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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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

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

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

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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(OO: NEW YORK)

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

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

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

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- 2 - Atlanta (100-6520) (RM)
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- 2 - New York (100-151548) (RM)
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- 4 - Charlotte (2 - 157-260)
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usually closed conferences and not opened to the public. The Center maintains a heated swimming pool, bowling alleys, have rooms for overnight guests and dining facilities. [redacted] of the Center.

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

On 1/6/64, [redacted]

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

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

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

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SAC, New York (100-101848)

January 9, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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

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

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

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

2 - Atlanta (100-6520)

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

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

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

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

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- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Rosack
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

To: SACs, Charlotte (157-260)
 Atlanta (100-6520)
 New York (100-151548)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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ReATlet to the Bureau, copies to Charlotte and New York, 12/31/63 which revealed plans for a retreat which Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference planned to have on property owned by the Episcopal Church near Asheville, North Carolina. The original plan was for this retreat to take place 1/6-8/64 and also to be invited were some people in the current Negro movement possibly not directly a part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

ReCEairtel to the Bureau, copies to Atlanta and New York, 1/7/64 which disclosed the results of a discreet inquiry made which determined that the site of the retreat would likely be the In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Charlotte requested advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired and that no open investigation would be conducted unless requested by Atlanta, New York, or the Bureau.

For the information of Charlotte, subsequent information developed revealed that the retreat is now scheduled to take place the latter part of January, 1964.

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 1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)
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Because of the extremely discreet nature of the Bureau's inquiry to date concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and because the retreat may involve the legitimate activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, no coverage whatsoever of the retreat itself is desired. Of course, if any of the receiving offices should receive information, particularly through sensitive sources available to Atlanta and New York, concerning activities taking place at the retreat, the Bureau and interested offices should be advised.

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Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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

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

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

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

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2 - New York (100-151543)

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1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Forayth

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

Reairtel set out a lead for Charlotte as follows:

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

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

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- 1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)



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

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GA., ELEVEN SEVENTEEN P. M. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR WITH KING AND
STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER PASSENGERS.

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FBI AND CID NOTIFIED.

United States Agency

FACTS BEING PRESENTED NEW, ASHEVILLE, N. C. JAN. TWENTYTHREE
SIXTYFOUR.

ABOVE FURNISHED TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM FOR INFO.

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On January 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that on that date Bayard Rustin stated Martin Luther King wants him (Rustin) to come to a three day conference which King is holding in North Carolina. Rustin also stated that King told him that it was imperative that he come to this conference, and Rustin also mentioned that this conference would "bring 25 key people together."

On January 20, 1964, the same source furnished information that Rustin would take a United Airlines Flight from Newark, New Jersey, on January 20, 1964, at 12:30 p.m., and would arrive in Asheville, North Carolina, at 4:29 p.m. He also indicated that on Wednesday (January 22, 1964) he would depart from Asheville at 4:15 p.m. and arrive at Newark at 7:39 p.m.

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that Martin Luther King is having a "retreat conference" at Black Mountain, North Carolina, starting on January 20, 1964, which is to be attended by officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and others.

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Anonymous Telephone Call Concerning
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
Asheville, North Carolina, January 22, 1964

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Anonymous telephone call received approximately 8:10 p.m., 1/22/64, at United Airlines, Asheville, N. C., Airport. Female alleged to be telephone operator in Birmingham, Alabama, asked for Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. KING would not take call but call taken by his assistant, WYATT TEE WALKER. WALKER advised person on other end of line, thought to be white female, guessed to be 38-44 years of age, stated "You had better get that S.O.B. out of Asheville, North Carolina. I hope there is a bomb on the plane." WALKER stated the caller then hung up. Piedmont Airlines Flight 45 scheduled to depart Asheville, N. C., 8:31 p.m., 1/22/64, searched by local authorities and airline officials. No bomb found and plane departed for Atlanta, Ga., 11:17 p.m., 1/22/64, with KING and staff members and other passengers. FAA and ICG notified. USA, Asheville, N. C., advised did not think facts constituted Federal violation.

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DETAILS:

AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

This investigation was predicated upon information telephonically furnished by [REDACTED] Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville, North Carolina, at 8:30 p.m., January 22, 1964.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM CHARLOTTE (149-NEW) 2-P

UNSUB; ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL CONCERNING REV. MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR., ASHEVILLE, N. C. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR. DESTRUCTION
OF AIRCRAFT; RACIAL MATTERS.

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT UNITED AIR LINES, ASHEVILLE,
N. C. AIRPORT, TELEPHONE NUMBER A L DASH TWO DASH TWO FOUR ZERO FOUR
AT EIGHT TEN P. M. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR. FEMALE ALLEGED TO BE
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE OPERATOR IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ASKED FOR REV.
LUTHER KING. KING WOULD NOT TAKE CALL BUT CALL TAKEN BY KING-S
ASSISTANCE WYATT THE WALKER. WALKER ADVISED PERSON ON OTHER END OF
LINE THOUGHT BY HER TO BE WHITE FEMALE AGE THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYFOUR
AND AFTER HE, WALKER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, PERSON ON OTHER END OF LINE
SAID ~~THAT~~ "YOU HAD BETTER GET THAT S O B OUT OF ASHEVILLE, N. C.,
I HOPE THERE IS A BOMB ON THE PLANE" ~~END QUOTE~~. CALLER STATED CALLER
THEN HUNG UP.

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 Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville, North Carolina, stated that he had received a call from one of the deputies from that office from the Asheville Airport where Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and members of his staff were scheduled to depart on Piedmont Airlines Flight 45 at 8:31 p.m. that same day. He stated that according to his deputy at the airport, one of Reverend KING's assistants accepted a long-distance telephone call, allegedly from Birmingham, Alabama, and that the unidentified person calling said something about a bomb on the plane. He stated that the plane was being held for a search by his men and that the details regarding the telephone call could be obtained from Reverend KING's chief assistant, name unknown, who was standing by at the Asheville Airport.

[REDACTED] b7(c) stated that he had received a call from a female caller on January 21, 1964, who refused to give her identity and who said something about they better get MARTIN LUTHER KING out of Black Mountain before somebody kills him, and then hung up. He stated that between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 1964, he received two calls from a female, thought to be the same person who called the day before, and wanted to know where KING and his party were staying and that the second time she called she wanted to know what flight he was supposed to leave Asheville, North Carolina, on. He stated that he thought the woman sounded as if she were drunk and that he did not attempt to give her any information. He stated that the female did not identify herself.

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On 1/22/64 at Asheville, N. C. File # Charlotte 149-83

by SA [REDACTED] b7(c) Date dictated 1/24/64

Date January 24, 1964

[REDACTED] United Airlines, Asheville Airport, Asheville, North Carolina, advised that at about 8:10 p.m., January 22, 1964, a telephone call came to the United Airlines telephone and that the female calling stated that she was the long-distance operator from Birmingham, Alabama, and asked if he could page Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [REDACTED] stated that he saw Reverend KING and members of his staff standing nearby and told Reverend KING he had a long-distance telephone call from Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that Reverend KING would not accept the call but asked his assistant, WYATT TEE WALKER, to take the call. [REDACTED] stated that WALKER asked him, [REDACTED] to find out the identity of the person calling. [REDACTED] stated that when he told the operator that Reverend KING would not accept the call unless he knew the identity of the person calling that the operator paused momentarily and then stated that the party on the other end did not desire to give his identity. [REDACTED] stated that he thought he heard a male muffled voice in the background. [REDACTED] stated that the operator then told him that the party would not give his identity but would speak to Reverend KING's assistant.

[REDACTED] stated that at first he was convinced that it was actually the long-distance operator because the female voice was clear like that of an operator, but that when he could not hear her talking to the party on the other end and when he heard a muffled male voice, he became suspicious that it was probably a local call and perhaps was not a long-distance operator talking with him. He stated that he then turned the phone over to Reverend KING's assistant.

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January 24, 1964

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WYATT TEE WALKER, Executive Assistant to the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advised that about 8:10 to 8:12 p.m., January 22, 1964, he took a telephone call at the office of the United Airlines at Asheville, North Carolina, Airport. He stated that when he took the telephone he identified himself and that the person on the other end of the line, thought to be a white female, age about 38-44, stated "You had better get that S.O.B. out of Asheville, North Carolina. I hope there is a bomb on the plane." He stated that he started to thank the party calling and at that time she hung up. He stated that he could not say whether it was actually a long-distance call or whether it was a local call. He stated that he had no idea as to who the caller could have been.

Mr. WALKER stated that on the afternoon that Reverend KING and members of his party arrived at Asheville they proceeded to Black Mountain, North Carolina, and that some members of the party noticed about a 1960 white Oldsmobile driven by a white male, which appeared to be following their party. He stated this matter was called to the attention of a North Carolina Highway Patrolman whom they saw on the highway near Black Mountain. Mr. WALKER stated that he had no idea whether or not that could have had any connection with the telephone call.

Mr. WALKER stated that the departure time of Reverend KING's party and the exact flight which they were going to take was not known by anyone other than members of their party.

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b7(c) On January 22, 1964, [REDACTED] of the Asheville, North Carolina, Airport, advised that Piedmont Flight 45, which was due to depart Asheville, North Carolina, at 8:31 p.m. for Atlanta, Georgia, was searched by local authorities and airline employees and that a check of the mail on the plane was made by the local authorities and airline employees in the presence of a United States Post Office employee in view of the fact that that mail was to go on Piedmont Flight 45. [REDACTED] stated that no bomb was found on the plane and that the plane departed for Atlanta, Georgia, at 11:17 p.m. with Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., members of his staff and other passengers.

On January 23, 1964, the above facts were discussed with WILLIAM MEDFORD, United States Attorney, Asheville, North Carolina, and he advised that he did not feel that the facts constituted a Federal violation and stated that he did not think that further investigation was warranted.

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On January 23, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Theresa Butcher, an employee of the Gandhi Society Office, on that date. Butcher advised Jones that the Gandhi Society is overdrawn at the bank by \$400.00. Jones indicated to her that the Gandhi Society was attempting to borrow money.

On January 23, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Bill Alexander, who serves as an accountant for the Gandhi Society, contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their conversation, Alexander said that he plans to see Mortimer Caplin (Internal Revenue Service) personally when he goes to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of talking about the Gandhi Society's tax exemption.

On January 23, 1964, the second confidential source, furnished information that Clarence Jones stated on that date he had just returned from a conference with Martin Luther King. Jones stated that at the meeting they discussed the accomplishments

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(in the civil rights movement) for 1963, and the program for 1964. Jones mentioned that King had given him the job of reorganizing the New York Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Jones mentioned that Ruth Bailey, an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC, "will stay on but in a limited capacity".

Jones also mentioned that Martin Luther King will be in the New York area on February 5, 1964, to give a speech at Drew College in Madison, New Jersey, and he said that King would be in New York City, on February 6, 1964, for the purpose of giving a talk at the New York School for Social Research.

The source also furnished information that Harry Wachtel contacted Jones on January 23, 1964. Wachtel advised Jones that Martin Luther King plans to have a Gandhi Society lunch on February 6, 1964 (in New York City). Wachtel stated that King would be available from noon until 2:30 PM on that date. Wachtel also indicated that King would take that opportunity to discuss the "perspectives of the civil rights movement in 1964 and evaluate 1963". Wachtel also indicated that King would be in New York on the 31st (of January) for a "unity meeting".

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On January 23, 1964, the first confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Theresa Butcher, an employee of the Gandhi Society Office, on the date. Jones instructed Butcher to make reservations for 25 people on February 6, 1964, for lunch at the Dorset Hotel (30 West 54th Street, New York City), and he instructed that the reservation be made in the name of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, Incorporated, by Clarence B. Jones and Harry H. Wachtel. Jones mentioned that Bill Alexander, who serves as accountant for the Gandhi Society, was able to arrange a \$6,000 loan for the Gandhi Society.

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(S) On January 23, 1964, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Bayard Rustin stated, on that date, the March on Washington Office is being closed on January 24, 1964, and that he would be at the War Resisters League, a pacifist Organization. Rustin also stated that he had been offered two jobs: one as Project Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which he plans to reject, and the other as Special Assistant to Martin Luther King, which he plans to accept. Rustin indicated that he would have an office in New York, and that he would serve as liaison with labor and white church groups and would be in charge of direct action projects. He stated that he would have nothing to do with fund raising. (S)(u)

(S) On January 23, 1964, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Stanley Levison, on that date, told his secretary, Toni Hamilton, that Adele Cantor (who is related to Gloria Cantor) [redacted] is going to work for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The source also furnished information that Levison contacted Adele Cantor on that date. Levison told her that Clarence Jones had "cleared everything". Levison mentioned that the only problem in regard to getting Adele to work immediately is that Jack O'Dell is going to school to get his degree and that this week and next he will be taking examinations. Levison told her that O'Dell said that he would be glad to get together with her after his examinations. Levison indicated that she would start her employment with the SCLC after "we...get together with Jack O'Dell". In answer to Adele's question on when she could plan to start her employment with SCLC, Levison said that it would be a week from Monday (February 3, 1964). Levison advised her that he would be in touch with her in order to let her know where to report for work. Levison told her that he would mail her a form for the withholding (tax) which she could fill out and send back. (S)

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LSJ On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones plan to meet on that date.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 24, 1964, observed Stanley Levison entering 165 Broadway, New York City (the building in which Clarence Jones has his law office), at 1:35 PM. At 1:40 PM, Agents observed Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison departing from 165 Broadway, and at 1:46 PM, they entered Childs Restaurant, 196 Broadway, New York City, where they ate lunch. At 2:45 PM, they left the restaurant and separated.

LSJ On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Jack Greenberg, who is an Attorney with NAACP Legal Defense Fund, on that date. Jones told him that he and Harry Wachtel had an extensive talk with Martin Luther King and the SCLC Board and that a formal vote was taken by the SCLC authorizing Jones and Wachtel to work out a formal working relationship between the SCLC and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Jones stated the relationship will deal with legal matters in which the SCLC is interested. Jones said that this will be a significant year for Martin Luther King and the SCLC and it would help Greenberg, the NAACP, and Connie Motley (who is an Attorney for civil rights causes and who is running for the New York State Senate) to be in on it. Jones said he would like to meet with Greenberg, Motley and Wachtel, on January 30, 1964, at 1:00 PM.

LSJ On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Cleveland Robinson, who holds an executive position with District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), on that date. Jones told Robinson that it is urgent that they meet. Jones said Martin Luther King has delegated him to discuss with Robinson "the labor advisory

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situation and also the problem of Bayard (Rustin)". Jones said that King also asked him to discuss these two problems with Stanley Levison. They agreed to meet at Robinson's office, at 2:00 PM, on January 31, 1964, in order to discuss these problems.

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On January 26, 1964, a fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Ann Jones, who is the wife of Clarence Jones, on that date. Levison told her that Bayard Rustin has been made director of the school boycott. When Clarence Jones was advised of this, he remarked that it was "interesting".

In "The New York Times" of January 26, 1964, there appears an article captioned, "School Boycotts Are Set in 5 Cities". In this article, it was stated that Reverend Milton A. Galamison, director of the proposed February 3 school boycott in New York, said that Bayard Rustin would organize the New York Demonstration. Mr. Galamison said Rustin would round up labor union support, speed fund raising and do such things as organize motorcades. This is to be a demonstration against segregation.

The March on Washington, which took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as Administrator for the SCLC Office in New York.

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

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[A confidential source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised
in July, 1963, that as of July 16, 1963, ~~JX~~
Stanley Levison was a secret member of
the CPUSA. (S)

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

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On January 28, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Cleve (Robinson) on that date. Jones mentioned that Martin Luther King is due in New York on February 5th. Jones indicated that King would like to get together with Cleve in order to develop a program which would consist of "the role of labor advisor and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and how labor could work on behalf of the SCLC". Cleve mentioned that he will be at a convention in Miami on February 5th and will return to New York on February 9th, and he also mentioned that he would be available on February 10th and 11th. Jones said that he would try to arrange something. Jones stated he would like Cleve to give some thought to the integration struggle and unemployment and how the labor movement can work in those areas. Cleve said that he "can arm Martin with certain facts, which he has to know, to use as a lever to move the masses".

Cleveland Robinson holds an executive position, Secretary-Treasurer, with District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

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A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 27, 1964, that, on that date, the person who is editing Martin Luther King's forthcoming book, *Hermine Popper*, was in contact with Stanley Levison. They discussed this book with respect to King's handling of President Johnson and Levison commented that King is hesitant to praise Johnson too much because he is not sure of Johnson's final position on civil rights. (S)

Popper discussed several items which appeared in a letter of King, written while he was in jail in Birmingham, which had not actually occurred at the time. Levison stated that King later edited this letter and inserted the additional material. He advised her to include it but to be very general, for example, in the part about police dogs attacking six unarmed Negro children, she should omit the six and put in the rest. (S)

They also discussed the theme of the book which has to do with making the Negro movement for economic progress tie in with the President's war on poverty. Levison said that Clarence Jones told him that he, Jones, and King discussed this at length at the meeting in North Carolina and that they wanted the Negro movement to advocate economic progress, not only for the Negro, but for the poor whites in the South in order to tie in Negro economic progress with the President's war against poverty. (S)

It is noted that a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) meeting was held at Black Mountain, North Carolina, in January, 1964, which was attended by Clarence Jones. The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the SCLC for 1964.

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Levison and Popper also discussed the fact that Burke Marshall, of the Justice Department, had been scheduled to speak at the Urban League in Westchester County. Popper said she had heard that Governor Rockefeller had changed this because Marshall is a Democrat and that King had been substituted in Marshall's place. She said she did not want King to be used as a political pawn. Levison advised her to tell King about it and let King make up his own mind.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

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On August 14, 1965, at approximately 11 P. M., [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Asheville, North Carolina, telephonically furnished the following information.

[REDACTED] said something about trying to talk to someone at the FBI in Washington but his conversation was unintelligible. He said "I know I am crazy and I am half drunk." He said something about overhearing a man, whose name he did not know, say something about having two 8 millimeter rifles which would pinpoint a target 500 yards. When asked what he was talking about, he said "I guess he was talking about that S.O.B. who is coming to Montreal next week." [REDACTED] said that he could explain better when he was sober and asked that he be contacted later.

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On August 16, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that he did not have any specific information, but that several days ago he walked out of his office and two men were sitting on a bench near his office. He stated that he walked over close to them and one of the men made a statement that he had two 8 millimeter rifles, and that if anyone wanted to use one on MARTIN LUTHER KING, he would be glad to loan him one. [REDACTED] stated that the man doing the talking was a white male, age about 30, slender build, and was wearing blue pants which looked like part of a bus driver uniform. He stated that he could not furnish any better description of that man, and that he could not furnish

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b7(c) any description of the other man except that he was also a white man. [REDACTED] said that he thinks he has seen the man who did the talking before, but could not place him. He stated that if he could obtain any further information he would make that information available.

b7(c) On August 16, 1965, this information furnished by [REDACTED] was furnished to Chief Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Asheville, North Carolina.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On August 20, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that he had received information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was to appear at 2 P.M., on August 21, 1965, to address the Conference. [REDACTED] advised that he was notifying local law enforcement officers covering Montreat, North Carolina.

On August 20, 1965, Special Agent [REDACTED] North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, North Carolina; [REDACTED] State Police Agency Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina; [REDACTED] United States Secret Service, Charlotte, North Carolina; Sheriff [REDACTED] Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina; and [REDACTED] North Carolina Highway Patrol, Asheville, North Carolina, were advised of subject's plans to appear at the Presbyterian Assembly, Montreat, North Carolina, on August 21, 1965.

In August 21, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that KING arrived at Asheville, North Carolina, Airport at approximately 1 P.M., that day, traveling in a Cessna Aircraft which had been chartered from Aircraft Charter, Incorporated, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that KING appeared as a speaker before the Presbyterian Christian Action Conference at Montreat from 2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., that date, and left Asheville, North Carolina, Airport at approximately 5:10 P.M., August 21, 1965, for return to Atlanta via same method of travel. He stated that no incidents arose as a result of KING's appearance at the conference.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

✓ FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 8/17/65, enclosing LHM and Atlanta teletype to Director, 8/18/65, concerning King's scheduled appearance Montreat, N. C., 8/19/65.

It is noted that referenced Atlanta teletype advised that Reverend KING would remain in Los Angeles and would not keep his commitment to speak in Montreat, N. C., on evening of 8/19/65.

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[Redacted] Mountain Retreat Association, Montreat, N. C., advised SA [Redacted] that her office had received official notice on 8/18/65, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., had postponed his speech scheduled for Montreat, N. C., 8/19/65, but may speak at a later time during current conference which ends Sunday, 8/22/65.

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The Asheville Citizen, a daily Asheville, N. C., newspaper, in its issue of 8/19/65, contained an article confirming that Dr. King would not appear in Montreat and the article stated that Dr. GAYRAUD S. WIIMORE, JR., New York City, who is executive director, Committee on Religion and Race, United Presbyterian Church, USA, will fly from Los Angeles to Montreat, 8/19/65, and will speak that evening on the situation in Los Angeles.

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Local police authorities cognizant.

Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised of developments and Atlanta requested to furnish Charlotte any information received in connection with Dr. KING's possible appearance at Montreat, N. C., during current conference which ends 8/22/65.

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5441 PM EST URGENT 8-20-65 BSH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.



RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, AUG. TWENTY, INSTANT.



ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT IS TO APPEAR AT MONTREAT AT TWO PM ON AUG. TWENTYONE, NEXT. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, SECRET SERVICE AND STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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7:48 PM EST 8-21-65 URGENT RLF

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)
 FROM CHARLOTTE (100-10075)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM DASH C.

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

SO ASHEVILLE, N.C. ADVISED KING ARRIVED ASHEVILLE, N.C. AIRPORT APPROX-
 IMATELY ONE P.M. ⁸⁻²¹ TODAY ON CESSNA THREE ONE ZERO AIRCRAFT NUMBER
 TWO NINE ONE FIVE R, CHARTERED FROM AIRCRAFT CHARTE, INC.,
 ATLANTA, GA. KING APPEARED AS SPEAKER BEFORE PRESBYTERIAN
CHRISTIAN ACTION CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT, N.C., FROM TWO P.M. TO
THREE THIRTY P.M. AND LEFT ASHEVILLE, N.C.,
 AIRPORT FIVE TEN P.M. TODAY FOR ATLANTA. TRIP AND SPEECH OCCURRED
 WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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