. Levison noted that Mrs. King had endorsed Senator McCarthy while her husband was alive, but Levison advised her to withdraw the endorsement after the assassination of her husband. Levison noted that of all the available nominees, Senator McCarthy is the best candidate on key issues, especially on war.

Belafonte reportedly told Levison that "they can break the back of a President," citing President Johnson whom he said they broke on the racial issue and the Vietnam war. Belafonte and Levison agreed that if any President is not doing what they want him to do they would "ruin" him.

Belafonte and Levison reportedly discussed the National Committee of Inquiry, and Belafonte expressed the opinion that the Committee should endorse Senator McCarthy. Levison asked Belafonte if he had discussed this with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, who was instrumental in forming this Committee. Belafonte claimed Congressman Conyers had "come around to this way of thinking," and the only person Belafonte now has to deal with is Mayor Hatcher. He noted that, after the Democratic National Convention, if the nominee is Vice President Humphrey, the Committee can "go out to our most radical position."

Belafonte said Senator McCarthy is more sensitive to the things the Negro people need and is against certain Federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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**Mrs. Mildred Stegall**

Later, the source learned that according to Levison it has been agreed that Mrs. King will publicly endorse Senator McCarthy. Levison noted that Senator McCarthy placed Mrs. King in an awkward position by saying he would appoint her as United States Ambassador to the United Nations if he is elected President. According to Levison, it will now appear Mrs. King is supporting Senator McCarthy because of this.

Belafonte reportedly instructed Levison to get reservations at the Astor Towers, in Chicago, Illinois, where Belafonte will be staying, and to be in Chicago, by August 19, 1968.

No further dissemination is being made of the above data.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

The data set forth above was contained in New York teletypes dated 8/15/68, and 8/16/68, captioned, "Stanley David Levison; Internal Security - Communist," and "Communist Influence in Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Internal Security - Communist." Informative notes on these teletypes indicated we would limit dissemination to the White House.

Classified "Secret" since it sets forth data from a most sensitive New York source. Unauthorized disclosure of this data may jeopardize the source and be prejudicial to national defense interests.

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On this date, CLARENCE JONES told STANLEY LEVISON of a telegram Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY had sent to CORETTA KING and RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC President, extending his greetings and concern to the SCLC's Poor People's Campaign. They went on to discuss Presidential candidate RICHARD NIXON's posture on the civil rights situation and NIXON's plan of building ghetto industries owned by people in the ghetto. LEVISON attacked this idea.

JONES then brought up the subject of the Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY campaign for the presidency and mentioned that there was a split in the movement with two contending points of view. They went on to discuss this situation and both agreed that the main concern should be stopping Vice-President HUMPHREY's bid. They also discussed a speech JONES was to give at a MC CARTHY rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 5/22/68, captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

6/3,4/68

On 6/3/68, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE discussed BAYARD RUSTIN's statement crystalizing the demands of the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) issued on 6/2/68. LEVISON was extremely critical of RUSTIN claiming that RUSTIN had swept aside MARTIN LUTHER KING's program.

On the same date LEVISON expressed his displeasure over RUSTIN's changing the demands of the PPC to RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC President. ABERNATHY professed to know nothing about RUSTIN's change of the demands of the SCLC and LEVISON castigated ABERNATHY stating it was no way to run an organization. LEVISON also questioned the necessity of having a mass mobilization on 6/19/68 in Washington, D.C., stating it was not vital.

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ABERNATHY blamed ANDREW YOUNG for RUSTIN being brought in to run the 6/19/68 mobilization and asked LEVISON for advice. LEVISON said he did not feel he could give advice to ABERNATHY under the existing conditions.

On 6/4/68, LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG discussed a forthcoming SCLC meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. LEVISON again brought up the RUSTIN matter stating that the PPC effort in Washington was being sabotaged by actions such as bringing RUSTIN in to lead the 6/19/68 mobilization. They agreed to meet in Washington on 6/4/68.

This information was forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 6/5/68 captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

6/6/68

On this date, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor from Chicago, and STANLEY LEVISON discussed CORETTA KING's determination to keep the use of MARTIN LUTHER KING's name for herself. They agreed that CORETTA has been convinced of this by HARRY WACHTEL. LEVISON also mentioned a proposition of ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC Executive Vice-President, to set CORETTA KING up in an office with assistants.

On the same date, MARIAN LOGAN, SCLC Executive Board member told LEVISON about the unsavory conditions she had found in the SCLC's Resurrection City in Washington, D.C. She said she had complained so bitterly that an Administrative Committee meeting was to be held at the Pitt Motel in Washington, D.C. on 6/7/68. They also discussed BAYARD RUSTIN's call for support of the mass mobilization scheduled for 6/19/68.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 6/12/68, captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

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On this date, STANLEY LEVISON discussed with Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Michigan the National Committee of Inquiry. LEVISON mentioned how he had developed and maintained the SCLC mail appeal for the past 8 years and offered to conduct a similar operation for the National Committee. They agreed to meet to discuss this in Washington, D.C., on 6/19/68, before the SCLC's Poor People's Campaign Solidarity Day march on Washington, D.C. LEVISON also suggested that CONYERS ask CORETTA KING to join this committee. He also said that he favored HARRY BELAFONTE, SIDNEY POITIER and RICHARD HATCHER, Mayor of Gary, Indiana.

LEVISON also recommended to CONYERS for employment in CONYERS' Washington Office a young man whom he described as a Cornell graduate who is involved in civil rights.

(It was subsequently indicated that this was ROBERT FILNER, son of JOSEPH and SARAH FILNER, former CP members in Pittsburgh, Pa.; JOSEPH FILNER being an associate of LEVISON.)

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 6/25/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS - C".

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On this date, STANLEY LEVISON discussed Congressman JOHN CONYERS' Committee of Inquiry with MOE FONER of the Drug and Hospital Workers Union. He said he was interested in the committee because he felt it might be the new, young responsible leadership (among Negroes). He asked FONER if he would have space for a New York Office of the committee and FONER said he would provide a desk and telephone.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 7/2/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS - C".

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On this date, STANLEY LEVISON advised ANDREW YOUNG that MARTY PERETZ (Harvard University lecturer), who is in close contact with Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY, wanted YOUNG and LEVISON to meet with MC CARTHY that week.

LEVISON then contacted PERETZ and told him YOUNG had agreed to the meeting as long as it was private. PERETZ said he would contact LEVISON about the exact date of the meeting.

This information was furnished to the Bureau, Boston and WFO by teletype dated 7/5/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS-C".

7/19,21/68

On 7/19/68, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor in Chicago, and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the composition of a new SCLC Research Committee suggested by RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC President. They agreed to a meeting of this committee in New York City on 7/25/68.

On 7/21/68, LEVISON was in contact with BAYARD RUSTIN who told LEVISON of a request he received from RALPH ABERNATHY to intercede with NORMAN COUSINS (Editor of "Saturday Review") to get Mrs. ABERNATHY an invitation to a conference of women being held in New York by COUSINS on 7/23/68. RUSTIN also told LEVISON of an attempt made to depose ABERNATHY as the SCLC leader while he, RUSTIN, was coordinator of the 6/19/68 mobilization.

RUSTIN also mentioned that ABERNATHY had requested him to make a major speech at the forthcoming SCLC National Convention and he and LEVISON discussed how RUSTIN should handle this request. They also discussed the lack of organization and leadership within the SCLC.

RUSTIN also mentioned his involvement with a committee which is to support the challenge of the Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

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On the same date LEVISON discussed the RUSTIN contact with CORETTA KING as well as the state of the leadership of the SCLC. He told her of the purpose of the Research Committee and furnished to CORETTA's aide a speech he had prepared for her.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by letter and LHM dated 7/24/68, captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

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On this date, STANLEY LEVISON and Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Michigan discussed the National Committee of Inquiry being formed by CONYERS. CONYERS noted that an office was being opened in Washington, D.C. and that a press conference was being called for 8/2/68. He further named the members of the Executive Committee and noted that members of the National Committee had met with Senator MC CARTHY in Detroit on 7/27/68.

LEVISON and CONYERS then discussed MC CARTHY with LEVISON telling CONYERS of a meeting he and ANDREW YOUNG had with Senator MC CARTHY. He noted that MC CARTHY did eventually follow through on a number of things they suggested to him.

LEVISON also asked CONYERS about a mailing of a fund appeal letter (which function LEVISON had offered to handle) and CONYERS said he had intended to contact LEVISON about it.

LEVISON agreed with CONYERS' idea to form a loose organization "Friends of the National Committee of Inquiry". LEVISON suggested that the Drug and Hospital Employees Union could be helpful in New York and strongly recommended CLEVELAND ROBINSON, Treasurer of District 65, Retail Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union for the Committee of Inquiry. CONYERS agreed to contact ROBINSON immediately.

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During the past 90 days voluminous pertinent information has been received through this tesur depicting the extent of Levison's influence over Mrs. King and SCLC leaders. Levison's manipulations in regard to the presidential candidates have also been indicated by this installation. Some examples follow:

On May 16, 1968, Levison discussed the presidential candidates and agreed that the main concern was to stop Vice President Humphrey's bid.

On June 3 and 4, 1968, Levison discussed a proposed mass demonstration scheduled for June 19, 1968, in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Poor People's Campaign and why Bayard Rustin was chosen to run the demonstration.

On June 17, 1968, Levison discussed with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan the formation of a National Committee of Inquiry consisting of Negroes who decided whether or not a candidate for public office should be endorsed. Levison also recommended a young man for Conyer's staff. The young man was subsequently identified as the son of former Communist Party members.

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On July 4, 1968, Levison was instrumental in arranging a meeting between Senator Eugene McCarthy and Levison and Andrew Young, Vice President of the SCLC.

On August 1, 1968, Levison discussed the results of the meeting of Senator McCarthy, Andrew Young, and himself. He also discussed the composition of the Executive Board of the National Committee of Inquiry and some of the activities of that group.

Because of the extreme importance of knowing the communist influence in the civil rights movement at this critical time in the Nation's social history, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, it is recommended that it be continued for another 90 days.

The Attorney General authorized continuation of this telephone surveillance effective July 1, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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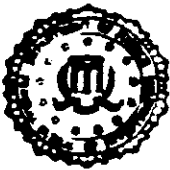
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September 11, 1968

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Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

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RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Dear Sir:

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Reports concerning the subject (or subjects)  have been  are  
being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-27367) (RM)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
IS - C

OO: NEW YORK

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 9/13/68  
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Re New York teletype to Director and Chicago dated 8/15/68, advising captioned individual planned to be in Chicago during Democratic National Convention.

Sources and informants of the Chicago Division are unaware of LEVISON's presence or activities in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: 9/16/68

FROM : *JFH*  
*gr* SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

September 16, 1968

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Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security-Communist

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Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

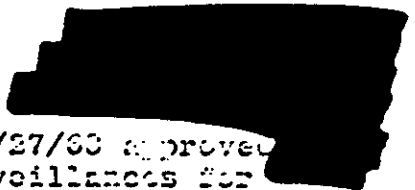
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C. D. Brennan

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

Stanley David Levison



The Attorney General under date of 9/27/68 approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 10/1/68. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 9/24/68, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

ACTION:


None. For information.

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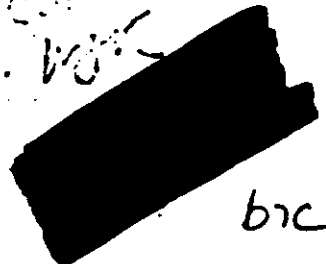


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October 4, 1968

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RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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October 7, 1968

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Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

RE: STANLEY DAVIS LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
October 9, 1968

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Stanley Levison  
Internal Security - C

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC  
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ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE 10/22/68

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on 10/14/68, concerning the National Committee of Inquiry.

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Information copies of this LHM are being sent to  
Detroit, Indianapolis and WFO.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, New York  
October 15, 1968

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DATE 9-22-80

Communist Infiltration of the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained on October 14, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with Stanley Levison. According to the source, Levison alluded to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry held in Gary, Indiana, the weekend of October 13, 1968, which he said he attended.

Levison noted that at the meeting there was a majority ready to endorse Vice President Hubert Humphrey with qualifications but that Humphrey made a tactical mistake. He said Humphrey did not want to attend the meeting and in addition came out with a "law and order" speech the night before the meeting. Levison stated that these two things changed the position of Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President and Richard Hatcher, Gary, Indiana Mayor.

Levison noted that when Young and Hatcher changed their position in the middle of the meeting, the meeting split in half and nothing could be accomplished. He said there was great concern that the committee must go on, that it has a role to play in political life and, if it endorsed Humphrey, would be attacked by militants on the ground that it is just another appendage of the Democrat Party.

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**Communist Infiltration of the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)**

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, October 15, 1968, page 34, columns 1-3 contained an article "Negroes Set Price to Aid Humphrey" datelined October 14, 1968, at Gary, Indiana. This article noted that a news conference had been called to announce the decision of the committee, reached the previous day, not to give Vice President Humphrey even a qualified endorsement. The article notes that the committee was formed in March 1968, by Representative John Conyers Jr. of Michigan with the aid of Martin Luther King to investigate the positions of the Presidential candidates and make recommendations to the Negro voters.



A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 26, 1957, 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~~

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
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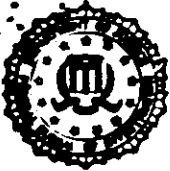
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 15, 1968

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Joseph Filner is a white, male, five feet nine inches, heavy build, hazel eyes, light brown hair, who was born on September 11, 1913.

Stanley Levison is a white, male, five feet seven - eight inches, 155 pounds. bron greying hair, brown eyes and wears glasses. He was born May 2, 1912.

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Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST  
JOSEPH HYMAN FILNER  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Dear Sir:

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Reports concerning the subject (or subjects)  have been  are  
being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)  
Internal Security Division

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 11/22/68, concerning STANLEY LEVISON'S and HARRY BELAFONTE'S intention to persuade JOHN CONYERS to give up his post as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry.

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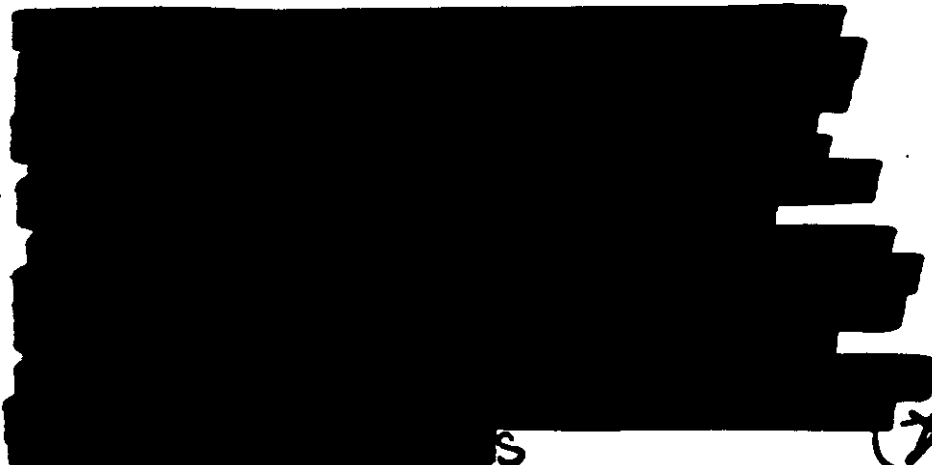
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Stanley Levison  
Internal Security-C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on November 22, 1968, that on that date both Stanley Levison and Harry Belafonte were critical of John Conyers (Congressman from Detroit, Michigan). Levison and Belafonte agreed that Conyers is not doing the job as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry and that they must persuade him to surrender this position and make it a rotating job with the first chairman to be either Dick Hatcher (Mayor of Gary, Indiana) or Julian Bond (Georgia legislator).

Subsequently, on November 22, 1968, the source learned that John Conyers agreed to meet with Levison and Belafonte at their convenience that weekend. This meeting was later arranged for noon on November 23, 1968, at Belafonte's place.



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On 8/11/68, ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC and STANLEY LEVISON discussed putting some competent person in charge of SCLC operations in New York.

They also discussed the Poor People's representation at the Republican National Convention with LEVISON criticizing RALPH ABERNATHY for being slow-witted. LEVISON also criticized ABERNATHY for going with Governor KIRK of Florida to the community where an outbreak of violence occurred during the convention.

YOUNG mentioned that he was supposed to give the key-note address at the SCLC convention in Memphis, Tennessee and mentioned what he planned to talk about. LEVISON offered some suggestions.

This information was submitted to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM, dated 8/13/68, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

8/13/68

On 8/13/68, HARRY BELAFONTE and STANLEY LEVISON discussed a request of CORETTA KING to requisition 50% of the SCLC Fund. LEVISON explained that the fund involved was the MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial Fund which was established with the understanding that it be shared with CORETTA.

BELAFONTE asked LEVISON to discuss this matter with SCLC aide, BERNARD LEE, when LEVISON met with him on 8/14/68, because BELAFONTE felt a confrontation was imminent between the SCLC and CORETTA KING. LEVISON noted he would meet with LEE.

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8/15/68

On 8/15/68, HARRY BELAFONTE told LEVISON that the National Committee of Inquiry met with (Senator GEORGE S.) MC GOVERN on 8/14/68, and that there is no essential differences between MC GOVERN and (Senator EUGENE) MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE asked LEVISON if he had any objection to CORETTA KING endorsing a candidate. He also indicated that he was in favor of endorsing Senator MC CARTHY and felt the Committee of Inquiry should endorse him.

LEVISON said he would go along provided the endorsement is carefully worded. He also said he would let CORETTA KING know that he was in favor of her endorsing MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE and LEVISON agreed they could not forget that NIXON is an evil force and should be defeated.

LEVISON agreed to be in Chicago on 8/19/68 for a meeting.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Chicago by teletype dated 8/15/68, with copies to interested offices. The teletype was captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

9/9/68

On this date the source made available the travel plans of STANLEY LEVISON to leave New York City on 9/19/68, for a business trip to Quayaquil, Ecuador.

This information was furnished the Bureau by LHM dated 9/16/68, and captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

10/6/68

On this date the source advised that LEVISON had returned from Ecuador on the night of 10/5/68.

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This information was furnished the Bureau by LHM, dated 10/9/68, under the subject's caption.

10/14/68

On 10/14/68, STANLEY LEVISON, in contact with CLARENCE JONES, alluded to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry held in Gary, Indiana, the weekend of 10/13/68, which LEVISON attended. LEVISON noted that the meeting was ready to endorse Vice President HUMPHREY with qualifications but that HUMPHREY'S "law and order" speech the night before plus his reluctance to attend the meeting, changed the position of ANDREW YOUNG and Mayor RICHARD HATCHER of Gary, Indiana. He said this split the meeting and that no endorsement was made.

This information was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 10/15/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

10/28/68

On 10/28/68, LEVISON conferred with ANDREW YOUNG, about Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY'S forthcoming endorsement of Vice President HUMPHREY on 10/30/68. YOUNG said he had arranged the meeting at which the announcement would be made. YOUNG also said that MC CARTHY wanted him to arrange a meeting with HUMPHREY.

LEVISON felt that MC CARTHY would meet with HUMPHREY reluctantly and does not want to arrange the meeting himself. LEVISON suggested having one OFIELD DUKE in Washington, D.C. handle the arrangements.

LEVISON also discussed CORETTA KING'S endorsement of HUMPHREY at a press conference on 10/29/68.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and Atlanta by teletype 10/28/68, with copies to interested offices. It was captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

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Levison, a long-time communist, was a principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He has continued in this capacity for King's successor and King's widow. He is particularly active in fund-raising and his counsel is sought in a number of areas in the field of civil rights, including political considerations. Because of this communist influence, this tesur is of great value and importance to national security.

During the past 90 days, this tesur has furnished an abundance of information concerning Levison's influence over the affairs of the SCLC and over other aspects of the civil rights movement. The source has furnished considerable information about the "in-fighting" within the SCLC in which friction and dissension have developed since the death of King. Also, information was received about the activities of the National Committee of Inquiry concerning the 1968 national elections. This committee is composed of a number of Negroes who evaluate political candidates and decide which candidates will be endorsed. Levison was in on the setting up of this committee and has been frequently contacted concerning its deliberations.

Because the civil rights movement is a target for Communist Party influence and control, the valuable information received from this tesur is unique in that Levison's position in the civil rights movement has made him the trusted confidant of a number of civil rights leaders, activists, and manipulators who are quite candid in their discussions with him because of his long history of association with them and/or their associates.

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

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*Stanley David Lawson*

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 6, 1969

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

*Stanley David Leisner*

The Attorney General under date of 12/31/68 approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 1/1/69. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 12/24/68, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Stanley David Levison  
Internal Security - Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained that on February 17, 1969, Jack O'Dell and Stanley Levison discussed matters pertaining to the National Committee of Inquiry (NCI). O'Dell, who indicated he had returned to New York from a trip out of town, told Levison that he had not seen Hatcher (Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana) but did see Hatcher's assistant, one Jessie Bell. O'Dell indicated he was uncertain about one point to be brought up and contacted Levison because he planned to be in touch with Hatcher on February 18, 1969.

Levison said he had made arrangements with Harry (Belafonte) who would like to have dinner with him. He suggested that O'Dell ask Hatcher if he could be available for the dinner get together. He added that O'Dell could tell him that Harry and himself want to discuss the NCI.

Levison felt that if Belafonte had no objection, O'Dell should be present but O'Dell was hesitant. Levison explained that O'Dell's presence might be good but that he would not force this issue with Belafonte if Belafonte felt the dinner should only include those who have been involved in the NCI. Levison, according to the source, finally felt O'Dell should not be present because they were going to have to say a great deal that will be confidential about John Conyers, Congressman from Detroit, Michigan.

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Stanley David Levison

The NCI was formed in June, 1968, with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan as its temporary chairman. It was announced as a panel of leading Negroes in the United States whose purpose was to evaluate all Presidential candidates.

Jack O'Dell is listed in the Fall, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" Magazine, under the name J. H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, publisher of "Freedomways" Magazine is attached.

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Stanley David Lewison

APPENDIX

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON.

The Second Quarter, 1966, issue of "Freedomways," self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor  
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor  
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor  
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIMS....

On March 16, 1966, a fourth source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

This source advised in July, 1962, that as of that period, O'DELL was considered by the CPUSA, as being a member of its National Committee.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

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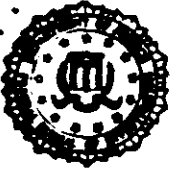
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*at 2/27  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 2/25/69, concerning a contact between Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Detroit and STANLEY LEVISON about the National Committee of Inquiry.

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Information copies of this LHM are being furnished Atlanta, Detroit and WFO. To Atlanta because of its interest in LEVISON and his relations with the SCLC and to WFO because of its interest in the NCI. Detroit has an interest in JOHN CONYERS.

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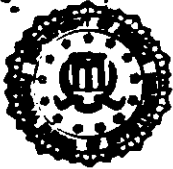
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 25, 1969, that Congressman John Conyers of Detroit and Stanley Levison discussed the National Committee of Inquiry (NCI). According to the source, Levison suggested that, in view of the demands on Conyers' time, someone else should be given the responsibility of moving the NCI forward. Levison stated the NCI cannot move without contact with Conyers and suggested they schedule an executive committee meeting. Conyers agreed.

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Levison also mentioned that Harry Belafonte, who is most interested in the NCI, is disappointed with the way things are going. He added that he and Belafonte agree that things are not going right in the (civil rights) movement and that there is no direction in the movement.

Levison agreed with Conyers that there hardly is a movement. He said one of the reasons for this is the inactivity of the leadership. He also mentioned that no one has come forward with a program.

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Stanley David Levison

Levison expressed the opinion that the movement must turn political and Conyers agreed. He maintained that the basis was laid by the old civil rights movement, that the movement has no issue to move it, and that it has to be picked up by political power. According to Levison, the one place there is power is in political power because Negroes have the numbers which will guarantee it. However, nobody has organized it as yet.

Conyers advised Levison he would meet with Levison and Belafonte on March 13, 14, 1969.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/28/69

Attached concerns conversation between Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and advisor to late Martin Luther King, Jr., and Congressman John Conyers, of Detroit, regarding National Committee of Inquiry, a Negro group formed during last election to pass on political candidates. Conyers to meet with Levison and entertainer Harry Belafonte. Information will be disseminated to Secret Service, military intelligence agencies, and appropriate divisions of the Department.

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11/11/68

On 11/11/68 the source furnished the travel plans of STANLEY LEVISON and JOSEPH FIDNER and their wives for a trip to Japan and return.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 11/15/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C : JOSEPH HYMAN FILNER; SM-C".

11/24/68

On 11/24/68, the source advised that STANLEY LEVISON was ill with the flu and that he and his wife had cancelled their trip to Japan.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 11/26/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

11/18/68

On 11/18/68, STANLEY LEVISON discussed with CORETTA KING the subject matter of an address which she was to deliver at a dinner on 11/22/68. LEVISON said he had prepared a draft of this address for CORETTA and would get the final draft to her.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 11/22/68, captioned "COMINFIL SDLC; IS-C".

11/22/68

On 11/22/68, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE were critical of JOHN CONYERS (US Congressman from Detroit). They agreed that CONYERS is not doing the job as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry and that they must persuade him to surrender this position and make it a rotating position.

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On the same date CONYERS agreed to meet with LEVISON and BELAFONTE on 11/23/68 at BELAFONTE's place.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested offices by letter and LHM dated 11/29/68, captioned "STANLEY LEVISON; IS-C".

12/3/68

On 12/3/68, STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President of the SCLC, discussed JACK O'DELL and his future relationship with the SCLC. YOUNG said that O'DELL has agreed to work in New York and indicated that part of his work would concern the film on M. L. KING, Jr.

LEVISON expressed his intention to follow up on this matter with O'DELL.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 12/9/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

12/7/68

On 12/7/68, STANLEY LEVISON and JACK O'DELL discussed O'DELL's working with the SCLC. O'DELL said he was considering working for the SCLC but wanted to discuss it with LEVISON. He noted that he had met with ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC Executive Vice President, and had attended the last day of a three-day SCLC staff meeting but wanted more insight from LEVISON.

They agreed to meet for further discussion on 12/9/68, at LEVISON's office.

O'DELL was observed with LEVISON on 12/9/68.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 12/12/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

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1/6/69

On 1/6/69, STANLEY LEVISON told HARRY WACHTEL that JACK O'DELL will have three functions with the SCLC, one, the picture project on the life of M. L. KING, Jr.; two, future SCLC benefits; and three, whatever offices are still operating in New York that are still SCLC or quasi-SCLC.

On the same date, LEVISON gave advice to CORETTA KING on matters that involved her personally.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

1/12, 12/69

On 1/12/69, STANLEY LEVISON commented on a meeting recently held in Atlanta, Ga. concerning the M.L. KING Memorial Center. He said it was hoped that the four blocks from KING's home to the church will be made into a memorial center. He said he got the cost involved down to 20 million dollars.

On 1/13/69, LEVISON again referred to meeting concerned with the M. L. KING Memorial Center. He said that KING's father praised him, LEVISON, at the meeting which speech devastated Professor VINCENT HARDING who is supposed to be in charge of the center. He said this was so because HARDING is a black nationalist and dislikes LEVISON.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Atlanta by airtel and LHM dated 1/15/69, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

1/13/69

On 1/13/69, STANLEY LEVISON stated that JOSEPH FILNER has purchased a manor house in England complete with chauffeur and servants and plans to spend three months each year in England working on a project (not explained).

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This information was forwarded to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 1/20/69, and captioned "JOSEPH HYMAN FILNER; SM-C".

1/27, 28/69

On 1/27/69, STANLEY LEVISON told SCLC official JOSEPH LOWERY that the new SCLC money appeal letter should contain a statement on anti-semitism especially in the New York area. LOWERY agreed but said he would discuss it with SCLC President RALPH ABERNATHY.

They also discussed a recent statement by JAMES BEVEL, SCLC official, regarding the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY, alleged assassin of M.L.KING, Jr. LEVISON was critical of ABERNATHY's statement supporting BEVEL.

On 1/28/69, DORA MC DONALD, SCLC Secretary told LEVISON that ABERNATHY had wanted to talk to LEVISON before a press conference he was holding to get LEVISON's advice on what he should say concerning the BEVEL matter.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 1/30/69, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

2/4/69

On 2/4/69, DORA MC DONALD, SCLC Secretary contacted STANLEY LEVISON concerning CORETTA KING's intention of contacting President NIXON that afternoon to ask for help with the M.L. KING Memorial Center.

LEVISON counseled that there was nothing wrong with this as long as CORETTA took the approach that it is not a question of asking the President for a favor but rather that the government owes it to the Negroes and to the memory of M.L. KING, Jr. to establish a memorial.

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

During the past 90 days, this tesur has continued to furnish valuable information concerning Levison's influence over the affairs of the SCLC, other aspects of the civil rights movement, his evaluation of various civil rights issues, his influence over political figures active in civil rights, and the friction and dissension present in the SCLC under Abernathy's leadership. Information from this surveillance which was given high level dissemination included the employment of Jack O'Dell, member of the Communist Party, USA, National Committee, as aide to the President of the SCLC; and the intention of Coretta King to contact President Nixon regarding the Martin Luther King Memorial Center which she wants the Government to establish.

This telephone surveillance was last approved by the Attorney General on 12/31/68.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: April 7, 1969

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FROM : C. D. Brennan *CD*

*Stanley David Levinson*

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

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The Attorney General under date of 3/28/69 approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 4/1/69. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 3/24/69, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 24, 1969, that on that date Stanley Levison asked Fannie Lou Hamer to appear on a program with Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., on May 29, 1969, in Charleston, South Carolina. Hamer agreed to appear on this program which, the source has advised, is concerned with the strike of hospital workers in that city. MISS

According to the source, Levison inquired how the mail return to an appeal was progressing. Hamer advised him that the return has been sensational. She said that they have banked \$17,000 already and have another \$1,000 which has not been deposited.

Levison advised that he had forwarded \$2,000.00 to her which she should receive on May 26, 1969. [redacted] b7c

The source advised that Hamer was lavish in her praise of Levison telling him that people used to say they would raise money for them but they would get only a small amount. She said that nothing like what has happened has ever happened to her before.

The source was unable to advise whether Levison had prepared a fund-appeal letter for Hamer.

Stanley Levison

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