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July 27, 2020

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FOIPA Request No.: 1410101-002
Subject: LEVISON, STANLEY DAVID

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

You are receiving this letter as the original response to your Freedom of information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request was damaged per your correspondence received on January 29, 2020. Enclosed you will find a copy of the original response to your FOIA request mailed on January 16, 2020.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael G. Seidel
Acting Section Chief
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Enclosure

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January 16, 2020

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66 pages were reviewed and 66 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Records which may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Synopsis: National Headquarters Southern Christian Leader-
ship Conference (SCLC) continues to be located at 334 Auburn
Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY as
President. Identities of officers, directors and staff set
forth. Current funds of SCLC are low. Fourteenth Annual
Convention of SCLC held in New Orleans, La., 8/10-8/13/71.
ABERNATHY and [redacted] participated
in PCPJ activities 6/71 at Milwaukee. HOSEA L. WILLIAMS no
longer holds an official position with SCLC. A dispute
between National Office of SCLC and [redacted]
[redacted] resulted in resignation of
[redacted] from SCLC and formation by [redacted] of Operation PUSH.
CPUSA of Ill. members have indicated an interest in [redacted]
and [redacted] spoke at a public meeting sponsored by CPUSA,
6/71. [redacted] National Office of YWLL, stated in 3/72
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Investigation in this matter is directed solely to determining the extent of Communist infiltration in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Investigation has not been concerned with the legitimate civil rights activities of SCLC. ~~(S)~~ u

I. ORGANIZATION

A. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND STAFF

SCLC held its Fourteenth Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, in August, 1971. During that convention, SCLC made available the following under the caption "Officers":

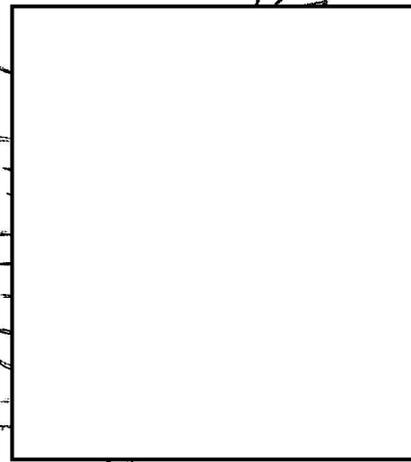
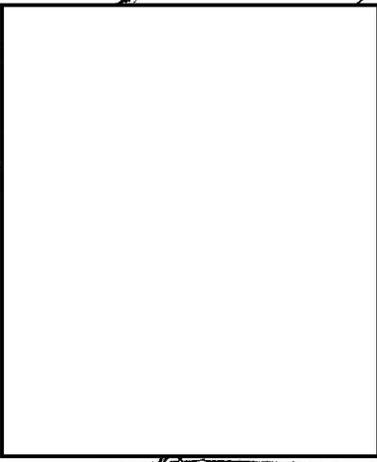
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Listed as Directors are the following:



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Coretta Scott King
Martin Luther King, Sr.
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Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Listed as Executive Staff are the following:

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Hosea L. Williams

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Listed as members of the National Staff are the following:

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During the convention the following were selected as new Board Members to SCLC:

- [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana
- [redacted] - Atlanta
- [redacted] Dallas, Texas
- [redacted] New York, New York
- [redacted] Detroit, Michigan
- Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, Washington, D. C.
- [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia [redacted]
- [redacted] Chicago, Illinois
- [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana
- Mrs. Rosa Parks, Honorary Board Member

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On October 28, 1958, a confidential source advised that according to JEAN SMITH, Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York, HARRY BELAFONTE had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) before coming into prominence as an entertainer. (S) X (S) (U)

The YCL has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

[redacted] was overheard, November, 1967, in conversation during which he advised that he had traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he had attended a peace conference, not further described. While in Czechoslovakia, he had met several "organizers of the Revolution" from Hanoi, North Viet Nam. [redacted] had been quite impressed by these people and has subsequently appeared very knowledgeable concerning Viet Nam. (u)

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It is not known whether [] actually visited Viet Nam during the course of his recent travel. X

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A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. (S) (U)

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of May 2, 1965, page three, contained an article "2000 Hail Paul Robeson at Freedomways Tribute." The article states that "an overflow audience of 2000 friends and admirers" of Paul Robeson greeted him at the Hotel Americana the previous week (April 22, 1965) on the occasion of the salute by "Freedomways" to Robeson on his 66th birthday. u

The article reflects that [] Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) spoke at this affair. The article states that [] spoke of Robeson's past accomplishments. u

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The official publication of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, which was set up by the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), in New York City in 1961, is "Freedomways." During a National Board meeting of the CPUSA in 1961, it was stated "Freedomways" develops theory and criticism of currents in the Negro movement and projects a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation to these matters. (u) u

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The Summer, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" lists [redacted] as its [redacted]

~~L. D. REDDICK~~

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Winterbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

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On September 17, 1943, a confidential source advised she had learned that Dr. REDDICK, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 W. 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party (CP). She stated that REDDICK seemed to be a source of information in regard to socialism and communism in the United States and the Soviet Union.

A confidential source on March 23, 1951, said that he met LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK in 1943, through EUGENE GORDON, a staff member of the "Daily Worker" and that both GORDON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS advised him that LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was at that time a member of the CP. The source also said that REDDICK was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

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

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 5 and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

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On January 21, 1964, a confidential source advised that on January 18, 1964, Dr. LAWRENCE REDDICK visited with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS at the home of JACOB GREEN, State Chairman of the CP in Maryland. During the conversation between REDDICK and DAVIS, it was mentioned that they had attended school together in Georgia and REDDICK commented that if he had stayed with DAVIS, he would have also joined the CP. (U) (C) (U)

[REDACTED] Retain, Wholesale, and Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). (U)

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HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York. (U)

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild. (U)

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the 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. (U)

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party. (U)

National Lawyers Guild is a communist front organization of lawyers and law students dedicated to Communist Party, USA, and New Left ideals for radical change of the social, economic, and judicial systems in the United States. (U)

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B. OFFICE LOCATION

As of April 11, 1972, SCLC continues to maintain its National Headquarters in rented premises at 334 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. u

[(AT T-2, 4/11/72)] (u)

C. CHICAGO CHAPTER

As of July 23, 1971, SCLC was considering the formation of a Chicago, Illinois, SCLC Chapter. u

[(AT T-3, 7/23/71)] (u)

During August, 1971, a mandate for formation of the Chicago Chapter of SCLC had been issued to [redacted], the economic arm of SCLC. The mandate for formation of this chapter reflects the chapter would be headquartered at 7941 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. u

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[(AT T-3, 8/10/71)] (u)

SCLC also maintains offices in New York City and Washington, D.C., and in various other locations from time to time as needed in connection with a project being pursued by SCLC in a particular locality. u

[(AT T-2, 4/11/72)] (u)

II. FUNDS

Since the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1968, SCLC has suffered serious financial problems. They have frequently been unable to meet payroll commitments of employees of SCLC. SCLC has maintained numerous savings and checking accounts in banks throughout the United States. According to officials having knowledge of the financial condition of SCLC, several of these accounts have been depleted. As a result, SCLC does not issue for publication the current financial condition of the organization. u

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According to such persons, current funds of SCLC are relatively low. (u)

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III. CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of SCLC was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from August 10 to 13, 1971. The theme of the convention was "The Politics of Poor People - A Movement to End Repression." Registration for the convention was at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), at 2222 Dryades Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The general convention assembly was convened at the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, 2321 Thalia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. u u

On the evening of August 12, 1971, a mass assemblage of approximately 7,000 people gathered at Shakespeare Park where Dr. DANIEL ELLSBERG was one of the main guest speakers. ELLSBERG was recently indicted for illegal possession of Pentagon Papers. Other feature speakers were CORETTA KING, widow of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Senator EUGENE MCCARTHY, and the Rev. JAMES E. GROPP, Catholic Priest from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, President of SCLC, also spoke and said the convention has created a new political awareness among the members which he stated he hoped would be put to effective use in the forthcoming Presidential conventions. ABERNATHY also stated the United States is practicing genocide against black people in the United States. u u

During ELLSBERG's speech, he stated he expected to be jailed for his part in making public secret documents concerning the Viet Nam War. He credited the examples set by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., for helping him to find a way to actively resist "an evil war." u u

Father GROPP told the convention that SCLC must return to the nonviolent ways of the 1950's by returning to the marches, protests, picketings, and demonstrations. u

Mrs. CORETTA KING told the convention that women must take an active part in the decision-making policies of the United States and admonished SCLC to clean house and place some women on the Board of Directors. u

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During the convention, several workshops were held. One of the workshops was on "drug abuse." u u

On the evening of August 11, 1971, a \$50-a-plate dinner was held at St. James Hotel, in New Orleans. u u

During the August 13, 1971, Session, suggestions regarding SCLC fund-raising policies, as well as suggestions regarding additional National support for SCLC, were discussed. u

[(AT T-1, 8/18/71) (u)]
[(AT T-4, 8/14/71) (u)]

IV. PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

According to a news release of the United Front of Cairo, Cairo, Illinois, dated June 20, 1971, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY spoke at the Black United Front Meeting on June 20, 1971. ABERNATHY characterized Cairo as symptomatic of all America. In the speech he said "The Mayor of Cairo does not do right because Governor OGILVIE does not do right. OGILVIE does not do right because the President does not do right. The President does not do right because the vast majority of Americans who are white do not do right." He said America is a Nation that majors in killing and minors in living. Referring to blacks serving in the Viet Nam War, ABERNATHY said it is time for black men to say to NIXON, "One, two, three, four: Hell no, we want go." u u

[(AT T-5, 6/28/71) (u)]

A National Conference for the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ) was held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 25-27, 1971. Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, representing SCLC, was listed as a keynote speaker on June 25, 1971, at that conference. A three-page memorandum reflecting the identities of the Coordinating Committee members of the PCPJ reflected [redacted] of SCLC. u u

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The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ) has described itself as being headquartered at 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and as consisting of over 100 organizations which are using massive civil disobedience to combat racism, poverty, repression, and war. (u)

A National Conference of the Black Labor Leaders, Division of SCLC, Operation Breadbasket, was held September 25-26, 1971, at Chicago, Illinois. The conference was held primarily for the purpose of adopting resolutions and establishing directions for SCLC to take in providing more jobs for black people. (u)

[(AT T-7, 12/10/71)] (u)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, Program Director of SCLC, and his wife departed the United States on July 3, 1971, on a scheduled 67-day tour of African Nations and the People's Republic of China. The trip was authorized by and the travel expenses were paid for by SCLC. WILLIAMS and his wife visited the People's Republic of China, entering that country about September 19, 1971, and leaving about November 16, 1971. They returned to the United States upon their departure from China. (u)

Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY did not approve of WILLIAMS' extending the time of the trip and upon WILLIAMS' return to the United States, ABERNATHY told WILLIAMS his job as Program Director of SCLC had been abolished. Since that time, HOSEA WILLIAMS, who had been previously active in SCLC-sponsored demonstrations and activities, has not had an official position in SCLC. (u)

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The November 28, 1971, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a daily Chicago newspaper, reflected an article captioned "SCLC Sets Chicago Unit Probe." According to the article, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, President of SCLC, told the "Chicago Tribune" that he and the National Organization would begin investigating the procedures of SCLC's Chicago-based Economic Department, Operation Breadbasket. The article stated [redacted]

According to the article, ABERNATHY said the primary part of the investigation is to check reports that Black Expo, a fund-raising arm of Operation Breadbasket, was formed as a foundation on September 29, 1970, and as a corporation on September 14, 1971, under [redacted] direction and without knowledge or approval of ABERNATHY or of SCLC's Board of Directors. u u

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The November 30, 1971, issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily Chicago newspaper, reflected an article captioned "SCLC to Probe Breadbasket." The article reflected information that SCLC was to receive 25 per cent of the total profits of Black Expo, which they have not received. It stated "The Board of Directors of SCLC will begin an investigation into Operation Breadbasket in the near future." According to that article, an aide of Rev. ABERNATHY said that [redacted] may be forced by the Board to resign from Operation Breadbasket until the completion of the investigation. According to an article in the "Atlanta Journal and Constitution," a combined weekly publication published on Sunday in Atlanta, Georgia, [redacted] SCLC's Operation Breadbasket. u u

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As of December 10, 1971, [redacted] Operation Breadbasket, the economic arm of SCLC, was scheduled to announce on December 11, 1971, that he and the Chicago SCLC Chapter Board of Directors are resigning from SCLC and severing all ties. On December 3, 1971, [redacted] was placed in a 60-day leave of absence status as [redacted] Operation Breadbasket by a vote of National SCLC Staff Members. The SCLC investigation was then being conducted into the activities of Operation Breadbasket since it formed a corporation and foundation out of Black Expo without the approval of ABERNATHY and the SCLC Board of Directors. Black Expo was held September 29 to October 3, 1971, at Chicago, Illinois, with the purpose of highlighting black

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and minority group businesses, as well as various cultural displays. [redacted] said that Operation Breadbasket Headquarters, located at 79th and Halsted, Chicago, Illinois, will be given back to the National SCLC Office.

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[(AT T-3, 12/10/71)] (u)

The December 19, 1971, issue of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York City, captioned "Jesse Jackson Forms New Black Group for Economic and Political Action," reported JACKSON addressed 4,000 people at the Metropolitan Theater, Chicago, Illinois, and announced the creation of a new organization to be headed by him. This new group was to be called "Operation PUSH," which he stated stood for "People United to Save Humanity." According to the article, JACKSON told those in attendance, "We must picket, boycott, march, vote, and when necessary, engage in civil disobedience."

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On January 23, 1972, at Chicago, Illinois, Rev. ABERNATHY announced to the Chicago news media that he is making every effort to continue the operation of SCLC in the Chicago, Illinois, area. ABERNATHY announced that Rev. CORDIA TINDALL VIVIAN, Interim Director of the Chicago SCLC Chapter, will be the permanent Director of the Chicago SCLC Chapter. ABERNATHY further stated that Operation Breadbasket will continue to function as the economic arm of SCLC and in the near future [redacted] Operation Breadbasket will be appointed to replace [redacted]

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A confidential source in November, 1947, advised that C. T. VIVIAN was a member of the Community Section of the CP in Peoria, Illinois. On June 24, 1948, this source advised that C. T. VIVIAN had not been active in CP affairs in the Peoria area for some time and advised he had not been in the area for a long period of time.

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On January 14, 1965, a confidential source advised that Rev. C. T. VIVIAN of SCLC was in contact with [redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland, and agreed to [redacted] on that date. The purpose of this meeting is not known.

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A confidential source on January 28, 1965, said he knows [redacted] to be a member of the CP, [redacted] and also knows [redacted] Southern Region of the CP. (u) u

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On April 13, 1971, a State Board Meeting of the CPUSA of Illinois was held at Chicago, at which time it was discussed that the CPUSA should build a movement that involved workers and black people in an independent political party. Several CPUSA members stated that special attention should be placed on the movement that is presently developing around Rev. [redacted] [redacted] (u) u

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~~AT T-8, [4/19/71] (u)~~

On March 12, 1971, a meeting of the CPUSA of Illinois was held at Chicago during which it was announced that on June 10, 1971, a public meeting would be held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. It was stated that the CPUSA was hopeful of obtaining Rev. JESSE JACKSON to be one of the three speakers for this affair. (u) u

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On June 10, 1971, the public meeting was held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and JESSE JACKSON was one of three speakers. JACKSON spoke early in the evening regarding ending the war in Viet Nam and immediately after his speech, he left the meeting. (u) u

~~AT T-9, 8/17/71] (u)~~

The Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) had a booth at "Black Expo," where they sold balloons and got signatures on petitions calling for the release of [redacted] from jail. (u) u

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The YWLL is a front organization of the CPUSA. It was formed as a Marxist-Leninist youth group in February, 1970. u u

An article appearing in Volume XX, Number 19, issue of the "Democratic German Report," dated October 20, 1971, an East German publication, stated Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY paid a two-day visit to East Berlin in late October, 1971. In a sermon at St. Mary Church in East Berlin, ABERNATHY urged the United States to withdraw all troops from Viet Nam, release of all political prisoners in the United States, and granting of civil rights to the black population. ABERNATHY also spoke at Humboldt University in East Berlin and urged the release of [redacted]. The article states the German Democratic Republic awarded ABERNATHY the German Peace Medal. u u

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On March 18 and 19, 1972, a meeting of the Southern Regional Committee (SRC) of the CPUSA was held at Birmingham, Alabama. It was announced the next meeting of the SRC is scheduled to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 10 and 11, 1972. Included on the agenda for the Nashville meeting is a report on the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) and its relationship to the SCLC. [redacted] indicated she plans to go to Atlanta, Georgia, to see what is going on with respect to the SCLC and she stated that the SCLC would like her to be on their National Staff. (u) (u) 72 23 (U)

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[redacted] represents the National Office of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL), a youth group organized by the CPUSA. u u

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Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, is headed by former Louisville Communist Party, USA, members, [redacted]. SCEF supports the New Left, black militant, and peace "movements." (u) u

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"Southern Patriot" is the publication of SCEF. (u) u

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Investigation in this matter is directed solely to determining the extent of communist infiltration in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The SCLC headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, was formed by the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

I. PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

On [redacted] DL T-1 advised that [redacted]

on [redacted] for the [redacted] the SCLC 15th Annual Convention. It was decided that the convention would be held in Dallas, Texas, August 15 through 18, 1972. Definite plans for the convention were not finalized; however, 4,000 delegates from throughout the United States were expected. St. Johns Baptist Church, 2600 South Marsalis, Dallas, Texas, was decided upon as the location for all meetings with headquarters to be established at either Sheraton-Dallas or Fairmont Hotel. Dr. Abernathy was scheduled as the principal [redacted] and efforts were instituted to have [redacted] of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), appear and speak. DL T-1 further advised local SCLC officials had expressed concern that militant groups might attempt to infiltrate the SCLC 15th Annual Convention.

II. CONVENTION AGENDA

On August 15, 1972, DL T-1 provided a program for the SCLC 15th Annual Convention. This program is as follows:

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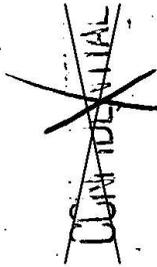
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15th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Theme: "Politics '72:
The Challenge of Poor People"



ALLAS, TEXAS
UGUST 15-18, 1972



Greetings

by Ralph David Abernathy, President



We have come to Dallas for the 15th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference — one of the most important assemblies in our history.

We meet with a theme, "POLITICS 72: The Challenge of Poor People." Let us meet also with a noble purpose — to provide leadership for poor people and for the nation so that we can save this country and build a decent and just society.

The United States of America will be 200 years old in 1976. If poor people have any hope of joining in a celebration four years from now, we must take action in 1972 to provide a government which represents and serves the people instead of oppressing us.

The State of Texas itself reflects the problems we confront all over the nation: vast wealth alongside crushing poverty, the privilege of oil in stark contrast to the abuse of poor people, rich old men attempting to control the destiny of black, chicano and young people. We must put an end to these contradictions and it is the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which must show the way.

To do this, we must knock on doors, register voters, educate the citizens on the issues, and GET OUT THE VOTE in the eleven Southern states. We must organize in the same way in the twenty-four major cities where we have chapters and where the vote will be critical in choosing the next national administration. This work must begin the day after our convention and it must continue intensively through election day, November 7, 1972.

Let us have a great convention, and then go forward with the challenge of poor people — a movement to make America what she must be.

Wednesday, August 16th

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12:00 A.M. Breakfast

Opening Session

St. John Baptist Church

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Presiding: ~~Rev. M. L. Wilson~~, Board Member

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

1:30 A.M. Devotions - ~~Dr. Roland Smith~~, Board Member

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

2:00 A.M. Keynote Address - ~~Dr. J. E. Owens~~, Chairman of the Board

Business Session

Acknowledgements

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Greetings:

~~Rev. C. K. Steele~~, First Vice President
~~Mr. Zan~~, Convention Co-Chairman
~~Dr. H. Leroy Bringer~~,
National Council of Churches

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Introduction: ~~Dr. Benjamin Hooks~~, Member, F.C.C.

President's Address - ~~Dr. Ralph David Abernathy~~

Lunch

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~
Presiding - ~~Rev. Calvin Morris~~, Director of Affiliates & Chapters

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Invocation - ~~Rev. Edward Gardner~~, SCLC Board Member

1:30 P.M. Workshop: "The Challenge of Poor People" Part I

~~Jean Westwood~~, Chairman of Democratic Party

~~Walter E. Fauntroy~~, Congressman, District of Columbia

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~ ~~C. T. Wigan~~, Executive Director, Chicago SCLC b6

~~Ivanhoe Donaldson~~, Institute of Policy Study b7C

~~Jack O'Dell~~, Director New York SCLC

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Associate Editor "Freedomways"

3:30 P.M. Workshop: "The Challenge of Poor People" Part II

~~Andrew Young~~, Executive Vice President, SCLC

~~Clinton Devaux~~, Director of the Youth Census, National Democratic Party

~~Tom Gilmore~~, Sheriff, Greene County, Alabama

~~Ruben Berrios~~, Chairman, Independent Party of Puerto Rico

5:30 P.M. Dinner

ANNUAL BANQUET

Sheraton - Dallas Hotel

7:30 P.M.

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Co-Tostmasters, ~~Dr. C. O. Simpkins~~, ~~Rev. Oscar McCloud~~

Board Members

Introduction of Angela Davis - ~~Dr. Ralph David Abernathy~~

Speaker - Angela Davis

Entertainment

Greetings - ~~Rev. Marshall Shepherd~~, Board Member

Awards

Rosa Parks Award

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

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Thursday, August 17th

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

3:00 P.M. Workshop: "Poor People - The Third World Movement"

Morning Session
St. John Baptist Church

~~Will Campbell~~
~~Ramsey A. Lewis, Candidate for Governor of Texas~~
~~Archie G. Halloway, SCLC Chairman~~
~~Blanchard, U.F.W. Union~~
~~Pablo Monroy, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, Mexico City~~

Presiding - Dr. Lawrence Reddick, Historian
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

9:30 A.M. Devotions - Rev. Stroy Freeman, Board Member

5:30 P.M. Dinner

Choir

Acknowledgements

Business Session - Dr. J. F. Lewis, Presiding
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

11:00 A.M. Workshop: "Economics of Poor People"

~~Carl Farris~~
~~Robert Rhodes, Professor, Antioch College, Washington, D.C.~~
~~William A. Jones, Jr., Board Member~~
~~Randolph J. Blackwell, Director, Southern Rural Action Project~~

Annual Convention Assembly
Band Shell (City Park)
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

12:30 P.M. Lunch

Presiding - Rev. John Thurston, Board Member

Afternoon Session
St. John Baptist Church
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Speakers: Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

~~Coretta King~~
~~Mrs. Coretta Scott King~~
~~Senator Barbara Jordan, Texas~~

Presiding - Rev. Bernard Lafayette, Director of Minority Affairs

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1:30 P.M. Invocation - Rev. A. A. Peters, Board Member

Affiliate - of - the - Year Award

Workshop: "Education and Politics"
~~Dorothy Cotton, Director of SCLC Education Dept.~~
~~Sam E. Stride, National Education Association~~
~~Tom Porter, Program Dir., Martin Luther King, Jr. Center~~

Music

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3:00 A.M. Breakfast

Morning Session -
St. John Baptist Church
Presiding - Dr. J. E. Lowery, Chairman of the Board

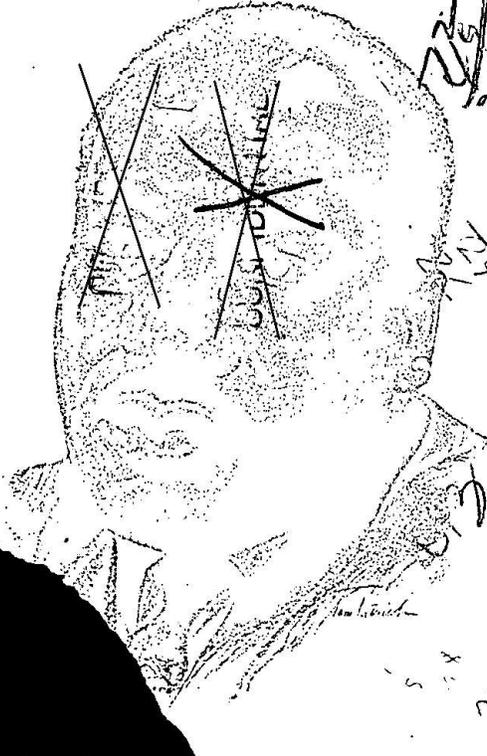
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10:00 A.M. Business Session

11:00 A.M. Annual Conference Sermon - Dr. H. H. Brookins, Board Member

12:30 P.M. Luncheon MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION



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 - ROCKFORD, ILL.: ...
 - TALLAHASSEE, FLA.: ...

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD

- 169: Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President SCLC
- 170: Dom Helder C. Lapa Pessoa, Archbishop
Olinda and Recife, Brazil

THE ROSA PARKS FREEDOM AWARD

- 1962: Dr. W. G. Anderson, President, Albany Movement, Albany, Ga.
- 1964: Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, President, Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Birmingham, Ala.
- 1964: Dr. Aaron Henry, Clarksdale, Miss. [REDACTED]
- 1965: Rev. James Bevel and Mrs. James (Diane) Bevel, SCLC U.S.A.
- 1966: Mr. Alinsky, Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, Chicago, Ill.
- 1967: U.S. Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Detroit, Mich.
- 1968: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Founding President, SCLC (died posthumously to Mrs. Coretta Scott King and children)
- 1969: State Representative Robert Clark, Holmes County, Miss.
- 1970: Mr. Dick Gregory U.S.A.
- 1971: Mr. Ben Owens, SCLC

SCLC AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 1962: Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Ala.
- 1963: Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Birmingham, Alabama
- 1964: Chatham County Crusade for Voters, Savannah, Georgia
- 1965: Dallas County Voters League, Selma, Ala.
- 1966: Wilcox County (Alabama) SCLC
- 1967: Grenada County (Mississippi) Freedom Movement
- 1968: Community Organization for Progress and Education, Social Circle (Walton County), Georgia
- 1969: Greene County (Alabama) Improvement Association; Citizens Committee Credit Union, Charleston, S.C.
- 1970: Washington County (Georgia) Black Youth Club
- 1971: Greater New York SCLC Operation Breadbasket

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SCLC CONVENTIONS AND THEMES

1957	Montgomery, Ala.	"To Redeem the Soul of America"
1958	Clarksdale, Miss.	"Stride Toward Freedom"
1958	Norfolk, Va.	"The Crusade for Citizenship"
1959	Columbia, S.C.	"Social Change Through Nonviolent Direct Action"
1960	Shreveport, La.	"The Southern Struggle and the American Dilemma"
1961	Nashville, Tenn.	"The Deep South in Social Revolution"
1962	Birmingham, Ala.	"The Diversified Attack on Segregation"
1963	Richmond, Va.	"Freedom Now"
1964	Savannah, Ga.	"New Directions in the Quest for Freedom"
1965	Birmingham, Ala.	"Human Rights—Basic Issues— The Grand Alliance"
1966	Jackson, Miss.	"Human Rights: The Continuing Struggle"
1967	Atlanta, Ga.	"Where Do We Go From Here?"
1968	Memphis, Tenn.	"New Life For Poor People"
1969	Charleston, S.C.	"America's Dilemma: Billions for the Moon, Pennies for the Poor"
1970	Atlanta, Ga.	"We the People... for People's Government"
1971	New Orleans, La.	"The Politics of Poor People" —A Movement to End Repression—

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III CONVENTION BUSINESS

A. August 15, 1972:

[On August 21, 1972, DL T-2 advised] that the SCLC 15th Annual Convention began in Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday, August 15, 1972, with the theme "Politics '72: The Challenge of Poor People." Registration began at approximately 10:00 a.m., at St. John's Baptist Church, 2600 South Marsalis, Dallas, Texas. Activity was restricted to registration and the showing of films depicting the struggle throughout the years by the SCLC, its leaders, members, and civil rights movement. Only legitimate civil rights activities were discussed at these sessions. (U)

[On August 16, 1972, DL T-1 advised] that on Tuesday, August 15, 1972, a "culture night" was held by the SCLC 15th Annual Convention at the Texas State Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. The approximately 250 persons in attendance were entertained by several musical groups, recitation of poems, and a short speech by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy. During his speech, Dr. Abernathy was heckled by an unknown Negro male; however, no incidents or disturbances occurred. Only legitimate civil rights activities were discussed at this rally. (U)

B. August 16, 1972:

[On August 21, 1972, DL T-2 advised] that Reverend James E. Lowery, SCLC Chairman of the Board, Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday morning, August 16, 1972, gave the keynote address for the SCLC 15th Annual Convention, at St. John's Baptist Church. Lowery's speech was chiefly political in nature and indicated preference for the Democratic Party by SCLC officials. DL T-2 further advised that some 500 SCLC delegates, including [redacted] were at St. John's Baptist Church, and heard, in addition to Reverend Lowery, Dr. Ralph David Abernathy speak. Abernathy stated the convention was in Dallas to "shake up" the local leaders. Abernathy made an emotional appeal to unite politically and stated, "We must evict Richard Milhouse Nixon from the White House and send Spiro Agnew back to Maryland. I am sick and tired of four years of having the cards stacked against us." Abernathy referred to rumors that the SCLC is beginning to crumble and stated the ranks may have thinned and their resources may be low, but they were in a struggle for justice and their struggle would continue until America has a decent government of honorable leaders, the rich stop exploiting the poor, and this country becomes a (U)

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brother to other nations. He outlined plans for massive voter registration and the movement to organize the political powers of the poor. Any politician seeking their vote must first explain what he intends to do about poverty, racism and repression in this country. During the course of Wednesday's activities at St. John's Baptist Church, [redacted] did not converse with other SCLC delegates.

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GOLDEN FRINKS MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION (U)

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[DL T-2 stated that following these speeches, the delegates broke down into groups for "work shop" activities. Golden A. Frinks, SCLC Field Secretary for North Carolina, spoke to several "work shops" about the present financial plight of SCLC. Frinks stated the SCLC National Office had not been able to provide money to local SCLC chapters inasmuch as the National Office was completely broke. Frinks stated that the SCLC is using Angela Davis in an effort to help raise money for SCLC operations and possibly in the future she would be used by local SCLC offices. Frinks stated Angela Davis had agreed to assist the SCLC in raising funds, and that besides Dallas she would appear in Detroit, Michigan, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and New York City, at an unspecified future date. According to Frinks, Angela Davis agreed to come to Dallas and speak for either \$2500 or one-quarter of what was taken in at the convention banquet.]
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C. SCLC 15th Annual Convention Banquet, August 16, 1972: (U)

[On August 17, 1972, DL T-3 advised that the SCLC held its 15th Annual Convention Banquet at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel on August 16, 1972. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy introduced the guest speaker, Angela Davis, and described her as one of the greatest Americans of her time; a woman loved throughout the world. Abernathy stated he had known and was well acquainted with the Davis family for a number of years. He had, he said, spoken in her behalf (when she was in prison) in a number of foreign countries. Davis, Abernathy said, had told them that they should co-exist since she was a communist and he a Christian. They should not try to destroy each other.] (U)

[Continuing, DL T-3 advised that Angela Davis spoke, tracing the history of SCLC, its aims and its goals, praising Abernathy and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for their fine work in the SCLC. Davis advocated the abolition of the prison system by stating there must be "a political assault on the prison system, itself", there is she stated, a politicalization of black and brown prison inmates and politicalization, she suggested, must be part of the liberation movement. This] (U)

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politicalization is being met by repercussions and repression by prison administrators, therefore the prison system must be eliminated lock, stock and barrel, and be replaced by a community-type of program run by the people. The liberation movement, Davis added, must work towards the elimination, not only of racism, poverty and oppression, but also of imperialism. Martin Luther King, she noted, spoke of these very things she was mentioning. She recalled how Reverend King had told the Negro masses to be aware of the Negro middle class. Rhetoric was not going to do the job, what was needed was a mass organization with an action program. Davis said she is in favor of the \$6500 minimum income for all poor people. She advocated police control by communities, seizing democratic control of communities by community people, and alliances with chicanos and whites. Ultimately, she added, she is "for the seizure of power by the people." (U)

[DL T-3 further advised that [redacted] of [redacted] Texas, who is [redacted] of [redacted] Texas, member of the [redacted] of the [redacted] and member of the National Council. [redacted] was [redacted] with his wife [redacted]. (U)

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On August 17, 1972, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was furnished a police escort to Dallas Love Field at 2:00 a.m., August 17, 1972, as the result of a request made by SCLC officials. (U)

On August 18, 1972, DL T-1 advised that the attendance at the SCLC banquet held at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, was approximately 1,000 persons. According to DL T-1, the fee per person for the banquet was \$15.00; however, \$3.50 went to the hotel for the meal. D. August 17, 1972 (U)

On August 21, 1972, DL T-2 advised that on Thursday, August 17, 1972, delegates to the SCLC 15th Annual Convention met at the St. John's Baptist Church. The delegates were broken down into groups and held "work shops," regarding the voter registration. (U)

DL T-2 further advised that a rally was held on Thursday night at which Dr. Abernathy, Coretta King, and Texas State Senator Barbara Jordan spoke. Speeches at this rally for the most part were political in nature and urged attendees to join in a unified effort to oust the current (U)

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administration of President Nixon. Only legitimate civil rights activities were discussed at these sessions.

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On August 21, 1972, DL T-2 advised that on August 18, 1972, the SCLC convention held its business session at the St. John's Baptist Church. The election of officers was held, however, there was only one candidate for each elected position. Dr. Abernathy was elected president of SCLC. 44

The SCLC 15th Annual Convention adjourned at 1:58 p.m., August 18, 1972. Only legitimate civil rights activities were discussed at this last session of the convention.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Outside Influence

On August 19, 1972, DL T-4 advised that there were persons in attendance at the SCLC 15th Annual Convention who were not SCLC delegates but represented such groups as National Tenants Organization, National Welfare Rights Organizations, and the Puerto Rico Independent Party. 44

The National Welfare Rights Organization is a nationwide organization of welfare recipients formed to seek increased government support.

National Tenants Organization is headquartered in Washington, D. C., and is involved in landlord tenant relationships.

DL T-4 further advised that a representative of the Black Economic Development Conference identified as [redacted] a Negro, female, age [redacted] from [redacted] talked about the need to raise money for the purpose of buying guns. She was not well received and departed Dallas on the second day of the convention. A second Negro female, identified as [redacted] years of age, from [redacted] also spoke on the same lines. She was formerly associated with "Making a Nation" (MAN), and was poorly received; she remained for the entire convention.

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The National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC) was founded by James Foreman in Detroit, Michigan, in 1969, when he introduced the theory of the "Black Manifesto." The "Black Manifesto" theory is that Christian churches and Jewish Synagogues should pay reparations to the black man. (U)

DL T-4 [redacted] advised that a Negro male identified as [redacted] from Tanzania, attended the convention for the purpose of recruiting people with a technical background to go to Tanzania. A number of delegates indicated a desire to go there but they lacked the technical training required. Following the convention, [redacted] departed for New York City. 84

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Continuing [DL T-4] advised [redacted] attended the convention and tried to develop support for the CPUSA. For the most part, she was unsuccessful in view of the Christian background of most of the delegates who are opposed to communism. 4 9

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On August 21, 1972, DL T-2 advised that a Negro female who identified herself as [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated she believes 100 per cent in what [redacted] was saying and doing. [redacted] stated that the whole concept of what America is doing is wrong and should be changed. She stated that "I am going to really shake up the white people when I get back to [redacted] was described as [redacted] years of age, 145 pounds, heavy build. (U)

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DL T-4 further advised on August 19, 1972, that on Tuesday, August 15, 1972, a Negro female, who indicated that she was from the Cairo, Illinois, area, was observed selling literature relating to the United Front of Cairo and communist books authored by Henry Winston, National Chairman of the CPUSA. This individual had set up a table near the sanctuary of the St. John's Baptist Church. She was described as being [redacted] years of age; 6' tall; dark complexion; African style attire, and was driving a black 1967 Lincoln Continental with license plates other than Texas. In the trunk of her automobile was observed a quantity of literature and photographs of black nationalist personalities, including [redacted] 84 (U)

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B. Plans For Activities at Republican
National Convention, Miami Beach,
Florida, August 21-23, 1972

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On August 19, 1972, DL T-4 advised that during the SCLC convention a resolution was passed to "carry the movement" to the Republican National Convention, meaning to be in Miami acting as liaison between the police and ghetto areas should violence erupt. The delegates were encouraged not to participate in the Republican National Convention demonstrations and were discouraged from going to Miami for the Republican National Convention. It was decided that certain leaders, including Ralph David Abernathy, [redacted], all of Atlanta, GA, affiliate organizations for SCLC, would go to Miami Beach on August 20, 1972, and reside at the Sovereign Hotel. Upon arrival they planned to immediately establish liaison with local police authorities.

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C. Threat Against [redacted] and
Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

On August 16, 1972, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that a confidential source of [redacted] had been in contact with an unidentified white person, description unknown, who stated he had knowledge of a plot to kill [redacted] and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy. According to the unidentified individual, certain white persons, identity and description unknown, planned to kill [redacted] and Abernathy for an unspecified amount of money.

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On August 16, 1972, [redacted] advised [redacted] and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy were informed of the possible threat to their safety.

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On August 17 and 18, 1972, [redacted] advised he had developed no further information regarding the threat against [redacted] and Abernathy, and now regarded the matter as a false report and unfounded.

D. Anti-SCLC Picketing

On August 17, 1972, [redacted] advised that anti-SCLC picketing at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, prior to the SCLC 15th Annual Convention banquet was as follows:

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Albert Louis Lipscomb, Negro male, unsuccessful candidate in 1971 for mayor of Dallas, Texas, and an associate of known Dallas black extremists, led eight associates in picketing. Lipscomb's group was protesting the \$15.00 banquet fee which he claimed locked out poor people and kept them from hearing Angela Davis. Lipscomb stated he also objected to SCLC delegates staying in white-owned luxury hotels and not spending money in the black community.

Jerald Walraven and Robert Dial Walton, white males, both claiming affiliation with the National Socialist White Peoples Party, paraded in front of the hotel with a ten feet by two feet banner which read "Who needs niggers." Walraven and Walton left the hotel area when requested by Dallas police officers.

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The National Socialist White People's Party, also known as The American Nazi Party, American Nazis, and The George Lincoln Rockwell Party, was organized on February 26, 1956, at Arlington, Virginia, based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement as espoused by the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. The organization supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists through various propaganda media seeking a legitimate dominant political party in the United States and foreign countries.

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Adie Barlow Frazer, white female, who has in the past claimed Ku Klux Klan (KKK) affiliation, paraded in front of the hotel dressed in a KKK costume and carrying a poster with a statement expressing her dissatisfaction with race mixing, saying that it was treasonist. Frazer left the hotel area when requested by Dallas police officers.

The National Knights of ; the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) was granted a charter in Georgia in 1963 as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order." The NKKKK, a consolidation of various Klans in Southern states, continues to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

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stated there were no incidents or disturbances resulting from these picketings.

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E. Attendance

All sources contacted advised that they were of the opinion that the SCLC 15th Annual Convention was not a success in that the attendance was extremely poor. The largest turnout for any of the scheduled activities was the banquet at which Angela Davis spoke. These sources stated that organization was non-existent and many of the scheduled speakers did not even attend the convention.

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Reference Letterhead memorandum at Dallas,
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Mr. Gray:

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Pursuant to your telephone call to me this morning respect to captioned organization, the following is set forth for your information:

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ON: 11-5-84

We do have a current investigation on the SCLC which has been pending for a number of years. It should be noted that the investigation in this matter is conducted most discreetly through established sources only and is directed solely to determine the extent of communist infiltration in the organization. In fact, the title of this investigation is "Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Internal Security - Communist."

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Our investigation in this regard is based on the effort of the Communist Party through the years to influence policy of this civil rights type organization. For example, included in the Board of Directors is Stanley Levison, a concealed (clandestine) communist who has been in charge of fund-raising for the SCLC and who served as an advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and his widow, Coretta, as well as the current president, Ralph D. Abernathy.

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Another member, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, whose communist membership has been publicized in the past with regard to his position of leadership in the SCLC, continues to serve on the executive staff. There are others who have served in official capacities with the SCLC who have had past communist connections.

The latest national convention of the SCLC was held 8/15-/18/72 in Dallas, Texas, and was attended by approximately 500 delegates. The featured speaker at the banquet on 8/16/72 was well-known communist Angela Davis, who agreed to assist the SCLC in raising funds.

Our investigation of the SCLC, as pointed out above, is for the purpose of detecting the extent of communist influence upon this organization. We do not investigate it along the same lines as we investigate violence-prone organizations such as the Black Panther Party. We confine our investigative interests purely to

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determine the extent of communist influence and do not endeavor to develop information concerning the overall civil rights activities of the group.

Also, we do not investigate the membership or the leadership of this organization unless communist affiliation is developed. Along this line, we have in the past investigated Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President. His investigation was initiated 4/22/68, the basis being he was elected president and was taking advice from Stanley Levison, a communist. It is also noted Abernathy in the past has traveled abroad to attend conferences sponsored by communists. He attended the World Council of Peace in 1971, which was the leading international communist front organization, dominated and controlled by the Soviets. With respect to Abernathy we do continue to receive information regarding his activities of interest in internal security matters through discreet coverage by established sources.

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Date	Time	IC or OG	ACTIVITY RECORDED	Ini- tials
2/23/50	10:25AM	OG	NC Miss Hirschfield to Mr. Moskowitz (ph). She advised Moskowitz that Stern would stay at the Hotel Ambassador in Chicago and that his train reservation to Chicago is Room 3 in Car 255. The railroad or time of train was not indicated.	arm
	12:30PM	OG	NC Stern's secretary to Mr. Scher (ph). She stated that Stern was not in the office and Scher said he would be right over.	arm
	3:00PM	OG	N-6038-5 Alfred Stern to Stanley Leveson (ph). Stern asked if anything happened on that Polish deal. Stanley answered that it was still pending and he said Mr. Wiseman said that the Government has proved the principles of buying the bearings. Stern said I am going to Chicago later because you know the meetings are going on there and I was wondering if there was anything I could do for you. Stern said he was leaving at 5:30 today and wouldn't be back until next Wednesday.	jwd
	4:55PM	OG	NC Stern called National 3120, Extension 733, person to person, for Congressman Marcantonio. He was advised that Marcantonio had left for New York.	arm
	4:58PM	OG	NC Stern called Miriam Marcantonio and asked where Marcantonio was going to be in Chicago. Miriam said he was arriving in New York 5:50 PM this date and she does not know when he would leave for Chicago. However, she said he would fly out tonight or tomorrow.	arm

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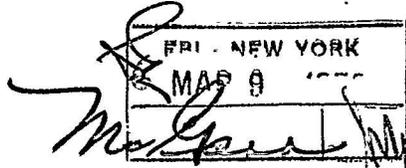
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11:08	am WCM	OG	<p>N-6055-Last, N-6064-1 Alfred Stern to Mr. Stan Levisohn (phonetic). They discuss hand bags and Stern is apparently interested in alligator bags. Levisohn will be over to see Stern about 6:30 p.m. at Stern's office to discuss the matter further and will bring with him one Ruth Lowey (phonetic) who knows the business.</p>
11:21	am WCM	OG	<p>Alfred Stern to Moe Scheer (phonetic). Stern will have lunch with Scheer and they will meet at 12:30 p.m.</p>
3:47	pm EWI	Late	<p>N-6057-4 Lionel and Stern. This conversation was with regard to Wallace. Lionel said the Croton ALP has a radio program Sunday afternoon from a Peekskill station. He wanted to know if Stern thought Wallace would like to preach a sermon over the radio on Easter Sunday. Stern believed so and suggested they contact Wallace. Stern also suggested they advise Vito before contacting Wallace.</p>


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2:25PM	BTF	OG	N-6353-6 Stern to Mr. Levitson, (ph). Levitson was not in, and Stern requested that Levitson call him.
2:28PM	BTF	OG	N-6353-7; N-6354-1 Stern to Irving Berky, (ph). They made a tentative date for 6:00PM, Tuesday, (October 17th,) at Berky's home.

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2:40pm	REB	IC	173-66 Mr. Levison called Miss Hirschfield and asked for Stern. Levison was advised he would be in tomorrow. Levison then asked that Stern call him tomorrow afternoon.

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4:46pm	Edward	OG	<p>C. Carney 369-31 Ruth Hirschfield to Mr. Levenson. Hirschfield asked if Levenson could come over to see Mr. Stern Monday at 3:30. She explained that Stern would like to discuss it with him before hand.</p>

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination, and for each
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First source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]
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STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted] (U)

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For the information of the Bureau, ABERNATHY's
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On April 30, 1969, confidential source one advised that on April 29, 1969, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke to striking hospital workers in Charleston, South Carolina. Source advised that Coretta Scott King was accompanied on April 29, 1969, from Atlanta, Georgia, to Charleston, South Carolina, by Stanley Levison. (U)

[Confidential source two advised on May 2, 1969] (U) he had learned that [redacted] recently discussed with Stanley Levison SCLC's efforts in Charleston, South Carolina, on behalf of the striking hospital workers. Levison recommended that Coretta Scott King return to Charleston approximately ten days following her April 29, 1969 visit. Levison said her reappearance should be solely for the purpose of indicating she continues to support the strikers. Levison also recommended that United States Congressman John Conyers from Detroit, Michigan,

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be requested to appear in Charleston in support of the strikers. He told [redacted] he would contact Conyers regarding this.

On May 6, 1969, Ralph D. ^{S.C.} Abernathy, President, SCLC, held a press conference in Charleston during which he referred to SCLC activity scheduled to take place in Charleston, May 11, 1969. Abernathy said that Coretta Scott King, as well as Congressman Conyers, had been invited to go to Charleston on May 11, 1969.

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Confidential source ^{S.C.} one advised on May 7, 1969 that [redacted] Abernathy [redacted] that Congressman Conyers would appear in [redacted] Coretta Scott King return to Charleston and that [redacted] He said he [redacted] Coretta Scott King her return to Charleston and she [redacted] Abernathy [redacted] Coretta Scott King [redacted] Hosea Williams, Director of [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U) S.C.

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Abernathy [redacted] of having Coretta Scott King [redacted] for the following reason: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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During approximately the past year, the "white community" sympathetic to the civil rights struggle has been rejected by the "black power groups". According to Abernathy, sympathetic white people are anxious to assist SCLC in Charleston regarding the hospital workers strike but need a motivating cause. [redacted] Coretta Scott King [redacted] for sympathetic white people to come forward to assist SCLC in Charleston, both from a standpoint of financial support and active participation. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. ~~S~~ (U)

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Memorandum from FBI, Atlanta,
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The Attorney General
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I thought you would be interested in reviewing the results of our investigation regarding [redacted], who was [redacted] as the United States Representative and [redacted] (u)

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Enclosed is a copy of two summary memoranda, one of which is classified inasmuch as the information was furnished by a confidential source involved in our Solo operation. Copies of the transmittal letters to The White House and the Secretary of State are also enclosed. The memoranda were discussed with Mr. [redacted] of the Department on February 9, 1977, prior to transmitting the memoranda to The White House and to the Secretary of State. [redacted] has advised that you have been afforded a briefing of this most sensitive operation. (S) (U)

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

[redacted] has been associated with Stanley David Lavison, reported by Solo assets to have been a secret member of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) from the 1940's until approximately 1964. Lavison was involved in the secret reserve fund operation and CPUSA "underground" activities. No information has been developed regarding Lavison since 1964. Lavison served as a close advisor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and according to information appearing in the media, King had Lavison interview [redacted] before [redacted] was employed by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A photograph appeared in a recent news column of Lavison and [redacted] following [redacted]

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[redacted] On 2/9/77, the summary memoranda of investigations regarding [redacted] were discussed with Departmental personnel who advised they do not believe Lavison's background regarding his CPUSA reserve funds or "underground" activities should be brought to the attention of the Attorney General or the White House at this time. Lavison was characterized in summary simply as being a CPUSA member from the late 1940's to approximately 1963. Deemed appropriate to provide the Attorney General with copies of summary memoranda and to advise him the confidential source is involved in Solo operation. (TS) Classified by 7339, XGDS 2, 3, and 4; indefinite. (S) (U)

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February 9, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz
Counsel to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Lipshutz:

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In accordance with a request received from Mr. Victor H. Dikeos, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security, on January 25, 1977, an investigation has been conducted concerning [REDACTED]. Transmitted herewith are two copies each of two summary memoranda, one of which is classified, containing the results of this investigation, copies of which are also being furnished to the Department of State.

The Office of Security, Department of State, and the Internal Revenue Service have advised that checks of their files concerning [REDACTED] have not been completed. When these checks have been completed, you will be advised.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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February 9, 1977

BY COURIER SERVICE

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Mr. [REDACTED] on January 25, 1977, an investigation
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THE INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

Birth

[REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

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Education

[REDACTED] attended [REDACTED], [REDACTED] from September, 1947, to June, 1948, receiving no degree.

He attended [REDACTED], [REDACTED], from June, 1948, to August, 1948, receiving no degree.

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He attended [REDACTED], from September, 1948, to June, 1950, and from September, 1950, to June, 1951, receiving a B.S. degree in January, 1951.

He attended [REDACTED], during the summer months of 1950, receiving no degree.

He also attended [REDACTED], now [REDACTED], from September, 1951, to May, 1955, receiving a B.D. degree in May, 1955.

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Employment

June, 1955, to
June, 1957

[Redacted]

July, 1957

Unemployed

August, 1957, to
September, 1961

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He also served as [Redacted]
[Redacted] from October, 1960,
to September, 1961.

September, 1961, to
1964

[Redacted]

[Redacted] in cooperation
with the Southern Christian Leader-
ship Conference. This employment
could not be verified through
records; however, several individuals
interviewed recalled his having been
so employed.

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September, 1961, to
December, 1969

[Redacted]

[Redacted] The exact dates
of this employment could not be
verified through records because
these records are in storage and
are not readily available; however,
several individuals interviewed
recalled his having been so employed.

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[redacted]

January, 1970, to
December, 1972

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[redacted] in association with
the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference. This employment could
not be verified through records;
however, several individuals inter-
viewed recalled his having been so
employed.

1970 to
1972

[redacted]

January, 1973, to
January, 1977

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January, 1977, to
the present

Marital Status

[redacted] is married to the former [redacted]
[redacted] They and their children, [redacted] reside
at [redacted]
[redacted] also maintains a home at [redacted]
[redacted] where his daughters, [redacted]
[redacted] reside.

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Interviews

Sam Nunn, United States Senator from Georgia, advised
in Washington, D. C., that he has been personally acquainted
with [redacted] for a number of years. He said he holds
[redacted] in the highest esteem and has been one of
[redacted] s strongest supporters for the position of
[redacted] Senator Nunn
noted it was he who introduced [redacted] to the members
of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C. Senator Nunn concluded by stating he con-
tinues to strongly recommend [redacted] for the position
to which President Jimmy Carter has named him.

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[redacted] to Herman E. Talmadge, United States Senator from Georgia, advised the Senator is unavailable; however, he is authorized to speak for the Senator. He said Senator Talmadge and [redacted] have been close personal friends for many years, and the Senator has strongly supported [redacted] for the position of [redacted]. He said Senator Talmadge continues to strongly recommend [redacted] for this position.

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[redacted], "The Atlanta Constitution," a daily Atlanta, Georgia, newspaper, advised he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately twelve years. He said [redacted] was active in the civil rights movement at its outset during the early 1960's and was an aide to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said he came to know [redacted] quite well during the early stages of the civil rights movement and in subsequent years when

[redacted] He described [redacted] as an honest, trustworthy, personable, honorable, and extremely competent individual. He said he is acquainted with [redacted] wife and family, describing them as loyal and reputable individuals. He said [redacted] is a loyal American of excellent character, associates, and reputation. He highly recommended [redacted] for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[redacted] a consulting firm, New York, New York, advised he has been socially and professionally acquainted with [redacted] since approximately 1961. He said he was

[redacted] New York, New York, during the period from approximately 1970 to 1972 that [redacted] was employed by this now defunct center. He said he has tremendous admiration for [redacted] describing him as a practicing Christian who believes in and practices the principle of respect for human beings. He said [redacted] is one of the finest individuals he knows. He described [redacted] as a "genuine human being" who is well balanced in his actions. He commented favorably concerning [redacted] character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He highly recommended [redacted] for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted], Atlanta, Georgia, advised he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately ten years. He noted that in the past [redacted] has represented groups from predominantly black areas in Atlanta, Georgia, and from 1973 until recently he represented the

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[redacted] He said it is his opinion [redacted] did an excellent job with these responsibilities. He said he considers [redacted] to be one of the most intelligent, trustworthy, and articulate individuals with whom he has ever been associated. He highly recommended [redacted] for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted], City of Atlanta, Georgia, advised he has been acquainted with [redacted] for several years. He described [redacted] as a very able and compassionate individual. He said [redacted] is a loyal American of excellent character, associates, reputation, and morals. [redacted] said he wholeheartedly recommends

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[redacted]
Martin Luther King, Sr., Pastor Emeritus, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately fifteen years and considers [redacted] He described [redacted] as a very capable individual. He said [redacted] is a loyal American of excellent character, associates, and reputation. He highly recommended [redacted] for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Elliott H. Levitas, United States Representative from Georgia, advised in Washington, D. C., that he has been acquainted with [redacted] on a professional basis for approximately ten years. He described [redacted] as an individual of personal integrity who has established himself among his peers in Congress as being a responsible and moderate individual. He commented favorably concerning [redacted] character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He recommended

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Yvonne B. Burke, United States Representative from California, advised in Washington, D. C., that she has been socially and professionally acquainted with [redacted] since the mid-1960's. She said they were actively involved in the civil rights movement of the 1960's, and she has the highest regard for his honesty and integrity. She said [redacted] is an individual of excellent moral character and is very widely admired by his associates in and out of Congress. She commented favorably concerning [redacted] associates, reputation, and loyalty. She highly recommended [redacted] for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Seventy-six additional persons, consisting of neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning [redacted] ability, character, loyalty, reputation, associates, and morals. [redacted] was described as honest, intelligent, discreet, hardworking, conscientious, and reliable. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Those persons acquainted with his close relatives described them as reputable and loyal individuals.--

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Close Relatives

In addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously, [redacted] has the following close relatives:

Father

Mother

Brother

[redacted]

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning [redacted]

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Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning [redacted] or his close relatives, except the following:

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Records of the Savannah, Georgia, Police Department indicate [redacted] was

[redacted], and

the records contain no additional information concerning this charge.

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Records of the Saint Johns County Sheriff's Office, Saint Augustine, Florida, indicate

[redacted]

Records of the United States District Court Clerk's Office, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, contain no information concerning [redacted]

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Ambassador Young:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; [redacted]; [redacted]; United States Secret Service; and The White House Office.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning [redacted]

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The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated February 8, 1977.

Miscellaneous

It is noted that information is set forth on page 2 of the aforementioned summary memorandum indicating [redacted] was affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in various capacities from 1961 to 1969.

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During the 1960's, Stanley David Levison was associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as an advisor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and as a fund raiser.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Stanley David Levison reportedly was a member of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), from the late 1940's to approximately 1963. Since 1964 no additional information has been developed concerning his CPUSA affiliation.

The January 31, 1977, issue of "The Washington Post," a daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, contained an article entitled "Personalities." This article indicates that approximately 150 friends of Ambassador Young's attended a reception at the Hay-Adams Hotel, Washington, D. C., after Ambassador Young "was sworn in as UN Ambassador at the White House yesterday afternoon." This article contains a picture of Mr. Levison with Ambassador Young at this reception. A copy of this article is attached.

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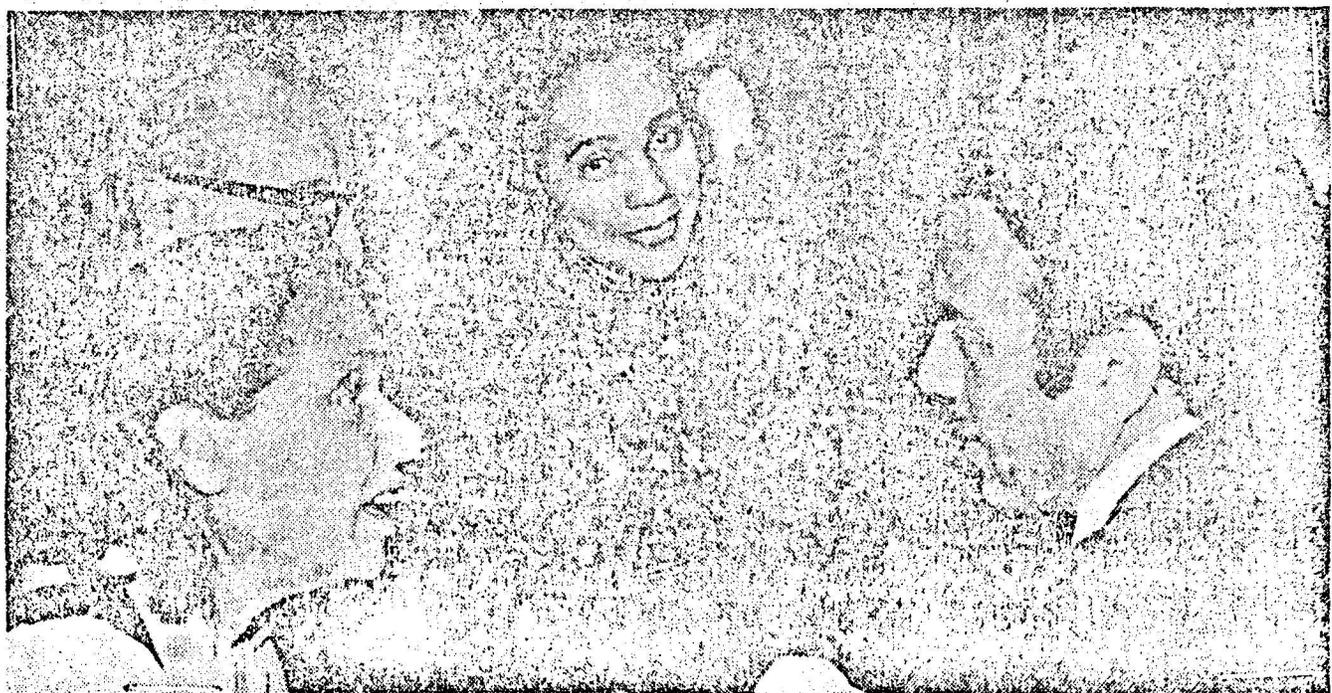
Personalities

Andrew Young was sworn in as UN Ambassador at the White House yesterday afternoon, and afterward he and about 150 friends hoofed it across Lafayette Park to a reception at the Hay-Adams Hotel.

Young said the reason he had United Nations' representation for Vietnam high on his list of priorities was "something of a tribute to Martin Luther King. He always opposed the war in Vietnam and if he thought they weren't going to be represented in the UN, he would have been very upset."

Among the guests at the reception were King's widow Coretta Scott King, and tennis player Arthur Ashe.

Young said he and his family were looking forward to the conclusion of "Roots" on TV ("We've seen all of them") and to his move today into the ambassadorial suite at New York's Waldorf Astoria. "It's a tough life, being an ambassador," he quipped.



By Bob Burchette—The Washington Post

From left, Beatrice Levison, her husband Stanley, Coretta Scott King and Andrew Young.

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