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**U.S. Department of Justice** 

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

August 1, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

FOIPA Request No.: 1355004-000 Subject: ABERNATHY, RALPH DAVID

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)



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- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
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#### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

**COVER SHEET** 

### SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

### **PART 1 OF 5**

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This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA



Inasmuch as no main file was available on Ralph D. Abernathy, extensive background information could not be obtained. Included among the data which was determined were the following facts: Negro; born 3-11-26, Linden, Ala.; instructor at Alabama State College, Montgomery, <u>Ala.</u> (no date); 1957 residence, 1327 S. Hall St., Montgomery; minister, First Baptist Church (Negro), 347 Ripley St., Montgomery, 1955-1961; and leader in the NAACP in 1956, the SCLC from 1958-1959, and the MIA from 1956-1961.

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furnished what they believed to be the membership list of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. Listed thereon was the name of Mr. Ralph Abernathy, State Teachers College, Wontgomery, Ala. (Date not given)

> BH rpt. 5-4-48 (BH 100-82; AT 100-556; WO 100-46) Re: Southern Negro Youth Congress IS-C 100-6548-337 p.43 (9)

The 9-8-58 issue of the 7th Blue Final edition of the "NY Post", page M2, featured Part 1 of an article captioned, "The Story of Martin Luther King", excerpted from the publication, "Stride Toward Freedom", by King, to be published the following week by Harper & Brothers.

The article stated that on 12-1-55, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a Negro who was formerly secretary for the Montgomery, Ala., NAACP, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white male. The article related that on 12-2-55, E. D. Nixon (the signer of Mrs. Parks' bond) contacted King concerning this situation and suggested a bus boycott. At that time, Nixon had only discussed the idea with Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the young minister of Montgomery's First Baptist Church who was to become one of King's closest associates. Abernathy agreed on the idea.

Subsequently, according to the article, these 3 individuals were in contact telephonically to formulate plans for a meeting that evening of all ministers and civic leaders for their opinions.

> 100-135-61-A "NY Post" 9-8-58 (9) V

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On 9-10-58, the 7th Blue Final edition of the "NY Post", page M2, carried Part III of "The Story of Martin Luther King" referred to above.

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The article concerned the first instance where a Negro had been convicted for disobeying the segregation law. This caused a meeting of several Negro leaders on 12/5/55. Shortly prior to the meeting, Ralph Abernathy held a discussion with E. D. Nixon and Rev. E. D. French whereby they suggested an ad hoc organization. At the meeting, the group responded enthusiastically to this suggestion and subsequently, the organization was formed with King elected as president. Abernathy offered the name MIA which was adopted and it was agreed that the protest should continue until certain demands were met, that a committee under the chairmanship of Abernathy would draw up these demands and present them to the mass meeting for approval.

The article continued that the mass meeting was held that evening and Abernathy read the resolution (set out) which was adopted.

> 100-135-61-A "NY Post" 9-10-58 (9) SI 100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier" (8) 11-9-57, NY edition

A news article in the "Alabama Journal", Montgomery, Ala., on 1-9-56 related that a top-level meeting on the bus boycott was scheduled at City Hall in Montgomery for that afternoon and that the City Commission and Negro leaders would meet and discuss the "seating arrangement." Negro delegates were expected to include Rev. R. D. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church (Negro).

> M0 letter 1-16-56 (M0 44-00-A) Re: Bacial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 100-135-61-9 p.1 (15)√

<u> On 2-22-</u>56

advised that the Montgomery County Grand Jury returned eleven true bills on 2-21-56 charging 115 defendants with violation of the Alabama boycott law. He stated that arrests began on 2-22-56 and that Rev. R. D. Abernathy was among those arrested thus far.

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MO teletype 2-22-56 RE: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 100-135-61-29 (15) 



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On March 3 and 4, 1956,

protect identity), who was in a position to furnish "reliable information, made available announced agenda for the main assembly of the Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights (DACR) on March 4-6, 1956. The program for 3-4-56 set out the locality of the meeting as the Interdepartmental Auditorium, Labor Department, Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. The program also listed Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy as one of the witnesses at that session.

The agenda described Abernathy as one of the indicted leaders in the Montgomery bus protest.

It was noted that the DACR was also known as the March on Washington.

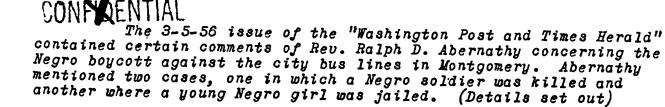
WF0 rpt. 5-16-58RE: Cominfil NAACP IS-C61-3176-1553 p.15,16 (2)V

In reference to above, (c) (protect identity) advised that he attended this meeting on 3-4-5% st which several individuals, including Rev. Abernathy, described their experience in various parts of the South. (Not further explained)

> BA letter 3-15-56 Re: Cominfil NAACP IS-C 61-3176-1406 p.6,8 (12) SI par. 1 aboye 61-3176-1444 p.1 (15) speech concernea Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott) (CC to MO)

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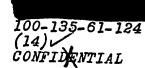
The Bureau cited the cases to which Abernathy possibly was referring. (Details set out)

Bureau mémo 3-6-56 Civil Rights Assembly Washington, D.C. 61-3176-1372 (2) SI 61-3176-1385 (2)

Rev. Abernathy was registered at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., for attendance at the NAACP conference in Washington on March 3-6, 1956. (Unidentified source)

> WF0 letter 3-23-56 Re: Cominfil NAACP IS-C 61-3176-1424 p.1 (12)

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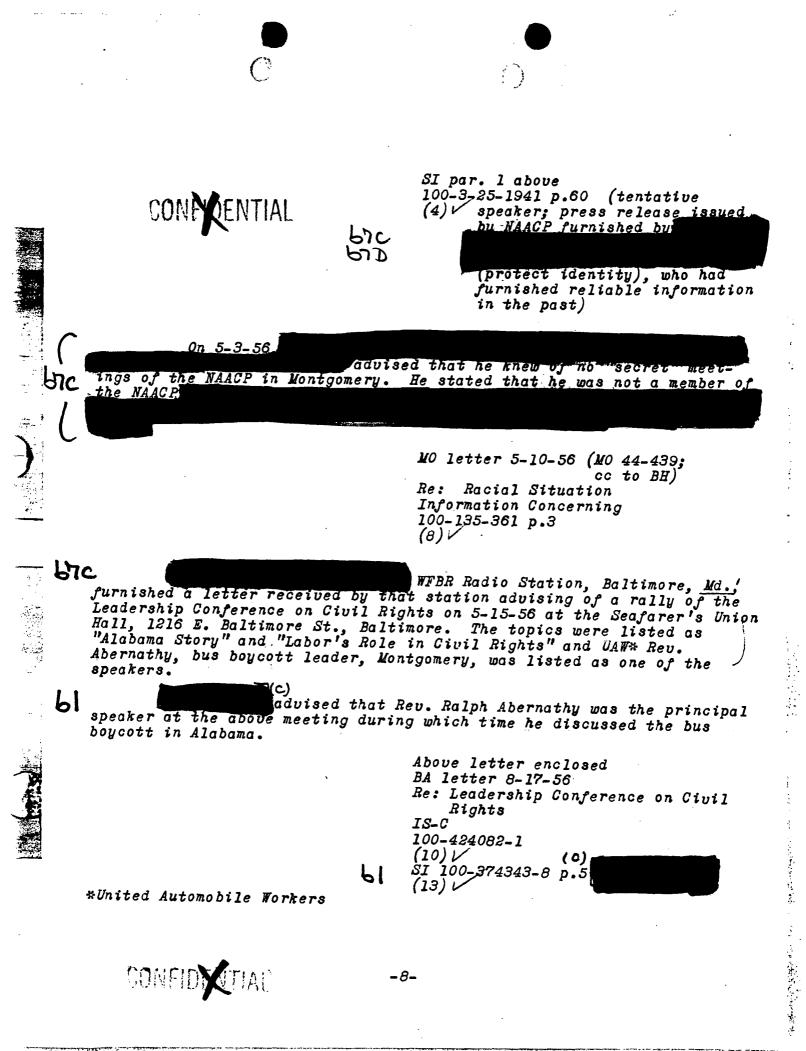


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On 10-28-56, the "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., set out an article on page 1 entitled, "MIA Reportedly Halting Operation of Car Pool", by Bob Murphy. The article stated that the group which had been directing the ten-month-old bus boycott had ordered Negro churches to halt station wagon transportation in order to sidestep possible legal action by the city. The article stated that reported boycott and car pool organizers were "out of town", that Rev. M. L. King, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Negro Attorney Fred Gray were not available.

> Above article enclosed W0 airtel 10-29-56 (W0 44-439, 105-247, 105-17) Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 100-135-61-247 encl. p.3 (8)

The 12-10-56 issue of the "DW", page 1, carried an article datelined Montgomery, 12-9-56, captioned, "8,000 Vow End to Alabama Bus Bias", by Lester Rodney. According to the article, a tremendous public meeting was held at the First Baptist Church climaxing Montgomery's week-long historic Institute on School Citizenship. Rev. Ralph B. Abernathy, one of the leading figures in the bus boycott, spoke to the group, emphasizing discrimination against their people.

> 100-135-61-A "DW" 12-10-56 (14)

The 7th blue final edition of the "NY Post" dated 9-14-58 featured on page M2 the last part of a six-part series by Wartin Luther King, Jr., captioned, "The Story of Martin Luther King." This was excerpted from the book, "Stride Toward Freedom", by King, which was to be published the following week by Harper & Brothers.

The article indicated that in February, 1956, a Montgomery County Grand Jury found the bus boycott illegal and indicted more than 100 persons, including King. King stated that on the way, Ralph Abernathy informed him how people had rushed down to get arrested the previous day, that many were disappointed because they were not arrested.

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According to the article, Abernathy was among those who joined King in riding the first integrated bus in Montgomery on 12-21-56.

An MO teletype dated 1-10-57 regarding the Racial Situation. Montgomery, Ala., related that

By letter to the AG on 1-11-57, the Bureau furnished the above information.

Serial described above 100-135-61-312 (14)





A letterhead memo set out the following information:

Articles from various newspapers in Montgomery reported several bombings there on 1-10-57, including the home of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, 1327 S. Hall St., and his church, First Baptist Church, Columbus and Ripley Streets.

individuals had been arrested on 1-27-57 in connection with the above bombings, including Henry S. Alexander and James D. York.

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It was noted that charges against these two were dropped on 11-26-57.

Above letterhead memo enclosed MO letter 11-14-58 (MO 62-723) Re: Bombings and Attempted Bombings Racial Matters 157-1-61-9 encl. p.1-3 (6) ŠI 62-105023-669 p.1,2,5  $(4)_{1}$  (MO 62-721; AT 62-1670) SI par. 1 above 61D 100-135-61-329 (14)VSI par. 1 above 100-135-61-485 p.9 ("Alabama Journal" (8) 🗸 1-10-57) (BH 100-3080; MO 100-1342) SI par. l above 44-11124-A "Washington Star" 1-10-57 (1)  $\vee$  (Abernathy reportedly visiting in Atlanta, Ga., during bombing) SI par. 1 above 44-11124-67 ("The Mobile Press" (1)V(M0 44-439)1 - 10 - 57

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The 1-28-57 issue of the "Alabama Journal", Montgomery, contained an article on page 1, captioned, "Shots, Bombs Add To Racial Tension", by Hy Brown. The article mentioned several bombings which had increased racial tension, among them the 1-10-57 bombing which damaged the home of Rev. R. D. Abernathy.

> Above article enclosed MO letter 1-29-57 (MO 44-439) Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 100-135-61-362 encl. p.2 (15)

On 2-6-57,

GC of the Wontgomery, Ala., PD, furnished details concerning the bombing of Rev. Ralph Abernathy's home on Hall St. on 1-10-47. (Set out)

reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet on 2-6-57 captioned, "Draft Dodger NAACP Troublemaker." The leaflet contained a photograph of Fred Gray, a Negro "attorney for MIA at Montgomery, and stated that the Negroes were losing jobs and relief was limited. It further stated, "Many believe it's a communist inspired plot being led by King, Abernathy, Graetz, Nixon and Gray. They ride high, eat good, stay warm and pilfer the funds. We walk and suffer in many ways. Let's run these five out of the state before we all have to leave."

> WO rpt. 2-20-57 (WO 105-17, AT 61-56, BH 65-398)
> Re: US Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan known in Alabama as US Klans of Alabama, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
> IS-X
> 100-7801-2855 p.7, 14
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of instruction on Stalinism and Leninism was canceled as the Philadelphia branch of the SWP desired to support a meeting of the "Walk to Freedom Association" being held on the same date at the Berian Presbyterian

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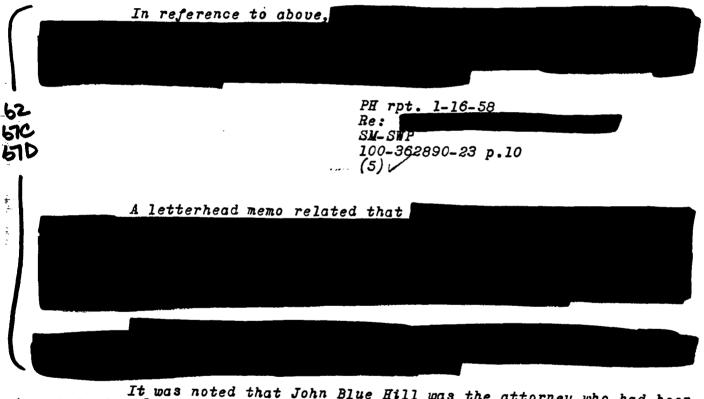




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Church, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia, <u>Pa</u>. According to source, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was speaking at the above meeting under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

> PH rpt. 6-6-57 Re: SWP - Philadelphia Division IS-SWP 100-16-38-310 p.24 (4)



It was noted that John Blue Hill was the attorney who had been retained to represent members of Klavern #23 who had been indicted in **Wontgomery for the bombings there on 1-10-57** and 1-27-57.

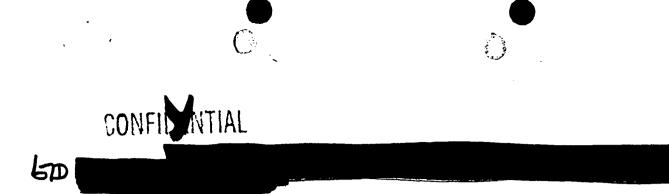
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Above letterhead memo enclosed MO letter 3-15-57 (MO 44-439) Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 100-135-61-391 (8)

An anonymous source, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available a four-page printed form dated 4-5-57, Washington, D.C., entitled, "Call to a Prayer Pilgrimage for freedom." The back page set out the following:

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"For information write to:

"Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom

"Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Jr. National Director 20 W. 40th St. New York 18, NY

. . . . . . . .

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy South Director First Baptist Church 347 Ripley Street Montgomery, Alabama"

Informant reported that the pilgrimage was to be held 5-17-57 and was co-sponsored by the NAACP.

WF0 "pt. 11-27-57 Re: Cominfil NAACP, Washington Field Division IS-C 61-3176-2205 p.10 (2)U SI 62-101087-371 ("The Birmingham (2)V (BH 62-1883) News" 5-12-57; Abernathy announced that goal of 6300 persons set in South to attend pilgrimage)

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SI 62-101087-379 encl. p.2 ("The Black (7) / Dispatch", Oklahoma City, Okla., 4-19-57)

SI 62-101087-A "The Worker" 4-21-57 (2) SI 62-101087-295 ("Carolina Times"

(7) 5-4-57, Durham, N.C.) SI 62-101087-A "Pittsburgh Courier" (14) V 5-18-57, NY edition

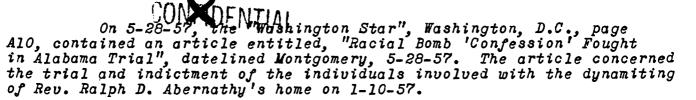
The 5-10-57 issue of the Minneapolis Spokesman", Minneapolis, Minn. weekly newspaper, reported that on 5-2-57, the St. Paul branch of the NAACP held a meeting at a local church featuring Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery, as a guest speaker. Rev. Abernathy, Southern Regional Director for organizing the mass prayer pilgrimage scheduled at Washington, D.C., on 5-17-57, indicated that 50,000 Negroes would participate in this affair to show unity in the struggle for equal rights.

> MP rpt. 11-16-57 Re: Cominfil NAACP - Minneapolis Division IS-C 61-3176-2165 p.9 (2)V

The 5-21-57 issue of "The Tallahassee Democrat", Tallahassee, Florida, carried an article captioned, "Negroes Plan Meetings Here." The article reported that the Negro Inter-Civil Council announced plans for a week long observance starting on Sunday on the first anniversary of their Tallahassee bus integration movement. Rev. Ralph Abernathy, vice president of MIA was scheduled to speak on Tuesday (exact place not given).

> Above article enclosed MO letter 5-23-57 (MO 100-1361) Re: Racial Situation, Tallahassee, Fla. 100-135-61-399 (8)

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100-135-61-A "Washington Star" (4) 5-28-57 SI 100-135-61-A "NY Post" 5-27-57 (4) 5 SI 100-135-61-A "Washington Star" (5) 5-30-57

A Washington City News Service release on 6-13-57 disclosed that Rev. Martin Luther King, president of MIA, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy, member of the MIA executive board, met with Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the latter's office.\* The purpose of the meeting was to urge stronger administration leadership in the civil rights cause. Nixon agreed to come South with President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts to speak on civil rights. King stated his belief that the President could do more than he had done and subsequently suggested a later meeting with the President to which the Vice President responded favorably.

> 62-101087-A "Washington City News (7) ✓ Service" 6-13-57

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The "DW" dated 5-21-57 set out an article on page 5 headed, "Nat. NAACP Convention To Be Here June 25-30", and datelined Detroit, <u>Wich</u>. The article reported that Rev. Abernathy and many of the heroic figures of the fight to end segregation in the South would attend this convention.

> 61-3176-A "DW" 5-21-57 (12)

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held at the Park Central Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, under the auspices of the AFSC and described as sponsored locally by a committee called together by the SPC. The meeting presented Rev. Ralph Abernathy, described as vice president of the MIA, which coordinated the protest against discrimination on buses in Montgomery - "without violence." Abernathy spoke on "Can We Have Integration Without Violence" at a dinner meeting and on "Problems and Concerns of Integration in Syracuse" at a meeting following the dinner. The entire scope of his presentation revolved around how Montgomery had solved certain racial problems. He stressed the fact that his campaign against discrimination had been carried on without violence and set up a comparison with how racial problems had been treated in Little Rock, Ark.

AL rpt. 2-28-58 Re: Cominfil NY State Peace Council IS-C 100-419683-21 p.11-13 (9) SI par 2 above 62 6767 100-373454-21 p.7 (9) V

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Above letterhead memo enclosed MO letter 12-31-57 (MO 44-439) Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. 62-101087-5-26 encl. p.2 (7) SI 62-101087-5-19 p.2 (7) ころをなたいである、ことに、ここのなななのがない

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On 12-21-57, the NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" featured an article on page 6 of the magazine section, columns 1-5, by Trezzvant W. Anderson, entitled, "How Has Dramatic Bus Boycott Affected Montgomery Negroes?" The article was datelined Montgomery and reported that Arthur G. Gaston, a Birmingham business leader, proposed that Montgomery Negroes organize a credit union immediately, and he thereby offered his assistance. Gaston disclosed that MIA vice president, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, had been unable to get a loan in Montgomery to repair his bombed church. Abernathy made an application to Gaston in Birmingham and a \$25,000 loan to repair the church had been approved.

> 100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier" (8) 12-21-57, NY edition

On 1-21-58, the "Birmingham Post-Herald", Birmingham, Ala., featured an article on the front page of the final edition by Clarke Stallworth entitled, "71 Are Called For Tuskegee Boycott Probe. The article, datelined Montgomery, 1-20-58, related that 71 witnesses, including top Negro leaders from Birmingham and Montgomery, had been subpoenaed by AG Patterson to appear at a boycott hearing in Tuskegee, Ala., on 1-22-58., Listed among these was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, vice president of MIA and right hand man of Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro minister who led the Montgomery bus boycott and who was president of MIA.

The article stated that in the hearing, Negro attorneys were asking for the removal of a temporary injunction on the Tuskegee Civic Association for an alleged boycott of white stores in Tuskegee.

The article continued that Patterson did not indicate why he called the Negro leaders to the hearing.

> 62-101087-5-A "Birmingham Post-(3) / Herald" 1-21-58

The 1-26-58 edition of the "NY Post" carried an article captioned, "Ala. Negroes Back Pastor's Fight on Arrest", datelined Montgomery, 1-25-58. The article stated that Negro leaders, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church, had pledged full moral and financial support on that date to a young Baptist minister, Rev. Moses Pleasure, who was arrested and fined for refusing to give up his seat in a taxi beside a white woman.

> 62-101087-5-A "NY Post" 1-26-58 (3)

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(protect identity), who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the period of January and February, 1958, a conservative faction in MIA, principally led by Rev. Graetz, took control of that organization. Informant stated that as a result, a new position, chairman of the board, was created, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy was elected to fill it. Although Abernathy was not considered a conservative, he did not attempt to dominate board meetings as did Martin Luther King; therefore Abernathy's election strengthened the conservatives' position.

The 3-21-58 edition of "The State", Columbia, S.C., carried an article on page 8B captioned, "Negroes Open Conference on Non-Violence." This item reported that a two-day conference of Negro clergymen and laymen began on 3-20-58 in Columbia to explore ways to discuss a "non-violent" program of desegregation with a leader of the Wontgomery bus boycott, Ralph Abernathy, scheduled to be one of the main speakers.

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62-101087-43-A "The State" 3/21/58, (8) Columbia, S.C. SI 62-101087-43-A "The State" 3-14-58, (16) Columbia, S.C.) (meeting sponsored by the Inter-Denominational Winisterial Alliance and other Negro organizations)

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Above letterhead memo enclosed MO letter 3-7-58 (MO 44-439.

100-135-61-475 encl. p.1

Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.

SI 105-43132-43 p.2 (elected 1/19/58)

On 6-2-58, for furnished a pamphlet entitled, "New York State Peace Council Program Resource Guide." The pamphlet listed resource materials for individual or group use such as film, tape

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recordings, etc. and also listed speakers and discussion leaders prepared to talk to or with church and community groups. The name of Ralph Abernathy appeared on a list found to be available on tape recordings.

> AL rpt. 9-2-58 Re: Cominfil NY State Peace Council IS-C 100-419683-30 p.5 (10)

The "Pittsburgh Courier", dated 9-6-58, set forth an article on page 3, columns 1-5, headed, "Sadistic Police Kick, Jail and Charge Rev. Martin L. King With 'Loitering'", datelined Montgomery. The article indicated that King, president of MIA, was arrested on Wednesday for loitering around City Hall. King had gone to the courthouse with his wife and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph D. Abernathy to hear proceedings against one Edward Davis. According to the article, Davis entered Abernathy's office the previous Friday armed and demanded that the minister "confess" that he had been friendly with Mrs. Davis before she was married. Abernathy rejected the demand, escaped from his office and swore out a warrant.

The article further quoted King in describing his arrest. King stated that he believed the attacks on Abernathy and him were attempts to discredit their leadership and the MIA.

> 100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier" (5) 9-6-58 SI par. 1 above 100-135-61-A "The Mobile Press" (5) (MO 44-439) 9-3-58 SI par. 1 above 100-135-61-A "Washington Star" (5) 9-3-58

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Information regarding the above attack was also set out in an article entitled, "Alabama Negro Leader Arrested as Loiterer", datelined Montgomery, 9-4-58, appearing in the 9-4-58 issue of the "Washington Star", Washington, D.C., on page A6.

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The article further noted that Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph D. Abernathy had worked together in their battle against racial barriers and both were leaders in the MIA - King, President, and Abernathy, Vice-President - which was formed at the outset of the bus boycott in Montgomery two years previously.

> 100-135-4-A "Washington Star" (4) 9-4-58

On 8-26-58, "The Mobile Register", Mobile, Ala., featured an article captioned, "Montgomery Negroes Ask Parks' Use", datelined Montgomery. This item disclosed that a group of 48 Montgomery Negroes, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, had petitioned the city to open to Negroes all city parks restricted to whites.

> 62-101087-5-A "The Mobile Register" (3) (MO 44-439) 8-26-58

In reference to above, the NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" dated 9-6-58 contained an article on page 19, columns 1 and 2, entitled, "Montgomery Group Eyes City's Parks", which was datelined Montgomery. The article revealed that the park petition signed by Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, among others, was rejected by both the Montgomery City Commission and the Park and Recreation Board.

> 62-101087-5-A "Pittsburgh Courier" (14) 9-6-58, NY edition

A Washington Capital News Service release datelined NY on 9-21-58 indicated that Rev. Martin Luther King was on the critical list at Harlem Hospital after being stabbed in the chest by a Negro woman who stated King was mixed up with communists. The release reported that he had received a group of visitors, including Rev. Ralph Abernathy, his assistant in leading the MIA integration fight.

> 100-135-61-A "Washington Capital (9) News Service" 9-21-58



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Set out an article entitled, "Negro Leader Urges Racial Goodwill", by L. M. Wright, Jr. According to the article, Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy spoke to several hundred persons at a mass meeting held on the previous Tuesday in Park Center, Charlotte, sponsored by the NAACP.

The article identified Abernathy as a leading advocate of passive resistance and nonviolence for Negroes in the South. His speech ranged over many of the problems on the Southern and national racial scene. (Excerpts of speech set out)

> 62-101087-5-A "The Charlotte (3) 0bserver" 9-24-58

According to a letterhead memo, the "Journal and Guide", a Negro weekly newspaper published at Norfolk, <u>Va.</u>, dated 10-4-58, set out an article entitled, "Mass Meeting for Human Rights." The article stated that a determination to continue the struggle for complete freedom from racial segregation and discrimination was voiced by speakers at a public mass meeting held on 10-1-58 at the Norfolk Municipal Arena under the auspices of the SCLC.

The article indicated that the highlight of the meeting was a message from Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of SCLC, who was convalescing in a Harlem hospital. The message was delivered by Rev. R. D. Abernathy who was vice president of the SCLC.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed NF letter 10-4-58 (cc to AT) Re: Racial Situation, State of Virginia (Norfolk Division) 62-101087-49-113 encl. p.2 (15) SI 62-101087-49-109 encl. p.1 (15) (CC to AT) ("Virginian - Pilot" 9-28-58; potential speaker)

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who had furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Ralph D. Abernathy lectured on 10-10-58 at the First Unitarian Church of Los

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And the Eighth St. under the auspices of the Unitarian Public Forum. His topic was "The High Cost of Segregation." (Brief comments set out)

> LA rpt. 6-4-59 Re: Cominfil First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West Eighth St., Los Angeles, Calif. IS-C 100-A11310-42 p.31 (5/9)/

The 10-15-58 issue of "The Montgomery Advertiser" carried an article captioned, "Montgomery Negro Leaders Deplore Atlanta Bombing." The article stated that on Wednesday (place not given) Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, chairman of the executive board of MIA, was among those protesting the bombing of the Atlanta synagogue. According to Abernathy, the recent violence was "but a part of the process through which God may be seeking to purge America's soul." Abernathy stated that he spoke not only for himself but for 1200 Montgomery Negroes who joined in a prayer service on Monday night to deplore the dynamiting.

> Above article enclosed MO letter 10-16-58 (MO 62-721, 44-439) Re: Unsubs; Bombing of the Jewish Temple, 1589 Peachtree Rd., N.W., Atlanta, Ga., 10-12-58 Information Concerning 62-105023-323 encl. p.1 (4)

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On 6-25-59, the "Daily Defender", Chicago, Ill., carried an article on page 4, column 3, by Hattie House entitled, "Freedom Rally To Bring Top Men To Metropolitan Church For Talks." The article indicated that a. "Freedom Rally" would be held the following Thursday at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. The rally was part of a south-wide campaign headed by the SCLC to register an estimated three million Negroes to vote in the eleven deep Southern states by 1960.

According to this article, the program for the event featured four exponents of civil rights besides Dr. M. L. King, one of them being Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

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The article identified Abernathy as a former instructor at Alabama State college; current pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery; one of the directors of the famous bus boycott; chairman of the executive board of MIA; treasurer of SCLC; and associated with many other organizations.

> 100-427079-A "Daily Defender" 6-25-59 (5) / SI 100-427079-1 "Pittsburgh Courier"

> $(5)_{V}$  8-17-57, NY edition)

The 7-25-59 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald", Washington, D.C., featured an article on page A-7 entitled, "Leaders Tell How to Fight Segregation", datelined Atlanta, Ga., 7-24-59. This article indicated that on 7-23-59 Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, outlined the actual process of nonviolent resistance to segregation on the second of a three-day conference at Spelman College, Atlanta.

> 62-101087-A "Washington Post and (2) / Times Herald" 7-25-59

The "Montgomery Advertiser", dated 12-4-59, contained an article on page 3C entitled, "King Pledges To File Suit On School Mixing", by Dick Hines. The article indicated that a mass meeting held on Thursday night was presided over by Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy. At this meeting, Abernathy was re-elected vice president of MIA and, according to the article, was expected to head the organization the following year.

> 100-135-61-A "Montgomery Advertiser" (5) (M0-439) 12-4-59 SI 62-101087-5-72 encl. (2) MAlabama Journal" 12-2-59 (potential) (M0 44-439; cc to AT) SI 44-13490-61-15 encl. p.2 (2) Meeting held 12-3-59) (M0 100-3080; cc to BH)

An article headed, "Additional Boycotts Asked in King's Farewell Address", by John Coombes, appeared on page 3A of the 2-2-60 edition of the "Wontgomery Advertiser." This item disclosed that a

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mass meeting was held at the First Baptist Church on Ripley St. on Monday night during which time Rev. Martin Luther King ceded the presidency of the MIA to the pastor of that church, Rev. Ralph D. Abernethy.

The article continued that in his inaugural speech, Abernathy warned against comparing him to King. He related that he would lead a dynamic crusade to increase and improve human relations in the city. He also indicated that the MIA would embark on a vigorous drive to increase its membership and would set up a legal defense service whereby the poor people could have protection against abusive policemen and courts.

> Above article enclosed MO letter 2-9-60 (MO 44-439, MO 100-1472; cc to AT Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. Racial Matters 157-2-61-31 (6/16)

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"The Birmingham News", Birmingham, Ala. dated 2-11-60, featured an article captioned, "Montgomery Negroes seek airport mixing", and datelined Montgomery, 2-11-60. The article stated that Solomon Seay, Jr. filed a complaint with the Civil Aeronautics Board on behalf of a Baltimore, Md. Negro minister and three Negro leaders in the prointegration MIA, one of whom was Rev. Ralph D. Abernethy. The complaint was against segregation at Montgomery's municipal airport.

> 62-101087-5-A "The Birmingham (16)// News" 2-11-60

MO teletype 2-25-60 Re: Negro Student Sit-Dwon Strikes Racial Matters 62-101087-5-91 (8)

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Captioned, "Negro Tells of Beating." The article stated that a Negro claiming to be a student at Alabama State College reported on Friday night that he had been beaten by two men he identified as city policemen. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy reported that the Negro had appeared at his house on Friday night and had told him this story.

According to the article, reports from the doctors and the police indicated no evidence of a beating.

Above article enclosed M0 letter 3<u>-4-60 (M0 44-0)</u> Re: Unsubs: Victim CR 44-0-2329 encl. (1)V

A letterhead memo indicated that on 3-5-60 the "Alabama Journal", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, carried a front page article announcing that a mass meeting was held at the Beaulah Baptist Church on 3-4-60. According to the article, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy spoke at this meeting and called for a mass prayer meeting at the State Capitol grounds on 3-6-60.

On 3-6-60, SA's observed a double line of Negroes at a church near the capitol surrounded by a large group of whites as the march to the capitol began. The Montgomery police intervened and no violence was noted.

Above letterhead memo enclosed MO airtel 3-7-60 (MO 157-17, 157-12; cc's to AT and BH) Re: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes, Montgomery, Ala. Racial Matters 62-101087-5-145 encl. p.2 (3) SI 62-101087-5-125 (3) SI 62-101087-5-121 (source not clear -(3) Negro column believed to have been led by Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy)



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According to a letterhead memo, the "Alabama Journal" dated 3-8-60 reported that students at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., were boycotting classes in a sympathy move. This activity was encouraged by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy who had addressed the students there (date not given).

> Above letterhead memo enclosed WO airtel 3-9-60 (WO 157-17, 100-1342) Re: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes, Wontgomery, Ala. Racial Watters 62-101087-5-139 encl. p.2 (3)

### <u>A letterhead memo disclosed that</u>

An advised that the attended the large student gathering on the Alabama State College campus on 3-10-60 and heard nothing which confirmed the report that the students disassociated themselves from the "sitdown" or "protest" movement. On the contrary, he heard Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy tell the students to return to school and register for the spring term and to have no demonstrations over the holiday period of March 17 and 18, 1960, when the Alabama Educational Association met at Montgomery. Abernathy stated, however, that after said meeting, such strategy would be resumed.

> Aboue letterhead memo enclosed WO airtel 3-18-60 (MO 157-17) Re: Negro Student Sitdown Strikes, Wontgomery, Alabama Racial Matters 62-101087-5-172 encl. p.1 (3)

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A letterhead memo set out the following:

The 2-27-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" stated that about 300 students from Alabama State College for Negroes (ASCN), Montgomery, marched up Ripley St. to the First Baptist Church that day where Rev. R. D. Abernathy was pastor. The article also reported that a group of white men armed with baseball bats patroled downtown Montgomery that day after a rally of the white men.

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On 3-1-60; the "Wontgomery Advertiser" reported that on 2-29-60 about 1000 students of ASCN held a mass meeting at the Hutchinson St. Baptist Church and held a second meeting that night at the Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Abernathy urged Negroes to boycott downtown Wontgomery merchants.

The 3-3-60 issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser" indicated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy had stated that MIA unanimously approved the pro-integration demonstrations being staged by the students at ASCN and demounced Montgomery police for permitting bat-carrying white men to walk Montgomery streets.

The 3-19-60 issue of the "Mobile Register" reported that on 3-18-60, a two-day workshop sponsored by the Alabama Civic Affairs Association at Mobile had opened at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Balph D. Abernathy, Negro minister from Montgomery, preached "nonviolence" in racial matters at the opening session.

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furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the 3-25-60 issue of "The Arkansawyer", monthly student publication of AM&N, contained an article captioned, "USNSA Backs Sit-Down Demonstrators." The article furnished information regarding the expulsion of nine students from the Alabama State College because of their participation in a sit-down demonstration at a courthouse lunch counter in Montgomery.

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The article was signed Donald A. Hoffman, president, US National Student Association (USNSA). The last paragraph stated as follows: "You can help by sending telegrams and letters of support and funds to the Alabama State College students in care of Mr. Bernard Lee, c/o Rev. Ralph Abernathy, First Baptist Church, 347 N. Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama."

> LR rpt. 4-21-60 Re: Cominfil US National Student Association IS-C 100-346566-659 p.2 (9) SI 157-6-25-11 p.2 (M0-100-68) (11) SI 62-I01087-5-188 encl. (14) ("Montgomery Advertiser" 3-29-60)

a highly confidential source (protect identity), who had furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of a 3-28-60 Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) news release.

According to the release, a wire was sent to the President by community leaders in the South urging him to issue a firm statement in support of Southern Negroes in their struggle for constitutional rights. They urged that the statement be issued prior to 3-29-60 when the UN Security Council was scheduled to meet on recent police action against Negroes in the Union of South Africa. One of the signers of this message was Rev. Ralph 0. Abernathy.

> NO rpt. 4-22-60 (AT 100-301; BH 100-81; NO 100-37) Re: Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. IS-C, ISA-1950 100-10355-896 p.17 (14) SI 100-10355-924 p.22 ("The Southern (16) Patriot" May, 1960 - official publication of SCEF) (AT 100-301; BH 100-81; NO 100-37)

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According to a letterhead memo, an article appearing in the 4-9-60 issue of the "Carolina Times", a Durham, N.C. newspaper, reported that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was among a list of outstanding leaders scheduled to appear in Raleigh on 4-16-60 at a mass meeting for students arrested in sit-down demonstrations.

The article stated that the announcement was made by John W. Fleming, chairman of the Sponsoring Raleigh Citizens Association. purpose of the meeting was to help raise funds for appeals for some 43 Shaw University and St. Augustine College\* students who were convicted of trespassing during demonstrations protesting segregation at downtown store lunch counters.

Above letterhead memo enclosed CE letter 4-26-60 (cc's to AT, BH, and MO) Re: Negro Student Sit-Down Demonstrations Racial Matters 157-6-8-5 encl. p.1 (6)

\*Both located in Raleigh, N.C.

The NY edition of "The Pittsburgh Courier", dated 4-23-60, featured an article by Trezzvant W. Anderson entitled, "'Race Situation Tense In Montgomery' - King." The article, datelined Atlanta, Ga., indicated that there were no lines of communication between the two sides on the racial situation in Montgomery; the segregationists on one side headed by Gov. John Patterson and his white supremacy crowd and the Martin Luther King forces headed by Rev. Ralph Abernathy. The article reported that such conditions had created a tragic situation.

157-6-61-A "The Pittsburgh Courier" 4-23-60, NY edition (10)

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A letterhead memo set out the following:

The 4-26-60 issue of the "Daily Cardinal", a University of Wisconsin student newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Sit In Leader Cites Scope of Movement." The article stated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, described as a "leader of Southern students' sit in demon-strations", addressed a meeting of about 175 people at the Hillel

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Foundation on the University of Wisconsin campus (date not given) concerning "Scope and Significance of Southern Students Sit Ins." He was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. He was reported as stressing the value of passive resistance and as saying, "We are not trying to defeat those who oppose us, because then we would have a duplication of the inequalities; we want love and brotherhood." He was also reported as strongly endorsing "the May 17th demonstration planned at the university and pickets of Madison chain stores which practiced segregation in the South."

> Above letterhead memo enclosed MI letter 5-27-60 (cc to MO) Rë: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes Racial Katters 157-6-30-3 encl. p.2 (11)

A letterhead memo indicated that the 4-7-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" stated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy had arrived in Accra, <u>Ghana</u>, to attend a conference of Nonviolence Positive Action for the Security of Africa. Abernathy was scheduled to report on recent student anti-segregation demonstrations in the South.

The memo also set out information contained in the 4-28-60 issue of the "Mobile Press." The article reported that Alabama Governor John M. Patterson planned to file a libel suit against the "NY Times" and four Negro integration leaders because of an advertisement criticizing the handling of Alabama racial problems, published in the "Times" on 3-29-60. Patterson stated that he would file the suit in the State Court as an individual and had not decided as to the amount of damages to be sought. One of the four racial leaders was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

The article further disclosed that because of this ad, three \$500,000.00 libel suits against the "Times" and the four Negroes had already been filed by Montgomery Mayor Earl D. James and Montgomery City Commissioners L. B. Sullivan and Frank W. Parks.

Above letterhead memo enclosed WO letter 5-2-60 (WO 100-1460; BH 100-3080) Re: Racial Situation, Wobile Division 157-4-61-6 encl. p.1,4 (6) SI par. 3 above 44-0-4 "The Evening Star" 1-31-61, (1) Washington, D.C.







A letterhead memo advised that in June, 1960, a highly confidential source, who had furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity could not be revealed (documentation anonymous), advised the following:

The Committee to Defend Wartin Luther King, Jr. and the Struggle for Freedom in the South and SCLC Student Defense Fund in a combined appeal solicited funds from the Soviet Embassy, the Czechoslovak Embassy and the Rumanian Legation, all in Washington, D.C. These organizations appealed for assistance in defending the Southern Negroes who were daily risking their careers and facing jail terms and death in their struggle to make the US truly democratic.

Source stated that requests for contributions were made under six names with titles, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer, Voting and Registration Crusade. SCLC.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed WFO letter 6-28-60 (cc's to AT, BH. and MO) Re: Committee To Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. and The Struggle for Freedom in the South; Southern Christian Leadership Conference Student Defense Fund IS\_C 100-433547-1 p.3,5 and encl. p.1 (6)/

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According to a letterhead memo, Wontgomery, Ala. PD, advised that just prior to the opening of public schools in September, 1960, a rumor of very unreliable origin was circulated that an attempt would be made to "integrate" a school in Wontgomery currently attended by white students only. He stated that he felt there would be no such attempt made at any white school in or near Montgomery. He related that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, made a public statement that no school integration attempt would be made at Montgomery in the fall of 1960. He continued that Abernathy was still hopeful that the Montgomery School Board would soon devise a plan designed to implement the Supreme Court's school integration decision.

Above letterhead memo enclosed W0 letter 9-28-60 (W0 44-439) Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala. Racial Watters 157-4-61-13 encl. (10) 57-4-61-12 encl. p.1

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letterhead memo disclosed that advised that advised that the SCLC was held in Shreveport, 67D La., on 10/11-13/60, at various Negro churches and was called "Freedom Rally." Informant stated that Dr. Balph Abernathy appeared on the program for 10-12-60 as giving a financial appeal. (Details of meeting set out) Above letterhead memo enclosed NO airtel 10-20-60 Re: SCLA United Christian Movement Racial Matters 100-427079-5 encl. p.3 (10)"The Times Picayune", New Orleans, La., dated 11-26-60 set out an article captioned, "Racial Leaders Address Rally." The article indicated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of MIA, was one of the speakers at a meeting on Friday night in the union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Orleans. The speakers stated that direct nonviolent action to promote brotherhood and good will were among the underlying factors of the Congress of Racial Equality. Abernathy stressed the importance of the bus boycott (details set out). 157-4-33-A "The Times Picayune" (10) New Orleans, La., 11-26-60 SI 100-225892-157 encl. (9)Vconfidential source (racial), protect identity, who had furnished reliable information in the past) VO teletype 12-5-60 (VO 44-439) Re: Racial Situation, Wontgomery, Ala. Racial Watters 45(-6-61-39 -33-

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The reference to above, a letterhead memo indicated that the 12-9-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" reported that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, in a speech at the Institute on 12-8-60, urged Negroes to stay out of stores and areas which disrespected them, urged Montgomery to hire Negro policemen and firemen; and recommended that a bi-racial committee be established with Negroes naming their own representatives to seek racial harmony.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed MO letter 12-30-60 (MO 100-1460, cc to BH) Re: Racial Situation, Mobile Division 157-6-61-43 encl. p.4 (6) SI 157-6-61-40 encl ("Alabama Journal" (6), A2-5-60 - potential speaker) (MO 44-439)

A letterhead memo set out information contained in the 1-3-61 issue of the "Richmond Times Dispatch", Richmond, Va., concerning a Negro demonstration in front of the Prince Edward County Court House, Farmville, Va. on 1-2-61 to re-open the public schools.

The article stated that the demonstration was called at the close of a 7 hour rally which featured 15 speakers, including Dr. Ralph Abernathy, president of MIA.

The article continued that the leaders of the "Pilgrimage for free public school education", sponsored by the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference and the Prince Edward Christian Association, announced that the next step in the legal fight to re-open the schools had been decided, but they would not disclose the plans.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed RH letter 1-30-61 Re: Racial Situation, State of Virginia, Richmond Division Racial Matters 157-6-41-157 encl. p.4 (11)



The "Birmingham News", Birmingham, Ala., for 1-12-61 printed a story captioned, "Negro Admission Into U.A. Predicted", which was datelined Montgomery. It indicated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Wontgomery Negro leader, had predicted that Negro students soon would seek admission to the University of Alabama in response to a recommendation be made the previous month to the MIA. He stated that he had no specific individuals in mind.

The article further stated that Rev. Abernathy made a speech on 12-8-60 to the MIA at which time he urged Negroes to "stop spending large sums of money to go out of the State to receive training..." and to make use of the opportunity to enter the University of Alabama which was opened to them several years previously through the Autherine Lucy case.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed BH letter 1-18-61 (BH 100-3080, 157-31; MO 100-1460) Re: Racial Situation, Birmingham Division Racial Matters 157-4-4-8 encl. p.1 (6)

A letterhead memo dated 5-5-61 memory indicated that advised on 5-2-61 that some people in the Washington, D.C., area had received letters with the return address of 584 Alfred Rd., N.W., Atlanta 18, Ga. These letters enclosed a petition addressed to President John F. Kennedy requesting presidential clemency for Carl Braden to "reaffirm the position of the Federal Government supporting peaceful and orderly integration in the South." One of the signers of this petition was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

> Above letterhead memo enclosed WFO letter 5-5-61 (cc's to BH, AT, \_\_\_\_\_\_and MO)

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Montgomery, Ala. PD, advised that an "annual board meeting" of the SCLC would be held on 5/10-11/61. The stated that this was publicly announced by the press in Atlanta, Ga., recently by an SCLC officer. He also indicated that Rev. Balph Abernathy, president of MIA, would be "host" to the meeting. further advised that there was no immediately known connection between this meeting and the bus station demonstrations being staged by CORE\* during this period.

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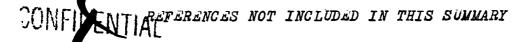
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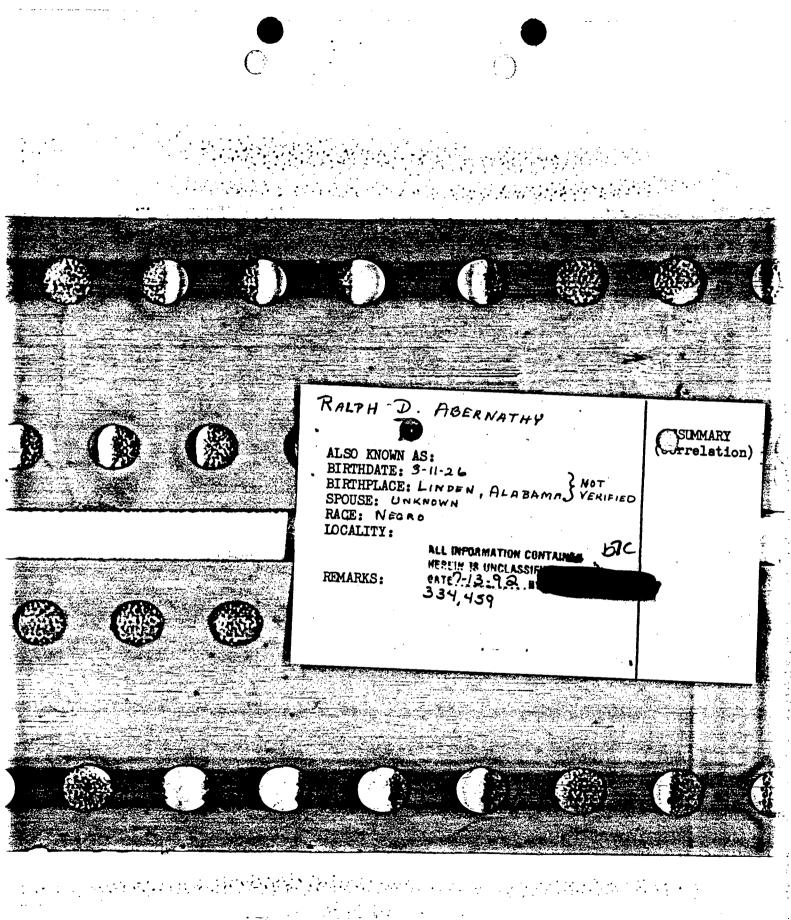
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Orlando, Florida, Police Department, advised on March 6, 1964, that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and three or four other individuals accompanying him arrived at the Orlando Airport at 2:40 p.m. that date. He stated that KING was net by members of the Orlando Police Department and CURTIS JACKSON, minister of the Shiloh Baptist on March 9, 1964, advised Church, Orlando. that a policeman was assigned to stay with KING while he was in Orlando and that several policemen were stationed at the public meeting addressed by KING on the night of Friday, March 6, 1964. said the group left by plane Saturday morning march 7, 1964. stated there was no incident of any kind during KING's stay in Orlando. He advised that he heard a collection was takes up from the crowd at the Friday night meeting, but he does not know how much money was collected. He said he heard the estimate of 2,000 attending was an exaggeration. He stated KING stayed at the San Juan Hotel.

San Juan Hotel, Orlando, advised on March 9, 1964, that records of this hotel indicate that Dr. MARTIN L. KING occupied Room 303 on the night of March 6, 1964. The only charge to this room was \$7 for room, plus \$.21 tax. Stated there stated there were three others in the KING party; Reverend BERNARD S. LEE and Dr. RALPH D. ABERNATHY occupied Boom 301, which connected with Room 303, and Mrs. DOROTHY F. COTTON occupied Room 608 on a different floor. stated that Mrs. COTTON registered in the hotel on March 5, 1964. He advised that all of them listed as their address, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. except ABERHATHY who did not list any street also stated that charges for all four address. individuals were transferred to one account and it was requested that these charges be billed to Mrs. DOROTHY T. COTTON, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 334 Addition Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Charges for the group totaled \$122.21. Of this amount, \$77.21 was one charge for restaurant service on March 6, 1964. stated that when KING and his party arrived on March 6, it was mid-afternoon and between the lunch and dinner periods, but they wanted something to eat and it was arranged for them

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to get steaks sent to the room for the group arriving and for three or four local individuals who were accompanying them, but whose identities for the did not know. Stated they all checked out on the morning of March 7, 1964. He stated that reservations were made for this group in the name of Reverend CURTIS JACKSON, Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando, telephone Birden 2-9032. Advised that there was nothing of an unusual occurence in connection with KING staying at this hotel

except that a police sergeant was stationed outside Rooms 301 and 303 all the time KING was in his room. stated there was no record of any long distance calls by any member of this group. Two local calls were charged to Room 301 on March 6, 1964, one to CHerry 1-4531 (listed to Delta Air Lines) and one to GArden 4-4511 (listed to Eastern Air Lines).

advised on March 7, 1964, that KING and his group left Orlando at 9:00 a.m. that date aboard Delta Air Lines flight 742, scheduled to arrive Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:50 a.m.

The daily newspaper "Orlando Evening Star" of March 5, 1964, carried the following article:

"King Due In Orlando Tomorrow "

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is scheduled to be in Orlando tomorrow for an all-day workshop followed by a mass meeting tomorrow night at Tinker Field.

"The Rev. CURTIS JACKSON, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church at W. Jackson and Terry Streets, who is area president of the SCLC, said the workshop will be held at the church with registration at 9 a.m. and sessions from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

"He said some 200 Negro ministers from throughout Florida are expected to attend.

"The mass meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If the weather is threatening, it will be moved from Tinker Field to the Central Florida Fair's new air-conditioned Exposition Hall on the fairgrounds on W. Livingston, Rev. JACKSON said.

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"Purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the Florida ministerial leadership with plans to perfect the freedom program throughout the state, according to the local minister who also has announced his candidacy for Orlando City Council."

The "Orlando Evening Star" of March 6, 1964, carried the following:

#### "Integration Effort Unity Urged Here

"Forty Negro church pastors and others from over the state heard an appeal for unity in integration efforts in the morning session of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

"Principal speakers at an all-day workshop, which has the goal of forming a state affiliate with the national conference, were the Rev. C. T. VIVIAN, Atlanta, head of the conference's affiliate program, and Mrs. DOROTHY COTTON, director of citizen education of the conference.

"Rev. VIVIAN told the audience, which included two young white men and two young white girls identified as Florida State University students, that the conference will 'have to organize every little county if we're going to bring about the freedom we all seek.'

"Commenting on the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having passed the House, VIVIAN said that episodes of violence in Birmingham brought the measure 'from the bottom of the agenda to the top...and we are going to see that the bill is not just on the books but a bill in fact.'

"Mrs. COTTON said that the conference has the grand goal of integrating the American Negro into all aspects of American life and urged participation in the conference's citizen education program.

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the conference, is scheduled to address a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Tinker Field. In case of inclement weather, the rally will be at Exhibition Hall on the fairgrounds."

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The daily newspaper, "Orlando Sentinel" of March 7, 1964, carried the following:

"2,000 Hear King Push Mix 'Now'

"Braving chilling winds and temperatures in the 50's about 2,000 Negroes with a sprinkling g of whites filed into Tinker Field grandstand last night to hear Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., make another of his fiery speeches for 'integration now.'

"The non-violent action proponent repeated many of the statements he had made earlier in the day to a group of Negro pastors from all over Florida and added advice as to what the Negro must do to bring about total immediate integration.

"KING and earlier speakers urged the Negro to exercise his right to vote. He told of the difficulties encountered by the Negro attempting to register in some areas, but said in other places the Negro failed to register merely because of 'complacency, indifference and laziness.'

"Rapping sharply at office holders who KING said were avowed segregationists, he told his audience, 'There is no reason for Florida to have a governor or senators who are segregationists.'

"One of the speakers, who also presided over the rally, was the Rev. CURTIS J. JACKSON, a candidate for Orlando City Commission who asked for the support of both Negro and 'liberal white' voters.

"KING, who received a standing ovation as he came out on the infield, opened his talk with the statement that the 'wind of change is sweeping out an old order and sweeping in a new order in America.' He said, 'in spite of loud noises from places such as Alabama and Mississippi, segregation is on its deathbed and the only thing left to be seen is how expensive its funeral is going to be made by segregationists.'

"He told his Negro listeners that they had a number of challenges to meet and among these is one to make full and constructive use of the freedom they possess.

### MARTIN LUTZER KING, JR.

"He said they must develop a strong action program to get rid of segregation and to destroy the 'myths' that time will solve desegregation problems, and that desegregation cannot achieved by legislation. He said action will solve the problem and legislation may not be capable of abolishing prejudices, but it can end segregation. 'Law,' he said, 'can't make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me.'

"A Florida affilitate of the Southern Christian Leaders Conference was formed as the result of a conference workshop conducted yesterday at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The action ties together seven independent local affilitate in the state, including one in Orlando, and is expected to be the keystone for <u>addition</u> additional units.

"Highlight of the workshop was an address by KING, SCLC president, who predicted that the SCLC's 110 affiliates will grow to 250 by the end of 1964.

"He referred to the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having been passed by the House, and urged that Southern Senators opposing the bill be 'exposed.'

"KING said 'I prefer no bill at all if they eliminate the public accommodations and equal employment opportunities provisions."

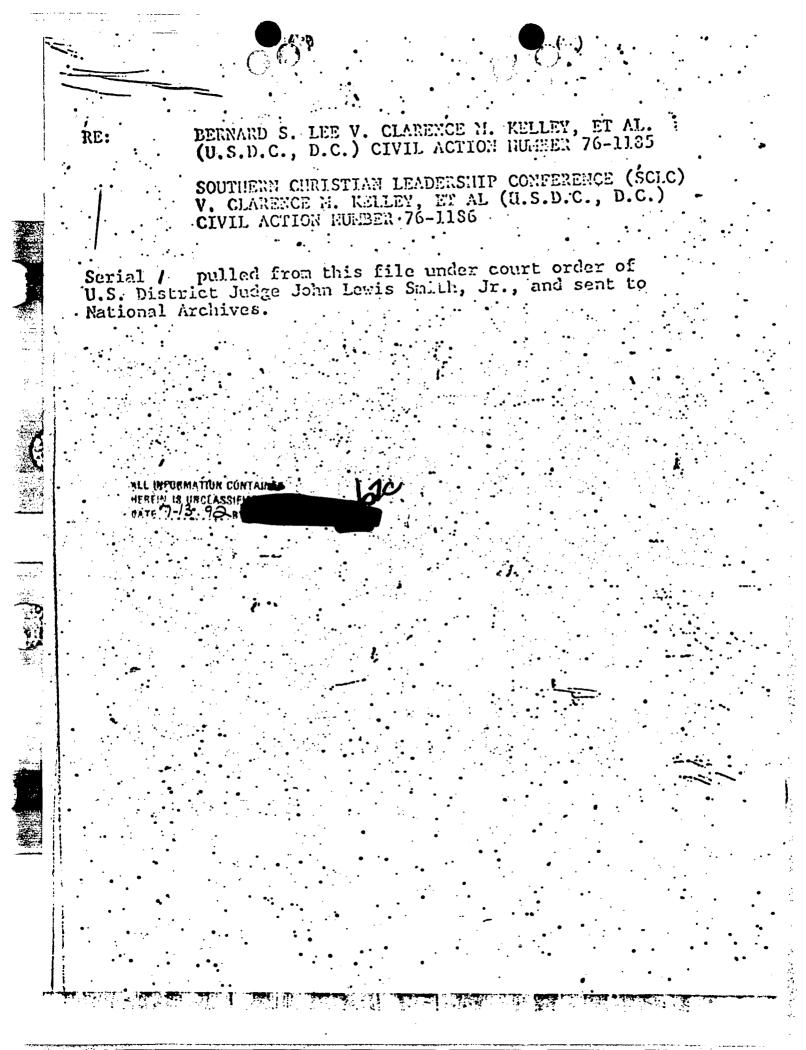
"Turning to elections, KING said that President JOHNSON, 'who is almost certain to be nominated by his party,' has got to be 'watched a little longer to see what he will do when a (civil rights) crisis comes.' However, he added, 'President JOHNSON has much political sagacity -- he knows he must have the Negro vote.'

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"KING said that nearly one half million new Negro voters have been registered in the past 18 months, he expected another 300,000 to be registered "in the next few months."

"In other workshop matters, the Rev. C. K. STEELE, Tallahassee pastor and SCLC vice president, said that a protest march on Tallahassee will be held March 27 against the state's 'slow haste' in integrating public facilities and against participation by Florida senators in the expected filibuster over the civil rights bill."

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The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Farty on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

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AS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND THE CLOSEST ASSOCIATE OF DR. KING BEFORE AND SINCE THE MOVEMENT IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA IN 1955, I DEEPLY REGRET THE FACT THAT YOU SAW FIT TO MAKE SUCH AN UNTRUE STATEMENT AGAINST SUCH A NOBLE CITIZEN. YOUR ATTACK WAS NOT UPON HIS CHARACTER, WHICH IS WELL ESTABLISHED AND FAR ABOVE QUESTION, BUT IT IS AN ATTACK UPON THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR WHICH DR. KING STANDS. YOUR WORDS GAVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO LUNITIC FRINGE AND SEGREGATIONIST WHO<sup>5</sup> NOV 25 1964 WISH NOT TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF THIS LAND. IT MIGHT INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW BEING QUOTED IN KLAN RALLIES, CITIZEN COUNCIL MEETING AND OTHERS WHICH ARE SEEKING TO DESTROY 470 OUR GREAT NATION AND EMBARRASS AMERICA IN THE EYES OF THE NATION MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

AND WORLD. I PERSONALLY CALL UPON YOU TO RISE TO THE HIGHT OF TRUE GREATNESS AND RETRACT YOUR STATEMENT AGAINST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

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

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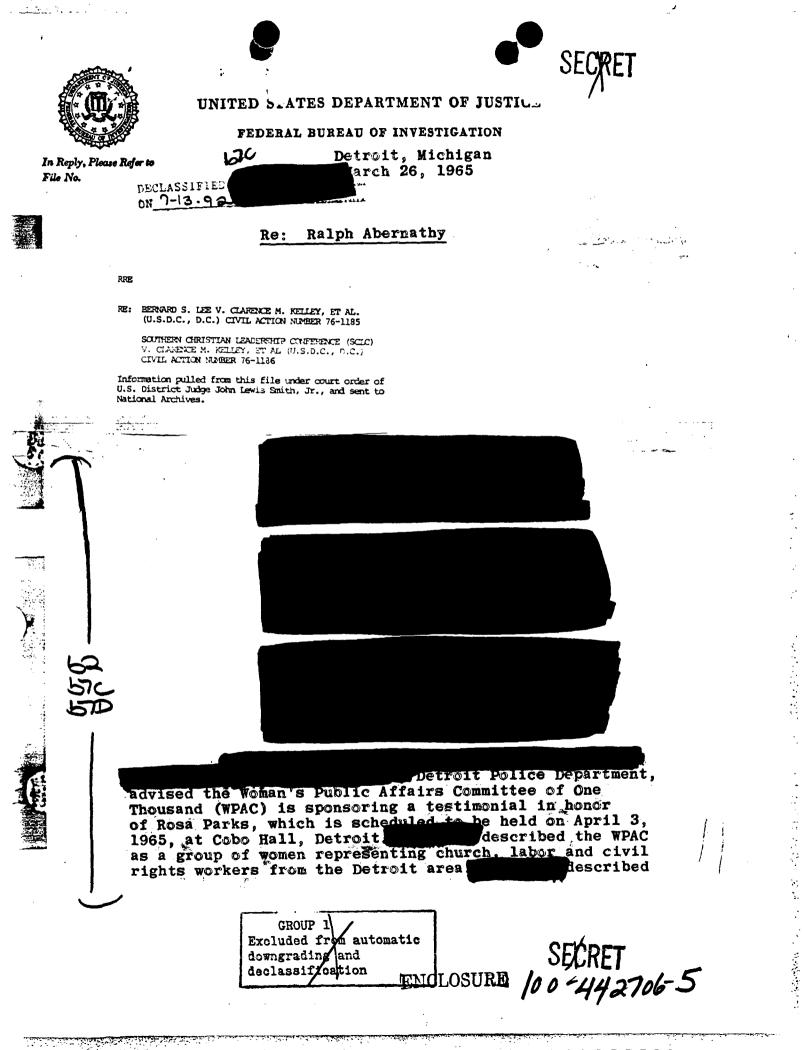
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The enclosed LHM has been classified SERRET because it contains information from a highly sensitive source with respect to the racial situation in the Atlanta, Ga., area. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Re: Ralph Abernathy

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Rosa Parks as being very active in promoting civil rights and as the individual who sparked the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. Further stated that the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, and Ralph Abernathy will be present at the Rosa Parks affair.

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Detroit, Michigan

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osa LEETPARKS "The Detroit Free Press", a Detroit daily metropolitan newspaper of general circulation, in its issue of April 4, 1965, on page 8A contained an article captioned, "800 Fete Mother of Negro Revolt". In part, this article stated that more than 800 persons gathered in Cobo Hall Saturday hight to pay tribute to a Negro seamstress, Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks, "the mother of the Negro Revolt". Mrs. Parks, 51, a graduate of the Alabama State Teachers College, touched off a Negro boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama hus system in 1955 when she was jatled for refusing to more to the back of a bus. Mrs. Coretta Scoth King, wife of c.vil rights leader, <u>Dr. Martin Luther</u> Jr., was the speaker at the \$10.00 a plate dinner. Proceeds of the dinner will go MIS MILL LA . KRAMMAN to Mrs. Parks.

The audience included many prominent local, national church, community and labor leaders.

"The Detroit News", a Detroit daily motropolitan newspaper of general circulation, in its issue of April 4, 1965, on page two contained an article captioned, "Dr. King's Wife Here, Bares 5,000 - Student Protest Plan". This article in part went on to state that the nation's colleges will be asked soon by Dr. Martin Luther King to each "adopt" one of the 120 highly segregated southern counties for a massive civil rights campaign this summer. This article further stated that Mrs. King came here from her Atlanta home with Reverend Ralph Abernathy, a King lieutenant in the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) to speak at a Cobo Hall testimonial for Mrs. Rosa Lee Parks.

**On April 5. 1965** 

Detroit Police Department advised the above-mentioned affair held at Cobo Hall, Detroit, on April 3, 1965, occurred without incident, picketing or any disturbance of any nature.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY (See Correlation Summary, dated 7/13/61, filed as 100-442706-X)

Main File No: 100-442706

Date: 5-3-65

Subject: Rev. Ralph David Abernathy

Date Searched: 12/3/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

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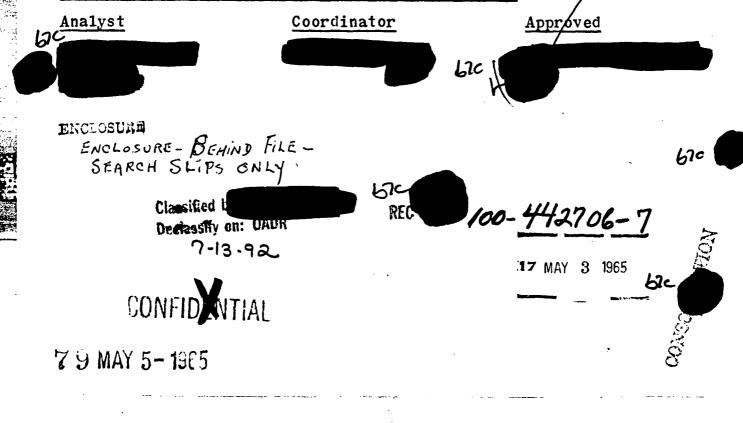
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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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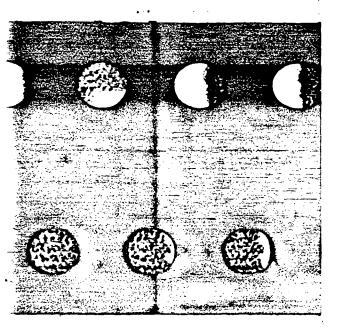


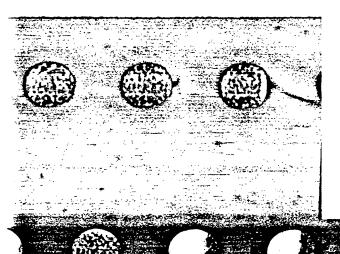
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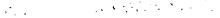
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CONDENTIAL	ABBREVIATIONS	
Add. info	Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Ralph David Abernathy may be found in the main file or else- where in this summary.	
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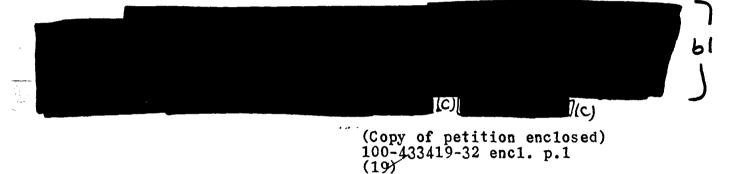
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She advised that in 1957 she received a pamphlet from the Georgia Commission on Education, 220 Agriculture Building, 19 Hunter St., SW, Atlanta, Ga., that referred to the Highlander Folk School (61-7511). This pamphlet pictured Martin Luther King and Rev. Abernathy as among those who had attended this school from 8/30/57 to 9/2/57, at Monteagle, <u>Tenn</u>.

> 61-7511-281 (23)



Bureau memo, dated 5/22/61, captioned "Congress of Racial Equality Freedom Ride, 1961" (100-225892) made reference to a request by the Director for a summary on Ralph D. Abernathy and others. Brief summaries set out. By letter dated 5/23/61 a summary on Abernathy was forwarded to the AG.

> 100-225892-365 Summary (17) 5/22/61

On 6/21/61, and a second (62-99405) made available, among other articles, a 4-page list of names showing "arrest records" of persons arrested in connection with the activities of the "Freedom Riders." The 4th page of this document was a list of names headed "Sheriffs Office. Montgomery, Alabama." Appearing on this page was the name of Ralph David Abernathy with the number 11939 and the date 5/25/61. The function out the name of Abernathy on this list and said that Abernathy was known by him to have moved to Montgomery, Ala., about the same time that Martin Luther King took up residence there.

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Copy of "arrest records" enclosed 62-99405-174 p.3, encl. p.7 (22)

The "National Guardian" dated 7/3/61, carried an article entitled "American Group Will Attend Japan Anti-Bomb Conference." This article concerned various Americans who had been invited to attend the 7th Annual Conference of the Japan Council Against the A and II Bombs, that was to be held in Hiroshima, Japan, from 8/6 to 8/14/61. The Provisional Committee for Cooperation With the Japan Council Against the A and H Bomb (100-435680) was formed to raise money to send delegates to the conference. Ralph D. Abernathy was one of those invited, but was unable to attend because of prior commitments.

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100-435680-2 encl. p.3 (19) SI 105-62469-A "National (19) Guardian" 7/3/61

Reference was made to a memo, dated 7/7/61, from the AAG, Civil Rights Division, which requested the Bureau to interview Rev. Ralph D. Abertathy regarding his knowledge of discriminatory practices at the Dannelly Field Airport, Montgomery, Ala. On 7/14/61 Abernathy advised that in the past he had been ordered from the white waiting room and told not to use the water fountain marked "White Only" at this airport. Interview set out.

> 157-394-16 p.1,6-8 (21) SI 157-394-9 (15)

100-367343-70 p.2

Mobile airtel, dated 10/24/61, captioned "Mass Voting Campaign in Southern States-Racial Matter" (157-446) enclosed a clipping from the "Montgomery Advertiser," dated 10/21/61. This clipping entitled "Defeat of 'Anti-Negro' Candidates Goal of Registration Drive, Abernathy Says," quoted Abernathy relative to a Negro voter registration drive in Montgomery, Ala.

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An SCLC (100-438794) newsletter, dated February 1962, showed a photograph of a group of individuals at a banquet held in conjunction with the SCLC citizenship training session at Dorchester, <u>Ga.</u>, from 1/15 to 1/20/62. Among those identified in this photograph was Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of the SCLC.

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100-358916-226 p.5 (19)

Atlanta airtel, dated 6/6/62, captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference-Racial Matters," (157-632), enclosed a letterhead memo dated 6/6/62. This memo revealed that on 6/6/62, Harry Bellafonte and a group of 8 other Negroes which included Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Martin Luther King and their wives, attempted to enter the Kings Inn Restaurant, Atlanta, Ga. They were stopped by the hostess who told them they could not be served. Jay Sarno, part owner of the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel from which company the Kings Inn Restaurant was leased, invited the group to have lunch in his offices.

> 157-632-17 encl. p.1 (157) SI 157-632-14 (157)

The Washington Capital News Service release dated 1/7/63, revealed that the Supreme Court had granted hearings to "The NY Times" and four Negro clergymen who had contested a \$500,000 libel judgement returned in 1960 by a Montgomery, Ala., jury in favor of Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan. The clergymen, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Rev. S. S. Seay, Jr. of Montgomery, Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth of Eirmingham. and J. E. Lowery of Nashville, Tenn., in their petition, asserted their civil rights had been violated. The lawsuit was

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brought by Montgomery City officials because of an advertisement which the "Times" ran on 3/29/60. The advertisement was signed by the four above named defendants and 80 prominent persons.

44-0-A Washington Capital News (1) Service 1/7/63

"The Herald," a weekly Negro publication, dated 1/19/63, at Savannah, Ga., carried an article and a group photograph including Martin Luther King. Along with King in this photograph were Rev. Ralph Abernathy and others from the SCLC. The group was photographed at the Savannah air terminal while enroute to Midway, Ga., for a special 1963 planning conference.

#### 100-358916-230 (4)

The "PW," dated 3/30/63; carried an article entitled "Mine-Mill Opens War On Job Insecurity." This article revealed that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was one of the speakers at the 70th convention of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (100-108199) held in Denver, Colo., the previous week. Abernathy stated that the anti-Negro forces were also anti-labor forces and he outlined the goals of the Negroes.

> 100-108199-A "PW" 3/30/63 (19)

Birmingham report, dated 5/24/63, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of the Gaston Motel. Birmingham, Ala., 5/11/63" (157-881), revealed that for the motel on the night of 5/11 and 5/12/63. These cards revealed that Room # 30 was occupied by Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. R. Abernathy, 334 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga. They had arrived on 5/2/63.

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On 5/16/63, King advised that he and Rev. Ralph Abernathy had rooms # 29 and 30 rented on the night of 5/11/63. He stated that he had left Birmingham on the evening of 5/11/63 and was not there at the time of the bombing.

It was noted that there was no indication that Abernathy was in Birmingham on the night of the bombing.

157-881-241 p.41,55 (15)

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph Abernathy would attend the funeral of Medgar Evers, slain NAACP leader, on 6/15/63. They intended to leave Jackson, <u>Miss.</u>, immediately after the funeral.

> 157-896-107 (16)

advised that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., **57D** and Rev. Ralph Abernathy presided over a pro-integration meeting held at the St. Johns A.M.E. Church, 15 th St. and 7th Ave., North, Birmingham, Ala., on 7/29/63. Considerable discussion was devoted to the March on Washington, 8/28/63 (157-970) and all who were present at this meeting were encouraged to join this march.

> 157-970-368 encl. p.1 (16)

The "UE News," dated 9/23/63, and a UE 28th Convention 57C Summary furnished by Hotel 67D Commodore, NYC (protect identity), set out information concerning the 28th International Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (100-26912). At the morning session on 9/10/63, the delegates were addressed by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy of the SCLC. He "traced the struggle for freedom from Montgomery, Ala., to the Freedom March on Washington."

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of a program of the 7th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian leadership Conference (157-632), held in Richmond, Va., 9/24-27/63. This program set out the activities of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy during this convention.

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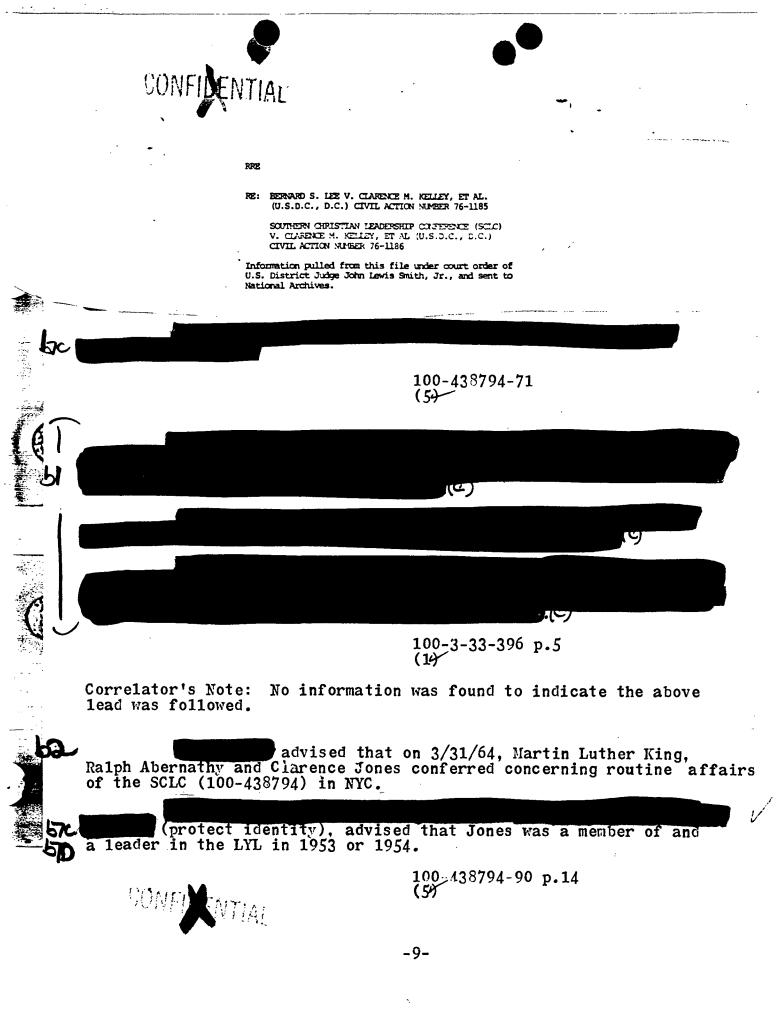
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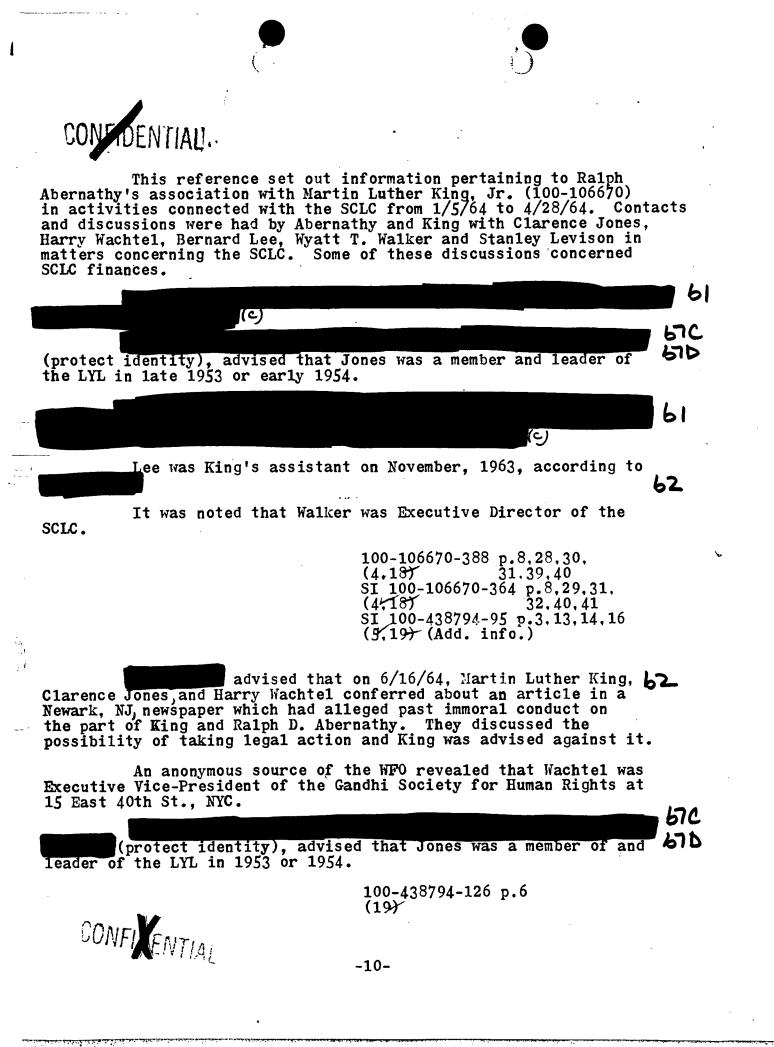
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meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (157-632) held on 6/26/64, at the Norfolk Arena, Norfolk, Va. In the absence of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who had been expected to attend, the "offering was led" by Dr. Milton Reid, Regional Director, SCLC.

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"The Crusader," the official publication for the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, an affiliate of the SCLC (100-438794), in its 8/27/64 issue advised that the SCLC had decided to hold its annual convention in Savannah, Ga. The article set out the schedule for the convention that was to be held from 9/29 to 10/2/64. On 9/30/64, the convention was to move to the ballroom of the Hotel De Soto, Savannah, for a banquet. Ralph Abernathy would act as toastmaster. (Article set out)

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The Baltimore "Evening Sun" 10/31/64, the "Baltimore News American," 10/31/64, and the Baltimore "Sunday Sun," 11/1/64, revealed that on 10/31/64, Dr. Martin Luther King spoke at an affair\* at the Masonic Temple, 1300 North Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Mayor Theodore Mc Keldin and Rev. Marion C. Bascom of the Douglass Memorial Church in Baltimore, also appeared on the program.

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters-Segregation" set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy in the civil rights movement.

DATE TYPE OF INFORMATION REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER 10/21/61 157-6-61-69 encl.p.2 Abernathy reportedly moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga.,  $(20)^{-1}$ where he was to be pastor of the SI to para. 1 West Hunter Baptist Church. ("Mobile 157-6-61-70 encl.p.1 Register" 10/18/61) (20)Abernathy was quoted in reference to candidates who ran for office on an anti-Negro platform. ("Montgomery Advertiser" 10/21/61) 11/2/61 A newspaper article entitled "Libel 157-6-4-A Seizure of Negroes Goods Upheld" "Washington Evening stated that Abernathy and other minis- States from Alabama had lost a suit filed (20) Star" 11/2/61 by them seeking to nullify libel actions brought against them by Alabama authories. They had been found guilty of libel against these officials. 12/15-16/61 Abernathy, Martin Luther King and 157-6-2-232x Wyatt Walker arrived in Albany, Ga., on 12/15/61. SI 157-6-2-215 (67 SI 157-6-2-217 On 12/16/61. Abernathy, King, and Dr. W. G. Anderson, head of the Albany (6) Novement, led a civil rights demon-stration with the intention of SI 157-6-2-220x encl p.1 praying before City Hall, Albany. (6) They were arrested for parading with-yout a license and were taken to the .: / Sumter County Jai1, Americus, Ga. and the second second (continued) -14-



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- Abernathy spoke at the Negro First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. He stated that if the Negroes were to be free, he'd have to free himself. ("Mobile Régister" 3/20/62)
  - Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and others were traveling throughout the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia in connection with a voter registration drive.

Abernathy and Martin Luther King were scheduled to appear in Recorder's Court, Albany, Ga., for judge's rule on a motion filed or sentencing if found guilty. Demonstrations were expected if they were found guilty.

They were found guilty of parading without a license and obstructing sidewalk, fined \$178 or 45 days in jai1. They elected to serve sentence.

On 7/11/62, approximately 75 Negroes marched in Albany, Ga., to protest jail sentences given Abernathy and Martin Luther King. Albany PD)

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On 7/11/62, Charles Joseph Jones, Field Secretary, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, addressed mass meeting at Shiloh-Baptist Church, Albany, and said AG Kennedy would be contacted by telephone and "would have it put to him in such a way where he would have to come down and get King and Abernathy out of jail."

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On 7/12/62, an unknown person paid Abernathy's and King's fines and they were released from jail.

Abernathy and Martin Luther King left Albany, Ga., and returned to Atlanta. They were scheduled to return to Albany on 7/16/62. (Bureau memo, 7/15/62)

This reference set out information pertaining to the arrest on 12/16/61, and the sentencing on 7/10/62, of Abernathy and Martin Luther King in Albany, Ga., for parading without a license and obstruction of the sidewalk. They were released on 7/12/62, when an unknown person paid their fine and they left Albany on 7/15/62. scheduled to return on 7/16/62. Newspaper clipping entitled "Dr. King Departs; Albany Cooling?" from the "Atlanta Constitution" 7/15/62. enclosed. (Bureau Memo 7/16/62) 157-6-2-439 (7) SI 157-6-2-427 (6)

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(continued) DATE TYPE OF INFORMATION REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER 7/16/62 Newspaper article entitled "Dr. King 157-6-2-A Seeks Talks At Georgia Jailing Site." "Washington Evening Dr. Martin Luther King and Abernathy were quoted as stating they hoped Star" 7/16/62 (10) to achieve their objectives by negotiation in Albany, Ga. 7/17/62 Abernathy addressed mass meetings 157-6-2-457 of Albany Movement at Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches, Albany, Ga., on 157-6-2-441 7/16/62. Abernathy left Albany on 7/17/62. 7/20/62 670 Abernathy, Martin Luther King and 157-6-2-565 others arrived in Albany, Ga. Albany, PD) 7/21/62 US Marshal was to serve Abernathy, Martin Luther King and others with restraining orders to prohibit their 157-6-2-447 (7)-SI 157-6-2-461 sponsoring, financing and encouraging unlawful picketing, congregating or boycotting the city of Albany, Ga. Restraining order was filed by Mayor Asa Kelly, Albany. (Atlanta teletype, 7/21/62) 7/21/62 US Marshal unable to serve restrain-**157-6-2-4**48 ing order on Abernathy and Martin Luther King in Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/21/62) 7/22/62 157-6 2-450 (7) Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and Dr. W. G. Andersen appeared at Albany, Ga., Police Department and were served injunction and restraining orders by US Marshal . (Bureau memo, 7/22/62) CONFRENTIAL (continued)

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- 7/22/62 This reference set out information pertaining to the activities of Abernathy in Albany, Ga., in connection with racial demonstrations from 7/20/62 to 7/22/62. Attempts of US Marshal serve injunction and restraining order on Abernathy were set out. (Atlanta airtel, 7/23/62, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/23/62)
- 7/23/62 Abernathy spoke to mass meeting of the Albany Movement held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/24/62)
- 7/23/62 The AG's Office requested Abernathy and others named as defendants in the restraining order to determine if there had been a violation of the restraining order. (Director's notation) (Bureau memo, 7/23/62)
- 7/24/62 Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and Dr. W. G. Anderson spoke at mass meetings held at Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches. Albany, Ga. They urged those present to demonstrate since <u>city officials</u> bic f would not negotiate.

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The restraining order against integration 157-6-2-499 groups and leaders such as Abernathy and (8) Martin Luther King was stayed by US Court of Appeals For the Fifth Circuit Judge Elbert P. Tuttle. Negro leaders were proceeding to Albany, Ga. for a mass meeting scheduled for 7/24/62. (Bureau memo, 7/24/62)

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Signed statement of Ralph D. Abernathy was set out concerning restraining order served on him on 7/21/62, at Albany, Ga., and the fact that he had abided by that order. Restraining order also set out. (Atlanta report, 7/24/62)

This reference set out information pertaining to the activities in Albany, Ga., of Abernathy. He appeared along with Martin Luther King and others at City Hall on 7/23/62, and offered to leave Albany if the City Commission agreed to meet with the Albany Movement leaders. He attended and spoke at meetings of the Albany Movement on 7/23-24/62, at the Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches in Albany. (Atlanta airtel, 7/25/62, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/25/62.)

Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and W.G. Anderson were observed being escorted to Mt. Zion Church, Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/25/62)

Martin Luther King planned a mass meeting of the Albany Novement in Albany, Ga., which was to have been led by King and Abernathy; -however, a meeting on night of 7/24/62 got out of hand and an unplanned demonstration took place.

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Ten individuals, including Abernathy, were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct for refusing to disperse by the Albany, Ga., PD. The group had asked permission to pray in front of City Hall, Albany, and they were doing this when asked to disperse. (Bureau memo, 7/27/62) REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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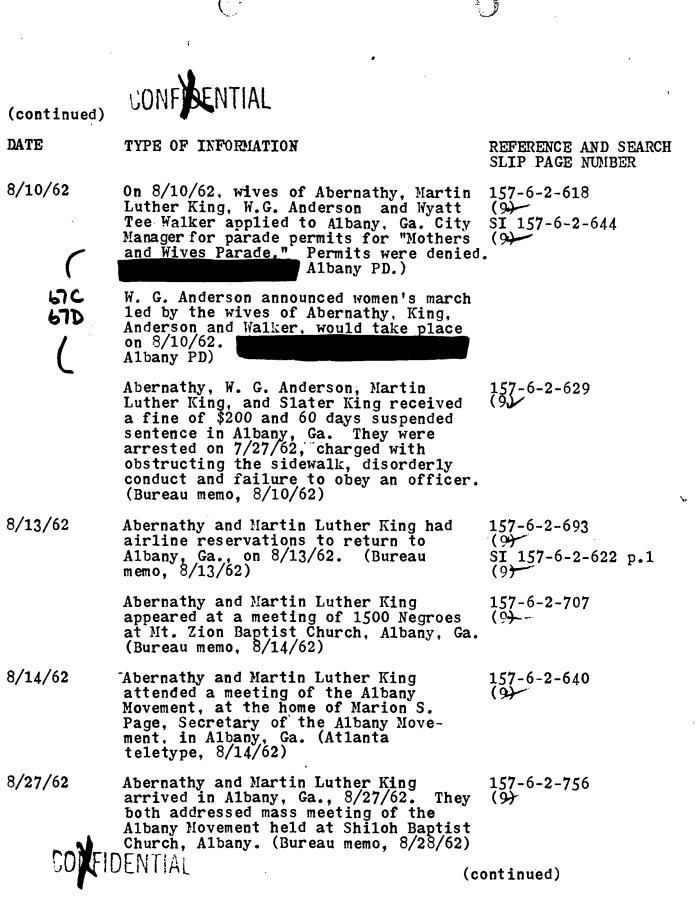
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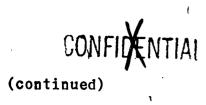
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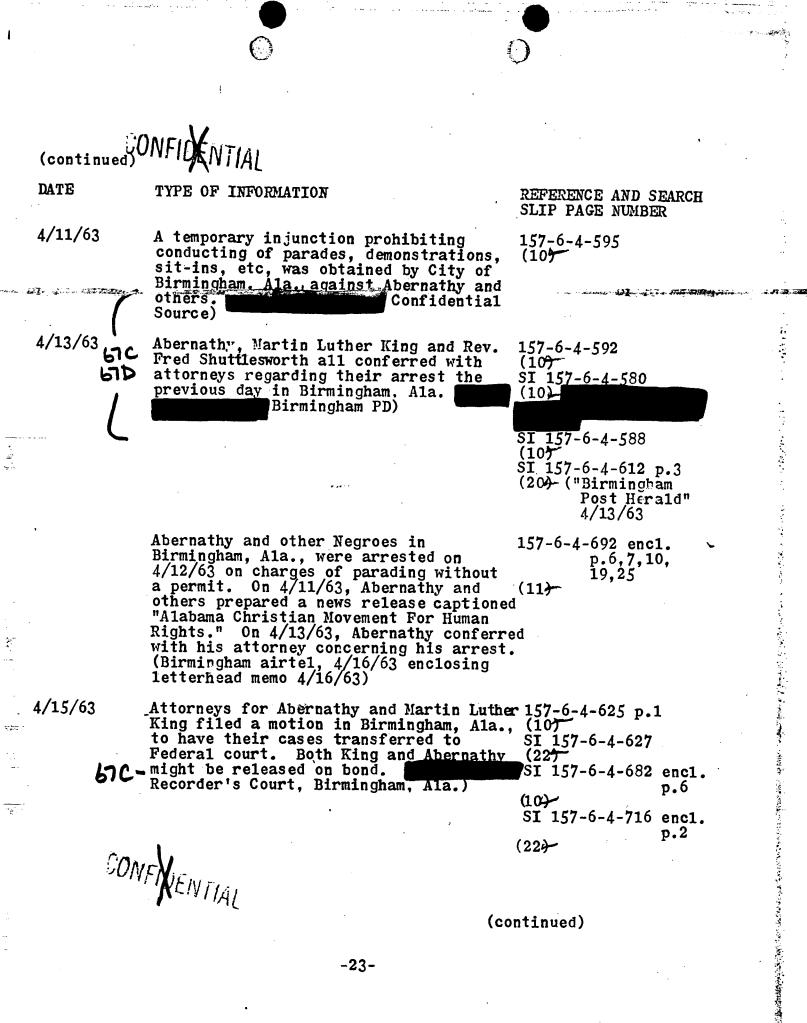
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	12/3/62	Abernathy was one of the speakers for the opening program of a week long Institute on Nonviolence and Social Change to be held in Montgomery, Ala. ("Mobile Press" 12/3/62)	157-6-61-149 enc1. p.2 (21)			
	12/8/62	Abernathy and other SCLC officials were going to institute a "People to People Crusade" in Alabama. On 12/5/62 they were to appear in Gadsden and Anniston, Ala.; on 12/6/62, in Talladega and Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and on 12/7/62, in Montgomery. On 12/8/62, they would be in Selma and Uniontown, Ala.	157-6-61-142 (14) 2, SI 157-6-61-144 (14)			
	12/9/62 らつ らつひ	A booklet captioned "Program, Seventh Anniversary and The Annual Institute on Non-Violence and Social Change," sponsored by the Montgomery Inprovement Association, held 12/3-9/62, Montgomery Ala., listed Abernathy as one of the personnel in this institute.	157-6-61-148 enc1. p.4,12,13 (25) (Add. info. t according to			
		Abernathy was becoming increasingly militant in his speeches, Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery				
•	2/18/63	Abernathy spoke to a meeting of the Albany Movement held at <u>Mt. Zion</u> Baptist Church, Albany.	157-6- 2-978 (10)			
	4/9/63 67C	Racial demonstrations were planned in Birmingham, Ala., Martin Luther King and Abernathy expected to be jailed.	157-6-4-572 (10)			
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On 4/19/63, attorneys, on behalf of Abernathy and Martin Luther King, filed a suit in Federal Court, Birmingham, Ala., against the City De Birnsaghan - Anovarie sought-a temporary restraining order and injunction prohibiting the defendants from denying Negroes the right to peacefully picket and demonstrate. **0**n 4/20/63, King and Abernathy were released from jail and left Birmingham for Atlanta. They were to return on 4/22/63. (Bureau memo, 4/22/63)

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Information was set out concerning the trial of Abernathy and others who had been arrested and tried for contempt(11) of court in Birmingham. They were found guilty and were committed to the custody of the sheriff of Jefferson County for 5 days and were fined \$50. ("Birmingham News" 4/25/63 and Records of Circuit Court, Jefferson County)

On 4/26/63, Abernathy and other Negroes leaders visited 3 department stores in Birmingham. (Birmingham airte1, 4/30/63, enclosing letterhead memo, 4/30/63)

Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and others 157-6-4-816 were convicted and sentenced to 180 days (11) in jail and \$100 fine. Trial arose out of arrest in Birmingham on <u>4/12/63, for</u> parading without a permit. Birmingham PD)

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157-6-4-678 (10)SI 157-6-4-690 p.1 (20

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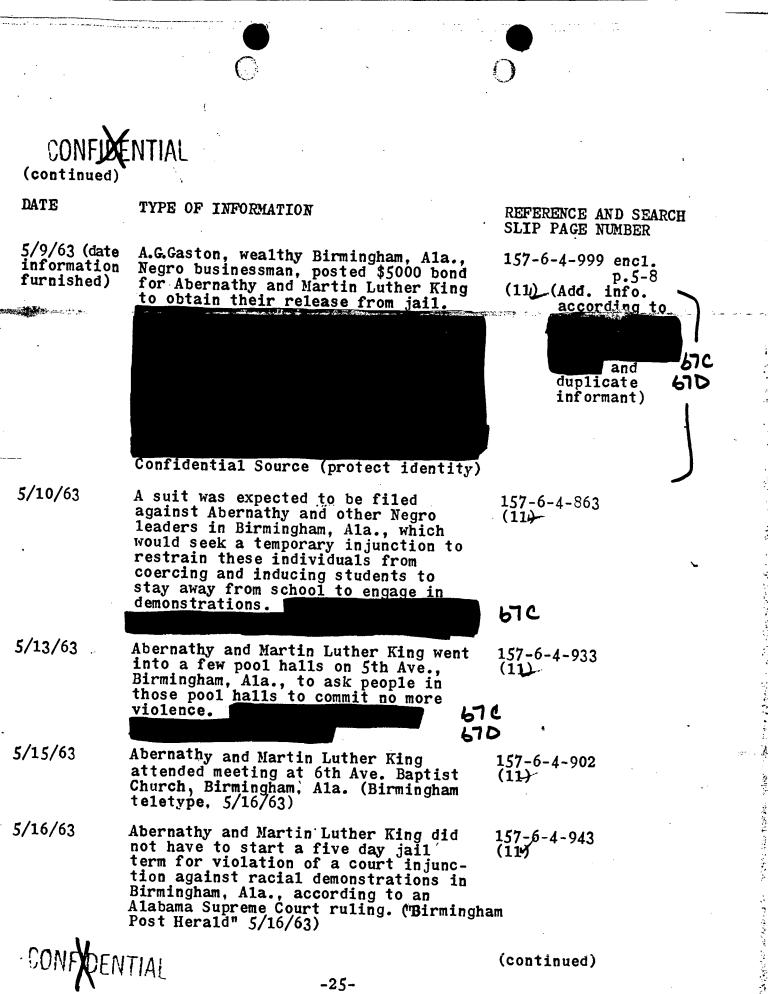
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7/12/63	Abernathy and Martin Luth departed Danville, Va. identified)	ner King not further	157-6-41-801 (12) SI 157-6-8-640 (12)	manue in Internet and
7/19/63	Abernathy was scheduled t mass meeting in Danville, James Street Holiness Bap (Richmond airtel, 7/19/63, letterhead memo, 7/19/63)	Va., at the otist Church.	157-6-41-859 enc1. p.2 (13) SI 157-6-41-869 (13)	
- 7/29/63 67C 67D	Abernathy and Martin Luth scheduled to arrive in Bi Confidential Source (RAC)	rmingham, Ala.	157-6-4-1436 (11)	
	Abernathy and Martin Luth presided over a pro-integ ing held at the St. Johns Birmingham, Ala. Abernat that if the Negroes were their freedom, there would World's Fair.	ration meet- AME Church, hy stated not given d be no	157-6-4-1448 (12)	and the second second second
7/30/63	Abernathy was speaker at a of Negroes at the Covenant Church. Ocala, Fla. He st Negroes must be willing to jails or quit and go home. Ocala, PD)	tated that	157-6-63-713 enc1. p.1.2 (14) SI 157-6-63-698 enc1. p.2	
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Abernathy was scheduled to speak to a public meeting on the non-violent struggle for human rights, in Seattle, Wash., at the Seattle Opera House. Meeting was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. ("Seattle Times" 10/5/63)

Abernathy was to be a member of a Task Force to be sent into Danville. Va., by the SCLC to aid in a desegregation program. (The "Danville Register" 11/6/63)

Abernathy and Martin Luther King expected to arrive in Danville, Va., on 11/15/63, where King would address a mass meeting and on 11/16/63 he would address a youth rally. They would leave Danville on 11/16/63. REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-4-1580 p.1,2 (12)

157-6-50-74 (20<del>)</del>

157-6-41-1398 (20)

157-6-41-1428 (13) SI 157-6-41-1405 enc1. p.2 (13) (The Danville "Commerical Appeal" 11/11/63) SI 157-6-41-1442 enc1. p.1 157-6-41-1418 enc1. p.1

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Abernathy was one of the speakers at the High Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va., on 11/15/63, regarding the racial demonstrations. Abernathy and Martin Luther King were expected to leave Danville on 11/16/63. for Atlanta, Ga.

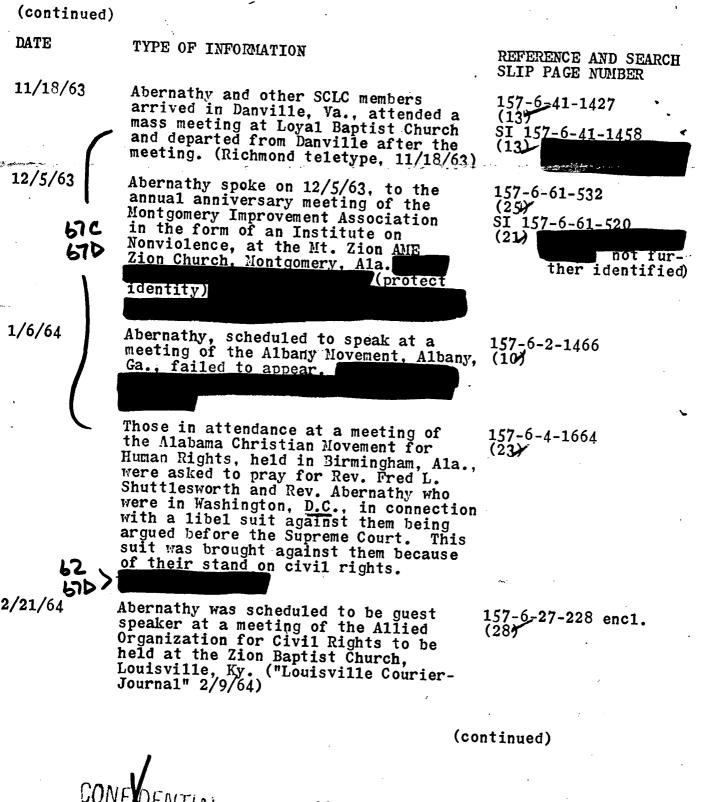
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7/6/64 67C 57D>	Abernathy spoke at a meeting held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Selma, Ala. He urged non-violence in Negro demonstrations.	157-6-61-648 (14 <del>)</del>
7/12/64	Abernathy was scheduled to speak at a Human Rights Day Parade in San Francisco. The parade was held to demand full equality for Negroes. (San Francisco airtel, 7/10/64, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/10/64)	157-6-47-336 (13)
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5/20/61	Plans of Freedom Riders from Birmingham, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala., included going to Abernathy's church in Montgomery.	157-373-28 (14)
5/21/61	Concerning Freedom Riders who were involved in a riot in Montgomery. Ala., on 5/20/61, Abernathy knew where those still in Montgomery were hiding but had not disclosed their whereabouts. State authorities had warrants of arrest for these riders on contempt of court charges. Martin Luther King arrived at Abernathy's residence for dinner. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)	157-373-62 (24)
	The Deputy AG requested that the Bureau contact Abernathy and a Rev. Walker, number two man of Martin Luther King, and request them to report to the Deputy AG, through the FBI, plans for any possible meetings they were going to have. Abernathy and Walker were to be informed that they would be afforded	157-373-87 p.1,1a,4,5 (24) SI 157-373-76 (24)
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protection at such meetings. Two meetings were scheduled to be held at Abernathy's church on 5/21/61. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)

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61 The Director desired a summary memo on Abernathy and others involved in the Freedom Ride incident of 5/20/61. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)

> This reference set out information concerning Abernathy's activities regarding the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala. A group of Riders stayed at Abernathy's home. He spoke to a mass meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Montgomery on 5/21/61. (Mobile report, 5/24/61)

A new group of Freedom Riders arrived in Montgomery, Ala., from Atlanta, Ga., and were taken to Abernathy's home. (Letter to the AG, 5/25/61)

Major General Henry V. Graham, Adjutant General, Alabama National Guard, requested notification when this group left Abernathy's home so they could be protected. Abernathy's home presented the most difficult security problem in Montgomery and the National Guard was still guarding his home.

5/25/61 Abernathy and others were arrested by 1 the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Ala., along with entire group of Freedom Riders who arrived in Montgomery from Atlanta, Ga. (Bureau memo, 5/25/61)

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157-373-335 p.g. 185, 248, 340, 341, 462, 470, 475

157-373-105 (24) SI 157-373-A "NY Herald Tribune" 5/22/61 (14)

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157-373-237 (14) SI 157-373-341 p.1.3, 8,9,28, 30,31, 33, enc1. (21) (legal proceedings set out)

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This reference set out information pertaining to the protection given

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arrest on charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly. (Mobile report,

Abernathy and 10 other individuals who had been arrested in Montgomerv. Ala..

on 5/25/61, were sentenced \$100 fine and 10 days in jail. He was freed on \$400 appeal bond. (Nobile letter, 9/21/61, enclosing letterhead memo, 9/21/61)

Montgomery, Ala. Also set out was information regarding Abernathy's

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157-373-346 p.22,26, 27,35,39 (21) Freedom Riders were staying while in

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The following references in the file captioned "Freedom Riders-Misc." set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the Freedom Riders.

DATE TYPE OF INFORMATION REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER 6/2/61 157-387-14 p.2,4,5 (21) (Add. info.) On 6/2/61, a restraining order was issued in Montgomery, Ala., against Abernathy and other individuals and organizations. The order restrained these individuals and organizations from interfering with persons trave1ing interstate to test state and local laws relating to racial segregation. (Bureau memo, 6/3/61)

Abernathy spoke to a Freedom Rally, held in NYC at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, to protest the jailing of the (15) Freedom Riders and to secure protection SI 157-387-96 for the SCLC. (A Special Agent of the FBI)

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"The Worker" dated 9/24/63, in an article entitled "Say Birmingham Situation Requires Troops, Not Panel," revealed that Abernathy was one of a delegation of 7 Negro leaders who had a conference with the President on the Birmingham situation.

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

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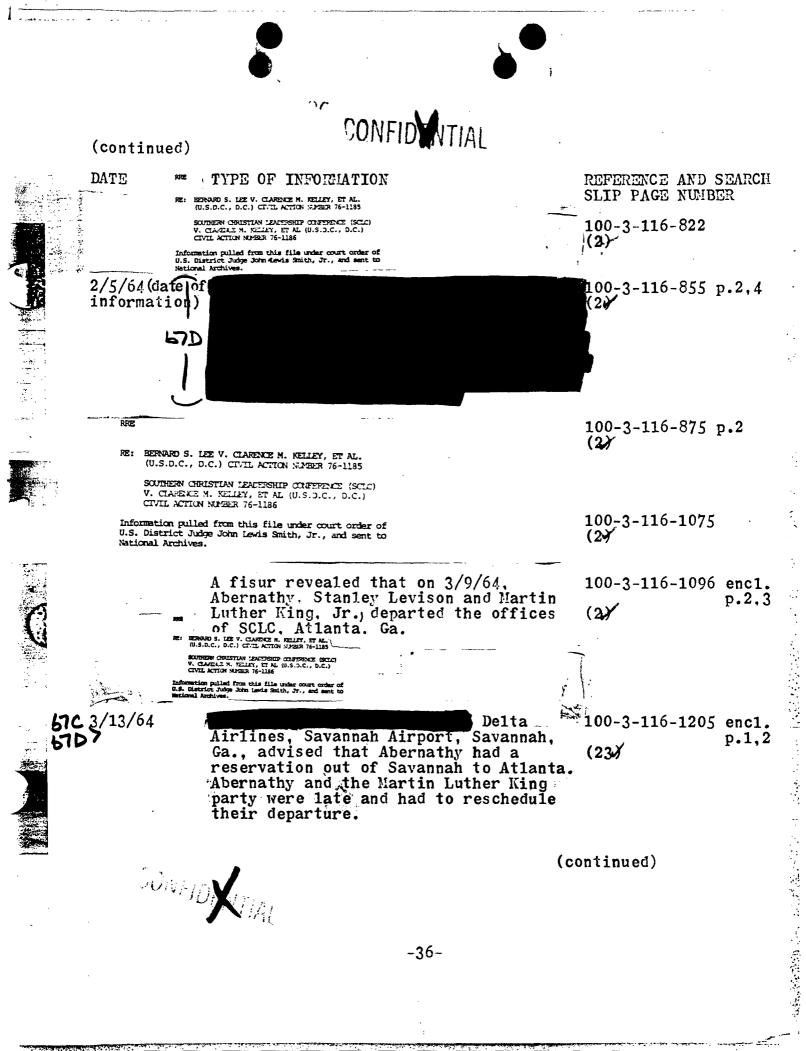
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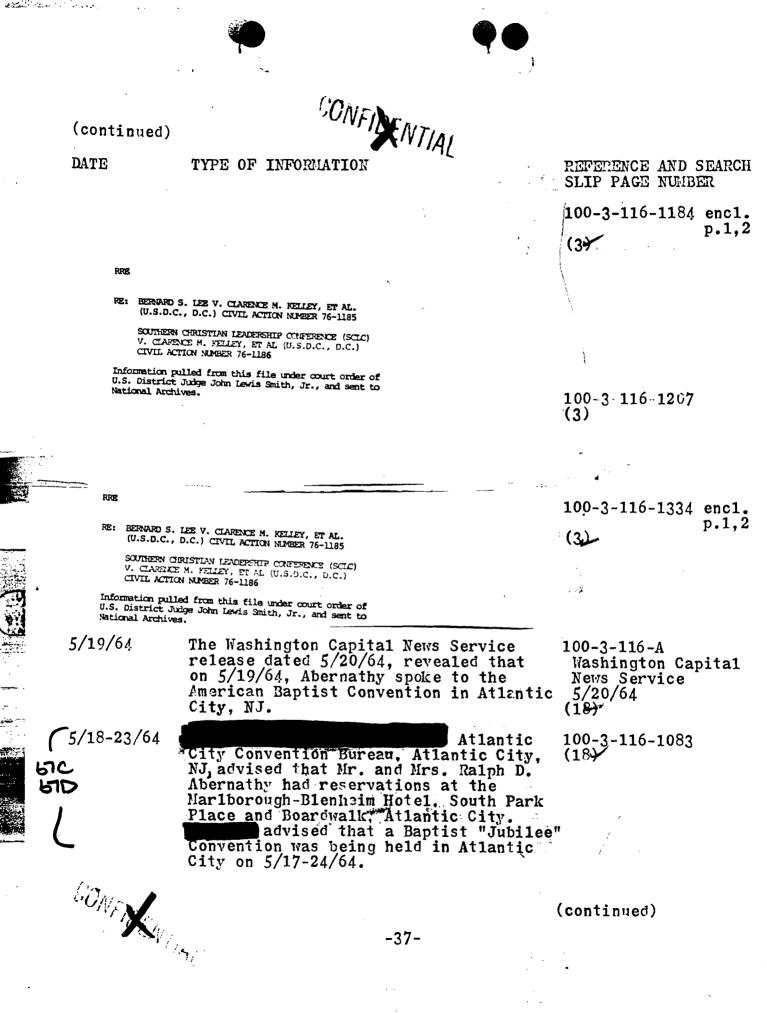
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The 7/19/64 issue of "The Herald" carried 100-3-116-1702 p.2 a photograph and a story to the effect (3) that Abernathy had seduced a 15-year-old girl in August, 1952. The article set out testimony given in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Ala.

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> Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Ga. (protect identity), advised that Abernathy, King and group had reservations on Flight 403 from Atlanta to Jackson, Miss., and Greenwood, Miss.

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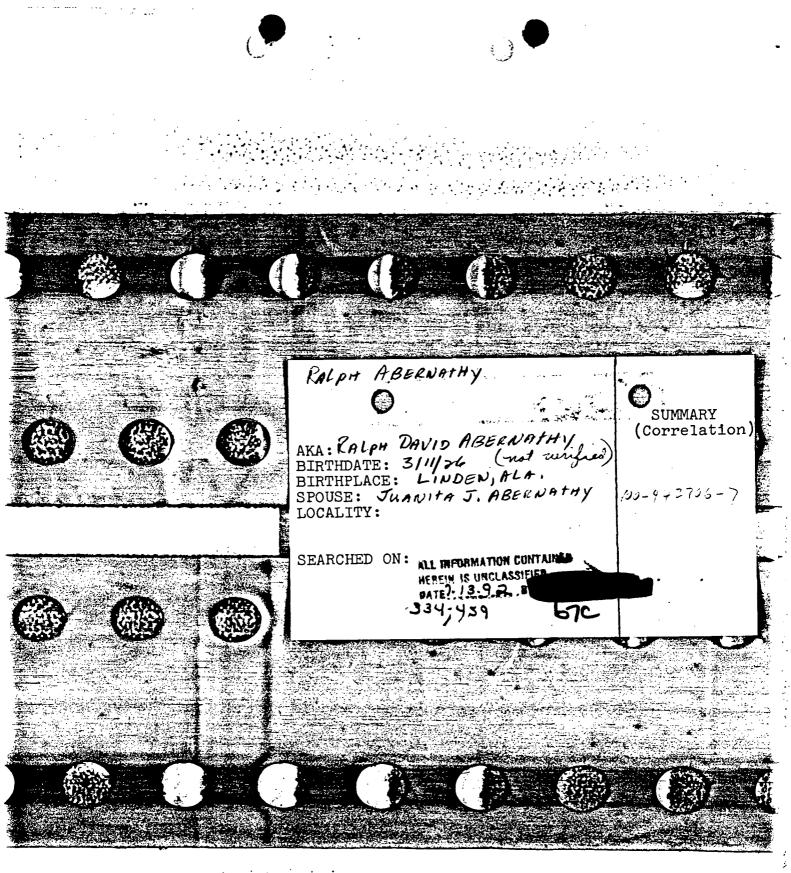
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# Memorandum

The Director

FROM N. P. Callahan

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Fages 10893-10894. Congressman Waggonner, (D) Louisiana, spake concerning connections between the Communist Party and leaders of the civil rights movement. He placed in the Record a column written by Mr. Ray Crowley which appeared in the May 20th issue of the Washington News. Mr. Waggonner adviced that the article "deals with the Red-tinged DuBois Clubs,

named after the Communist who founded the NAACP." The article states that Dr. William E. E. DuEols was a crusader for civil rights, supporter of Communist fronts, and joined the U. S. Communist Party at the age of 93. Mr. Waggonner also included with his remarks an item from the National Review Bulletin which states "Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a close associate of Martin Luther Ming, speaking in Philadelphia, rounded out remarks on civil rights with a glea for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and admission of Red Chinal to the U.N."

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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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I thought the President might be interested in the remarks pertaining to the White House made by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy on the Huntley-Brinkley television newscast over the NBC network last Thursday evening, August 5, 1965. Abernathy is Martin Luther King's chief aide and is Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which King is President.

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Abernathy referred to invitations extended to visit the White House and commented sarcastically to the effect that on such occasions they are served tea and cookies. He then emphasized that what the Negro really wants is filet mignon, lamb chops and pork chops. He also stated that the Negro is tired of eating chicken backs, chicken necks, pigs' ears and pigs' tails.

In another reference to the White House, Abernathy noted that there are 20 bathrooms over there and that they don't begrudge these to LBJ. But, he declared, there are Negro homes without one bathroom within aca block and a half from where he was speaking.

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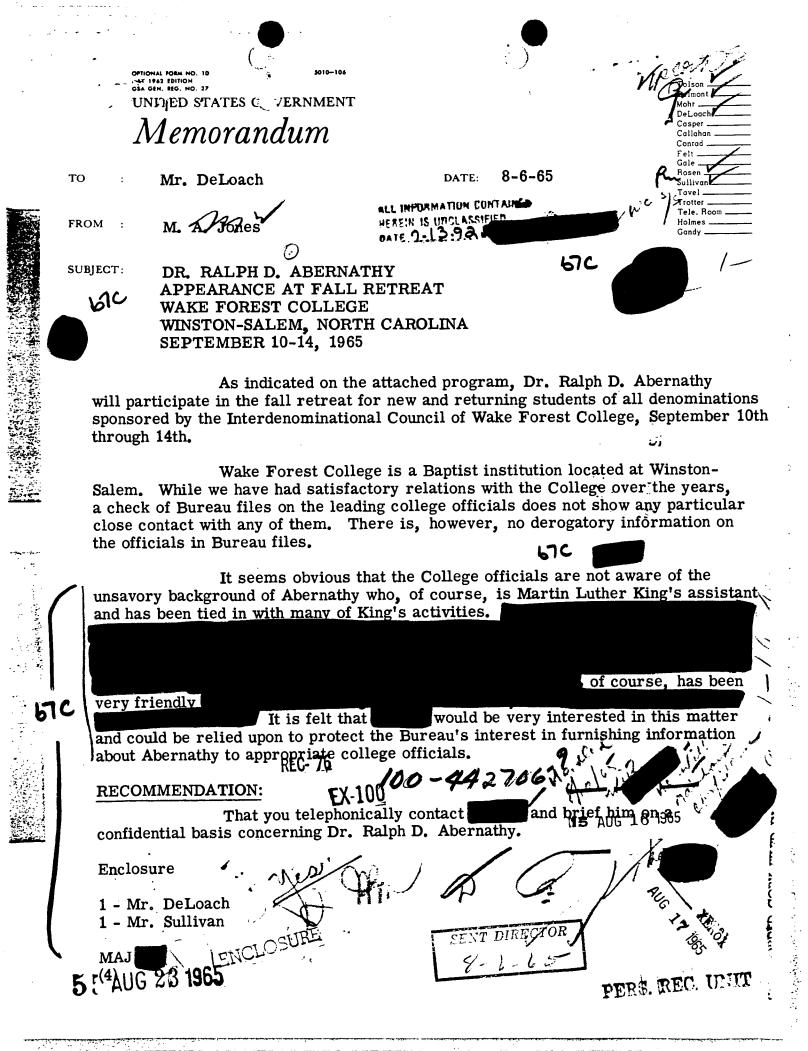
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Mohr DeLoach NOTE: The Director instructed that Abernathy's remarks be brought to Casper the attention of the White House. Upon approval this letter should be returned  $\frac{Control}{Control} = \frac{1}{Control} to M(r)$  DeLoach's Office for delivery to the White House.





## DR. SAMUEL S. HILL. JR.

Chairman of the Deportment of Religion at the University of North Carolino, Dr. Hill has traveled through 16 countries in Europe and North Africa and 5 Latin American cauntries. He is especially interested in religion in the a South from theologicon, sociological, and historical standpoints. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Georgetown College, has done graduate work at Vanderbilt University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Combridge University, and holds the Ph.D. from Duke University.

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DR. RALPH D. ABERNATHY Dr. Abernathy is the pastor of

West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. He is a prominent, leader in the civil rights move ment and an assistant to Dr Martin Luther King. He is a gradu ate of Alabamo State College, and did groduate work at Atlanta University. Wholly committed to nonviolence, C Abernathy is earnestly ity for all American king even \_\_\_\_\_izens.

## DR. EDWIN G. WILSON

Dr. Wilson is the Dean of Wake Forest College, holding that position since 1960. He received the B.A. at Woke Forest, and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity.

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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. November 3, 1965

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Dear Mr. Watson:

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Mr. Chiff Alexander has requested an FBI name check on Reverend Ralph Abernathy, First Vice President and Freasurer, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy has been very prominent with Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., the leader of this organization, in marial demonstrations throughout the South.

Ralph Abernathy - Summary The "Miami Daily News," Miami, Florida, in as article entitled "Montgomery Buses Launch Integration," reported on December 21, 1956, that Mr. Abernathy and Mr. King, among others, on that date ended the boycott of ever a year by Negroes refusing to ride segregated buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The Montgomery bus boycott began in December, 1955, and was sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association. Mr. King was President of this Association and was succeeded by Mr. Abernathy on February 1, 1960. Prior to this, Mr. Abernathy was Chairman of the Board of Directors since January 19, 1958.

In June, 1990, a highly confidential source revealed that the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Struggle for Freedom in the South and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Student Defense Fund, solicited funds from the Soviet Embassy, the Czechoslovakian Embassy and the Rumanian Legation, all in Washington, D. C. Among the names under which the requests for contributions were made was the name of Reverend Ralph D Abernathy. The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," on August 17.

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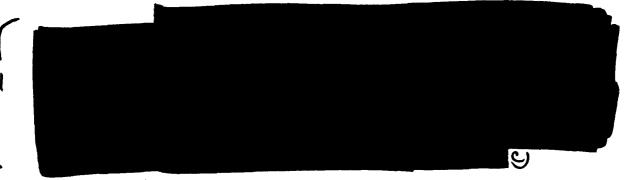


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1957 reported the official launching at Montgomery, Alabama, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and named Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery, Alabama, as the treasurer.



In his position as Vice President and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Mr. Abernathy, along with Mr. King, has associated with individuals with communist backgrounds. Some of these individuals include Stanley David Levison

Mr. Levison has been described as one who has dedicated his life to advancing the communist cause in this country.

As recently as July of this year, information was received indicating that Mr. Levison was in contact with Mr. Abernathy and Mr. King in connection with a fund-raising program for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

On October 10, 1965, I wrote you concerning remarks pertaining to the White House made by Mr. Abernathy on the Huntley-Brinkley television newscast over the NBC network on October 5, 1965. Briefly, you will recall that Mr. Abernathy referred to invitations extended to visit the White House and commented sarcastically to the effect that on such occasions they are served toa and cookies. He then emphasized that what the Negro really wants is filet mignon, lamb chops and pork chops. Mr. Abernathy noted that although he does not begrudge LEJ the 20 hathrooms in the White House, there are Negro homes without one bathroom within a block and a half from where he was speaking.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

The May 24, 1965, issue of the "Congressional Record" contained remarks by Congressman Joe Waggonner of Louisiana concerning connections between the Communist Party and leaders of the civil rights movement. Included in his remarks was an item from the "National Review Bulletin" which stated that "Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a close associate of Martin Lather King, speaking in Philadelphia, rounded out remarks on civil rights with a plea for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and admission of Red China to the U.N." (100-442706-9)

The files of the FBI Identification Division were reviewed on Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy." They revealed the following arrests under FBI number 842650 D: arrested February 22, 1956, by the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, in violation of a state law, disposition unknown; arrested on May 25, 1961, by the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, and charged with "disorderly conduct-unlawful assembly." He was fined \$100 on that occasion and sentenced to 30 days hard labor. On April 12, 1963, he was arrested by the Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department for parading without permit. Disposition of this arrest is unknown.

In addition to the above data concerning Mr. Abernathy, there is attached a copy of a memorandum containing information reflecting on his moral character. A copy of this memorandum was furnished to Mr. Walter Jenkins on January 14, 1964, by Assistant Director Cartha D. DeLoach. Mr. Jenkins read this entire report and advised that it was not necessary to leave this report with him since he would orally brief President Johnson on this matter.

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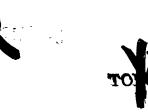
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NOTE: Upon approval, this letter, with enclosure, should be returned to Mr. DeLoach's office for personal delivery to the White House, See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo dated 11-2-65, captioned "Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy."

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SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

The White House has requested a name check of our files on captioned individual who, it has been learned, is being considered for an invitation to attend a civil rights conference to be held at the White House later this month.

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Our files show that in his position as Vice President and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Mr. Abernathy has, along with Martin Luther King, a number of contacts with individuals having communist backgrounds. Some of these include Stanley Levison Being sent as an enclosure to this letter is a memorandum prepared on January 10, 1964, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters" which contains detailed information pointing out the moral degeneracy of King and Abernathy. Pursuant to the Director's instructions, you, Mr. De Loach, showed a copy of this report to Mr. Walter Jenkins on January 14, 1964, at which time he read this report in its entirety. You advised Mr. Jenkins that the Director indicated you should leave this report with him, Mr. Jenkins, if he desired to let the President personally read it. Jenkins advised that he was sufficiently aware of the facts that he could verbally advise the President of this matter. Consequently, a copy of this report was not left with Mr. Jenkins.

In order to give the White House the full story on Abernathy, it is felt that the attached letter, with enclosure, be personally delivered to Mr. Watson by you, Mr. DeLoach.

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Miami, Florida January 21, 1966

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is made to memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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advised on January 20, 1966 that on Sunday, January 23, 1966, the Reverend BALPH ABERNATHY, Associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and Executive of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak at the Walker Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His speech will commence at 6:00 p.m. and will be sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Phi, a negro fraternal organization.

Contacts of confidential sources at Fort Lauderdale disclose no indication that this meeting will be harassed by any hate organizations.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida local authorities have been advised.

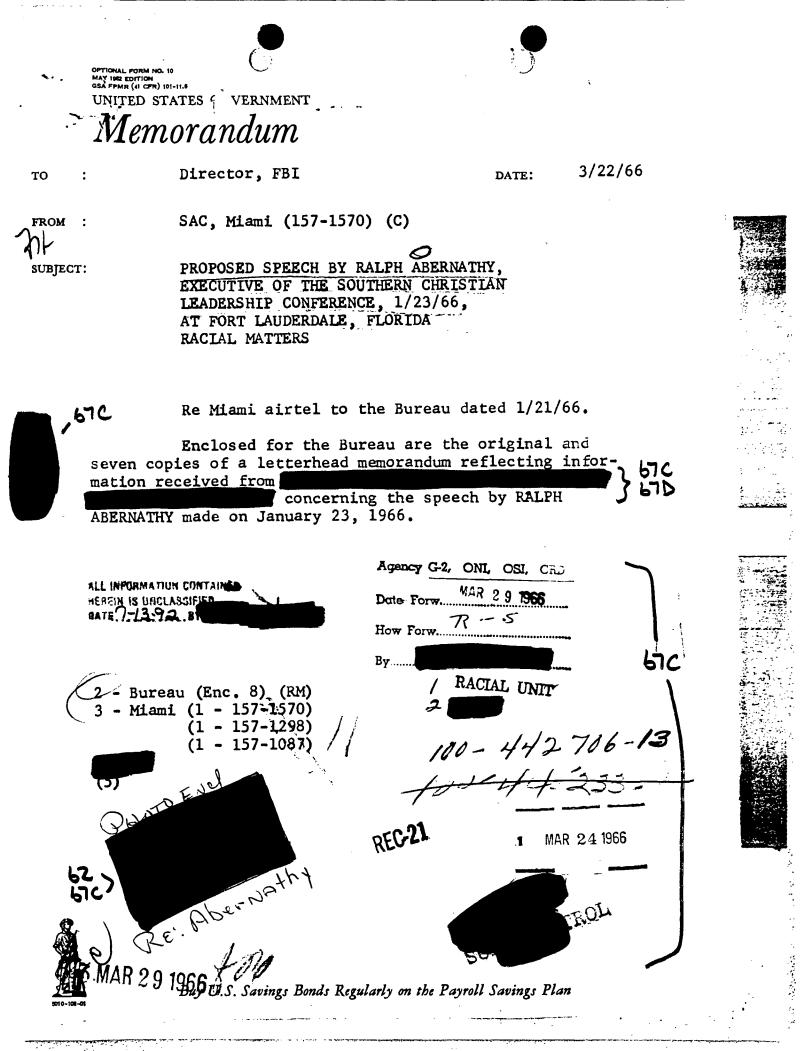
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Miami, Florida March 22, 1966

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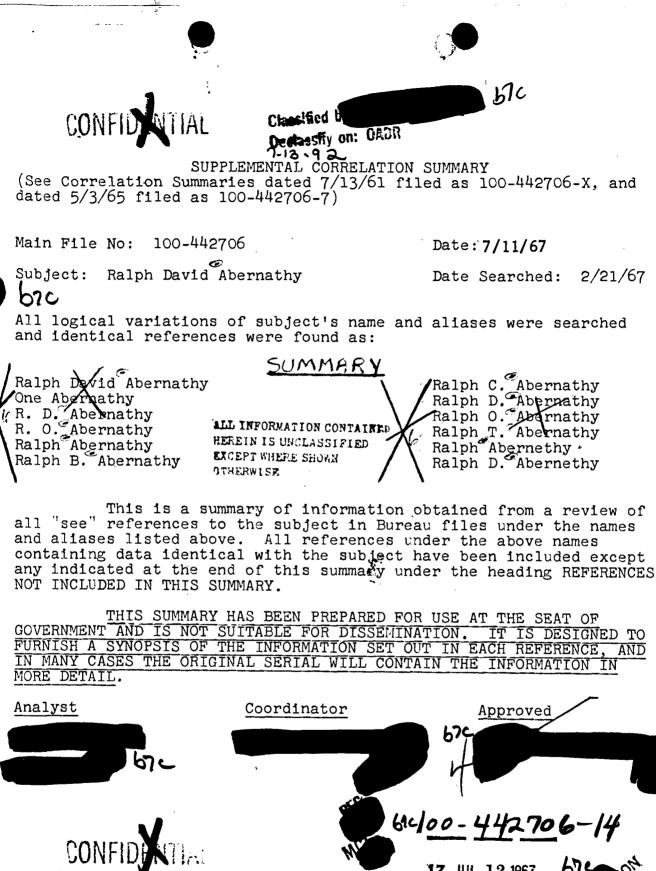
Abernathy had appeared in Fort Lauderdale on January 23, 1966, and spoke at the Walker Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at approximately 6 p.m.

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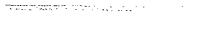
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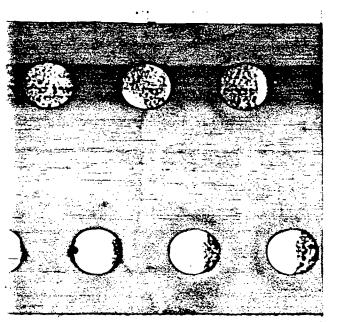
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Clarence Jones:	Attorney, NYC, assisted with legal
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	to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, a fund-raising adjunct
	of the SCLC. During the mid-1950's Jones held a position of leadership
	in the Labor Youth League.
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.:	President of SCLC.
Bernard Lee:	Special Aide to the President of SCLC.
Stanley Levison:	Reported to be a secret member of
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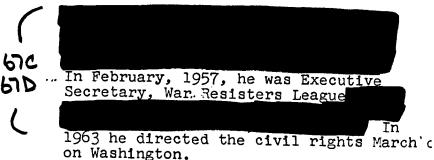
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the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, were merely tactical and he continued his ideological adherence to Communism.



Attorney, NYC, assisted with legal affairs of SCLC. In December 1949, Wachtel was active member of the National Lawyers Guild. He was reportedly Executive Vice-President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, an adjunct of the SCLC.

Director of Political Education and Voter Registration of SCLC. Also Director of Special Projects, SCLC.

Executive Director of SCLC, and Executive Secretary to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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On 9/15/64 disclosed a copy of a Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) (100-10355) communication which enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Upside Down Justice - The Albany Cases", prepared and distributed by the SCEF in support of the "grass-roots movement" in the South. Also enclosed was a petition addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson for an executive order to set aside the sentences of the leaders of the Albany (Ga.) movement\*. The petition listed Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy as one of its signers.

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This communication urged the recipients to give support to the national committee for the defense of Albany defendants and urged them to help circulate the petition.

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\* Civil rights movement.

On 12/11/64 the Bureau furnished information on Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy to the U.S. Information Agency in response to a name check request by that agency on 11/25/64. The request was made on Dr. Martin Luther King's group in connection with their plans to travel abroad.

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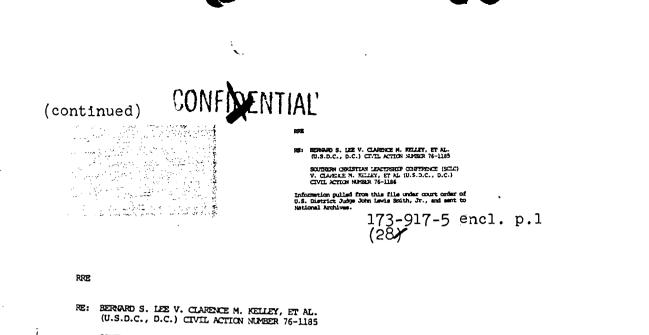
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On 2/5/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy was observed to arrive at the Zion Methodist Church in Marion, Ala., at 5:30 p.m., to speak to a crowd estimated at about 600. His speech concerned discrimination in registration and voting but he made no mention of any demonstrations. He left the church at 6:40 p.m. to return to Selma, Ala. (fisur)

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On 2/8/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy spoke at a mass meeting, sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association, a Negro organization at Montgomery, held at the Mt. Zion AME Church, Montgomery, Ala., which concerned voting discrimination in Montgomery County, Ala. Abernathy urged financial and personal support for voter registration drives. (SAs)

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The following references in the file captioned "Election Laws, Registrars of Voters of Dallas County, Alabama, Voting Discrimination" contain information relative to the activities of Rev. Ralph Abernathy in connection with this matter. During the approximate period 1/2/65 to 3/15/65 he assisted the Negroes in Selma, Ala., to register to vote. Abernathy spoke at meetings regarding the voter registration drive and led marches to protest the voter registration procedures in Dallas County. He was arrested for failure to obey an order of a law enforcement officer and parading without a permit and was released on bond. Abernathy, and other representatives of the SCLC, planned to meet with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach in Washington, D.C. on 2/9/65 concerning the registration matters in Selma.

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In connection with civil rights activities in Montgomery County, Ala., a mass meeting was held on 3/16/65 at the Beulah Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., at which Rev. Ralph Abernathy was a speaker. (Exact purpose of meeting not clearly indicated, and no details of Abernathy's speech given). (SAs)

> 44-14106-278 encl. p.4 (15)

On 3/20/65 the Women for Peace (62-107350) held a demonstration commencing at Huntington Park, San Francisco. They marched to the City Hall where Rev. Ralph Abernathy, and others, made speeches, after which the demonstration broke up. (No further details given).

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The following references in the file captioned "March From Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, March 21-25, 1965" contain information relative to the activities of Rev. Ralph Abernathy in connection with this march, which concerned civil rights in Alabama. On 3/21 and 22/65 Abernathy was one of the leaders of the march; on 3/23/65 he was scheduled to fly from Alabama to Louisville, Ky, to speak at a rally to raise funds to support the Selma demonstrators and on 3/24/65 he was to return to Alabama. On 3/25/65 Abernathy was served papers by officers of the Montgomery County Sheriff's office in connection with a suit filed by the city of Selma and the Selma Bus Lines. The marchers reached the State Capitol on the afternoon of 3/25/65 where they held a meeting, at which Abernathy was one of the speakers as well as the master of ceremonies. The references indicated that Abernathy was accused of immoral conduct with a teen aged girl on the march which he denied.

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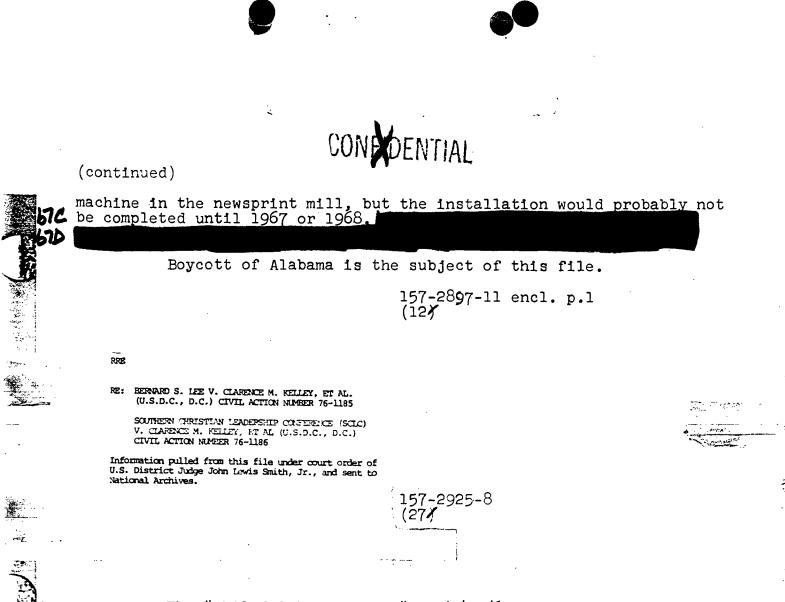
made available a copy of a telegram directed to Kimberly-Clark Corporation, J.R. Kimberly", which was signed by Ralph D. Abernathy, Chairman, Alabama ካሪ The telegram stated in part "....we call upon you Boycott Committee. 67 D to publicly declare that you will suspend plans to expand in Alabama until Alabama makes it possible for Negro citizens to vote and until the climate of violence and police brutality gives way to law and order for all people. Your support of the effort will be a powerful influence for good in the State of Alabama ...

K-CC had a pulp mill and newsprint mill at Coosa Pines (Childersberg), Ala., and that about three months before the company had publicly announced plans to install another newsprint

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The "Philadelphia Tribune" of 4/13/65 revealed that a meeting of the North Philadelphia United (NPU), a new civil rights organization, was held the previous Friday night\*. The paper also noted that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, of SCLC, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hammer of the Freedom Now Party of Mississippi joined radio personality George Woods (105-158227) in a special program to announce activity of the NPU organization at the Bright Hope Baptist Church, in Philadelphia. (No further details given).

Add. info. according to the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" 9/27/66.

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This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out detailed information relative to Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with this organization during the approximate period October, 1964, through April, 1965, in Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Montgomery. Abernathy was assigned to the Regional headquarters in Atlanta, served as Treasurer and would become Vice-President at Large of the SCLC in the event Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. He conferred with other SCLC officials regarding SCLC affairs, and spoke at meetings concerning voter registration. He also spoke against the Viet Nam policy of the Government and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations.  $f_A$ 

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On 5/11/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Martin Luther King were the principal speakers at a Negro mass meeting held at Morningstar Baptist Church, Demopolis, Ala. Abernathy urged those in attendence to

join the civil rights movement and King stressed voting registration.

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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" contain information relative to a press conference called by Ralph Abernathy on 7/1/65, at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, regarding current civil rights matters. Abernathy commented that there were no communists in the SCLC and that in screening prospective employees, checks were made with the FBI. He stated in effect that he had access to FBI files. It was indicated that instructions were issued by the Bureau to release a statement that Abernathy's remarks were completely false.

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- A	"Washington Daily News"
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On 7/26/65 Martin Luther King was observed to arrive at Buckingham Fountain, Chicago, with Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Al Raby, a civil rights leader of Chicago, and others. At the time of their arrival, the crowd was estimated to be about 8,000 to 10,000 persons. King spoke to the group about School Integration in Chicago (157-4 sub9).

After King's remarks concluded, King, Abernathy, Raby, Dick Gregory along with other local civil rights leaders led a march to the City Hall where King addressed an assembled group for approximately 20 minutes. His speech was similar to that delivered earlier at Buckingham Fountain. He stressed the necessity of non-violence in the civil rights movement, and advised that if no progress was made in efforts to improve conditions in Chicago, he was ready to return and engage in another such march.

> 157-4-9-294 encl. p.2 (23)

The following references on Ralph D. Abernathy set out information concerning his activities at the Ninth Annual Convention of the SCLC held in Birmingham, Ala., 8/9-13/65. A program of the convention listed the host as "The Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights", and the theme of the convention as "Human Rights - Basic Issues - The Grand Alliance", and a photograph of Abernathy appeared on pages 4 and 12. He was scheduled to give a message of welcome; serve as Chairman of a panel on "Visions of Things to Come" on 8/12/65, and be in charge of the "offering" at a city wide mass meeting in the city auditorium

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on the evening of 8/12/65. On 8/13/65 Abernathy attended a breakfast at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel given by Martin Luther King for members of the SCLC Executive Board. He also delivered the SCLC financial report from the convention floor on 8/13/65.

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The following references on Ralph Abernathy concern an All Citizens Freedom Rally sponsored by the SCLC, held 9/13/65 at the New Chapel Baptist Church, Plymouth, N.C., at which Abernathy spoke regarding racial activities in Plymouth. Abernathy expected to stop in Edenton, N.C. for a civil rights meeting before arriving in Plymouth. The references revealed that a Ku Klux Klan rally was held on 9/13/65on the outskirts of Plymouth and the law enforcement officials feared a clash between the two groups, however, both meetings were held in an orderly fashion and no incidents or arrest occurred.

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This reference is a Eureau Memo, dated 10/29/65, which reported that Atlanta Office called in connection with an inquiry of Carl Belcher, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, as to the person to be subpoenaed to produce the books and records for the SCLC. Atlanta advised that any subpoena should be directed to the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy who was Vice-President and Treasurer of SCLC and in charge of the finance department.

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It was noted that information concerning the proper person to subpoena in this matter was furnished to the Criminal Division on 10/29/65.

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Correlator's Note: According to serial 49 of the above file.

This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" contained information concerning Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with this organization during the approximate period June, 1965, through November, 1965, in Atlanta, Warrenton, <u>Va.</u>, and Birmingham. Abernathy attended SCLC meetings and was in contact with a number of individuals in connection with his official duties as Vice President at Large and



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Treasurer of the SCLC. He gave the financial report at the 9th annual convention held in Birmingham, 8/9-13/65. In November, 1965, Abernathy was among the individuals being considered to serve as members of the board of directors and/or of the executive committee of the American Foundation on Non-Violence, which was being organized as a tax-exempt corporation through which funds could be channeled to SCLC. Background data was also set out.

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The following references in the file captioned "Memorial Motorcades for the Three Deceased Civil Rights Workers, Meridian and Philadelphia, <u>Miss.</u>, 6/19/66 - 6/21/66" revealed that Rev. Ralph Abernathy was the main speaker at a civil rights rally held at the Mt. Nebo Church in Philadelphia on 6/23/66. He was also one of the leaders of a civil rights march in Philadelphia on 6/24/66.

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The following references on Ralph D. Abernathy contain information concerning his activities in connection with the Tenth Annual Convention of the SCLC held in Jackson, Miss., 8/8-11/66. Abernathy arrived in Jackson with Martin Luther King, Jr., on 8/8/66, and due to King's illness, he officially opened the convention at the Masonic Temple on 8/9/66. Abernathy gave the financial report, and he addressed a mass rally on the evening of 8/11/66. The program of the convention listed Abernathy as a member of the Executive Staff with the title of Vice-President and Treasurer and a photograph of him appeared on pages 3 and 11. The SCLC officers, including Abernathy, were re-elected, and they left Jackson on 8/12/66 to return to Atlanta.

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8/11/66 PD, Danville, Va., furnished information

which revealed that on 9/16/66 Ralph Abernathy presided over a civil rights meeting held in a Negro neighborhood in Danville. (No further details given regarding the meeting).

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This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information concerning Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with the SCLC during the approximate period February, 1966, through October, 1966, in Atlanta, and New York City. Abernathy as Vice President and Treasurer of the SCLC discussed their activities with other members: attended various meetings of SCLC officials

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The following references in the file captioned "Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.", set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and his association with King in the civil rights movement.

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Memo from C. D. De Loach to Mr. Mohr, dated 1/8/65, indicated that De Loach received a call from Rev. Andrew Young, in Atlanta, requesting an appointment with the Director for himself and Rev. Abernathy on 1/11/65. De Loach advised Young that if the Director should be out of the office at that time he, De Loach, would see them.

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On 2/17/65 Abernathy in contact with Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington) (locality not given)... They discussed the poor physical condition of King, and Rustin's agreement to raise money for King to take a vacation. They also discussed plans to lead a march on 2/22/65 on the Alabama State Capitol to protest conditions in that state as well as plans to meet Governor Wallace on that date.

On 4/6/65 Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones discussed Abernathy's being named by King as his successor, at Abernathy's suggestion, in case King became incapacitated. (Locality not given) .

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	Washington Capital News Service item, date- lined Atlanta, for release on 6/16/65 or there after identified Abernathy as SCLC Vice Presi- dent and Treasurer.	100-106670-1504 p.3 - (187	
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	Abernathy stated that King's speech in Los Angeles on 7/11/65 would be an attack upon defacto segregation in public schools, dis- crimination in employment, and racial	100-106670-1553 encl. (187 p.1,2	
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injustice, and that the movement would be taken to such cities as NYC, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and possibly Cleveland and Baltimore. He also stated that the SCLC would try to end segregation through negotiation but would resort to demonstrations if talks failed. ("Los Angeles Times" 6/20/65; "Los Angeles Sentinel" 6/24/65)

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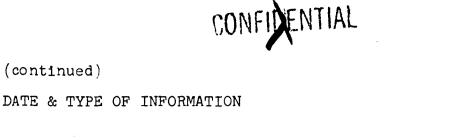
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The 4/15/66 issue of the "Miami Herald" contained an article captioned "Better Jobs for Negro Goal of SCLC in Dade", which revealed that Abernathy and King were in Miami on 4/14/66 to speak before the new Miami affiliate of In speaking of better jobs for the SCLC. Negroes Abernathy singled out the city of

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Miami for criticism. He thought Negroes should be appointed to judgeships, clerical positions and other higher positions in the city government.

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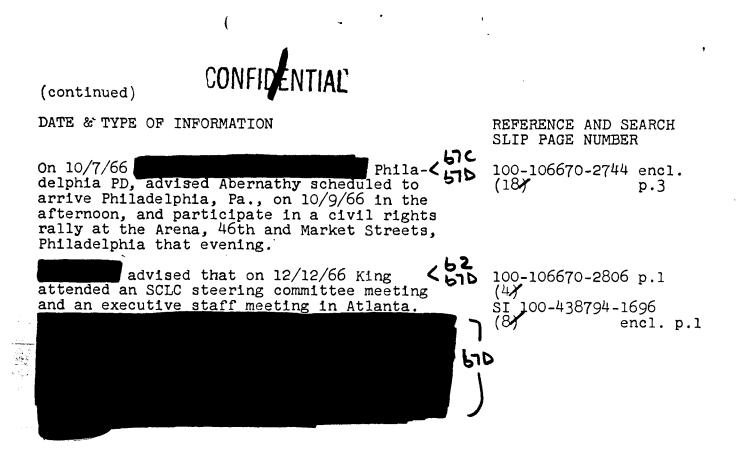
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy in the civil rights movement.

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On 12/28/64 Abernathy arrived in Montgomery, Ala., and spoke at an SCLC conference at the First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, concerning a voter registration campaign to begin soon in Alabama. Abernathy departed Montgomery about 3:20 p.m., 12/28/64. for Atlanta.

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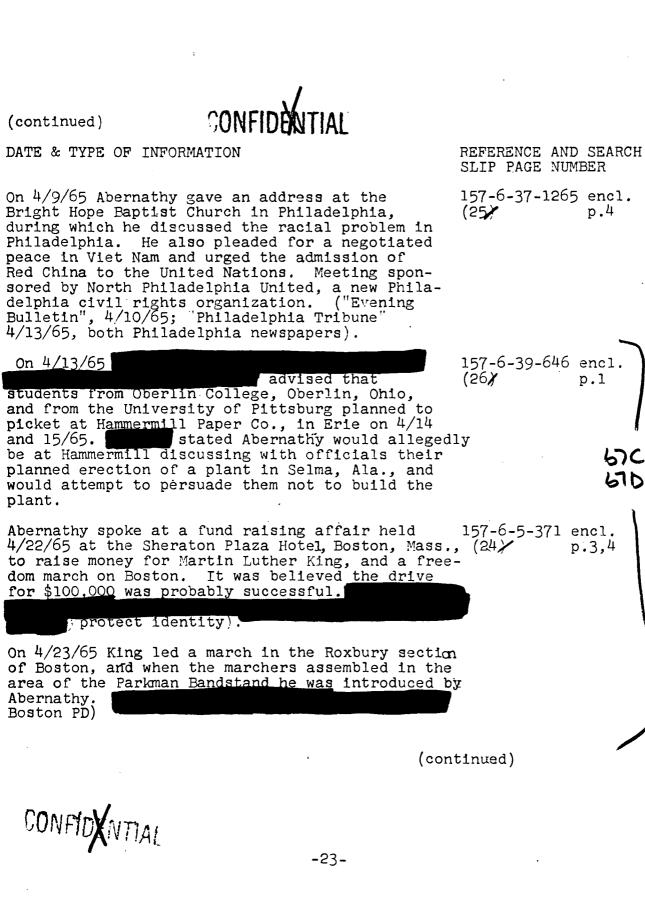
On 3/12/65 Abernathy was the featured speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Freedom Movement Council of Gary, Indiana, at the Van Buren Baptist Church in Gary. He discussed civil rights matters in the south and accused President Lyndon B. Johnson of "not saying a 'mumbling word' while the Negroes' non-violent expression of his rights and injustices against him were being demonstrated in Selma, Ala." Abernathy stated he was leaving Gary to return to Selma to participate in a memorial march in homer of Rev. James Reeb. Gary PD)

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On 7/19/65 Abernathy spoke at a rally held at the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., sponsored by the Indianapolis Affiliate of the SCLC, and called to further organize the Negro Community for combatting racial discrimination. (Announcement through news media by Rev. Andrew J. Brown, Pastor St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, an SA, and the 7/20/65 issue of "Indianapolis Star".)

Abernathy scheduled to be key-note speaker on 10/23/65 for a home coming affair of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, N.C. Burlington PD)

On 10/23/65 Abernathy was the key-note speaker for the above mentioned affair held at Central High School, an all-Negro high school, Graham, N.C.

On 12/12/65 Abernathy was one of the principal speakers at a meeting held in Montgomery to observe the 10th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association. (12/18/65 issue "Southern Courier", weekly newspaper of Montgomery)

On 12/13/65 Abernathy attended a weekly meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights held at the St. James Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. Martin Luther King spoke on racial matters in Alabama.

N.C., advised that during the evening hours of 5/15/66 three car loads of Klansmen were stopped about a block from a Negro church REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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where Abernathy was speaking. No incidents occurred and the group moved on. During his speech Abernathy called for a nationwide boycott of the furniture industry to get them to hire more Negroes, and stated he and Martin Luther King stood ready to march in High Point if necessary and would stay "until the walls of segregation come down."



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On 6/9/66 Abernathy spoke at a rally held at the Mount Olive Church, Memphis, in support of the civil rights march from Memphis to Jackson, Miss. He urged support for the march and urged the marchers to conduct themselves in a completely non-violent manner. He would lead march on 6/10/66 from Memphis to Como, Miss.

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Abernathy would probably be the leader of the March on a day-to-day basis.

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On 6/10/66 Abernathy was one of the leaders of a civil rights march, which was the continuation of the march from Memphis to Jackson, Miss., started by James H. Meredith on 6/5/66, who was shot on 6/6/66. The march started near Como, Miss., and marched approximately 16 miles. (Bureau memo, 6/11/66)

During the civil rights march to Jackson, Miss., the marchers held a rally on 6/21/66 at the marcher's camp site at Yazoo City, Miss., and the speakers at this rally included Abernathy. (Jackson teletype 6/22/66)

Abernathy accompanied Martin Luther King and other 157-6-54-1499 encl. aides from the SCLC to Philadelphia, Miss., to (26) p.1 participate in a memorial march and motorcades in Neshoba County on 6/21/66 for the three deceased civil rights workers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, slain in Neshoba County 6/21/64. (Mississippi law enforcement officers, SAs and Department of Justice representatives)

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On 6/22/66 the marchers in the civil rights march to Jackson, Miss., traveled about 14 miles from Yazoo City to a campsite near Benton, Miss. At the conclusion of this march Hosea Williams announced that on 6/23/66 voter registration rallies would be held simultaneously in Canton and Philadelphia, Miss., and that Abernathy would lead the Philadelphia rally. (Bureau memo, 6/23/66)

On 6/26/66 Abernathy participated in the James H. Meredith March to Jackson, Miss. He marched from Tougaloo to Jackson to take part in the gigantic rally held at the state capitol on 6/26/66 in regard to racial matters.

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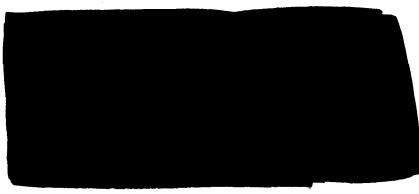
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Representatives of the SCLC resided at the Holiday Inn while in Jackson, but checked out on 6/27/66, and Abernathy and other SCLC officials left Jackson on 6/27/66 enroute to Atlanta.

Chicago PD, advised that Martin Luther King, accompanied by Abernathy and Al Raby, of the Co-Ordinating Council of Community Organizations, planned to lead a number of rallies in parks and beaches on Chicago's south and west sides on 7/4/66.

On 7/4/66 these individuals were observed in the various localities. King urged all his listeners to participate in the Chicago freedom rally and march being held on 7/10/66 at Soldiers Field in Chicago.

The 7/1/66 issue of the "Chicago American" listed Abernathy as one of the speakers for the 7/10/66 rally and march for freedom, jobs, open housing and education.



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On 7/13/66 Abernathy was the principal speaker at a civil rights rally held at New Hope Church, Grenada, Miss. He used patriotism as his theme and said that colored men had died in every war for freedom and it might be necessary that they die in Grenada. (Source not clearly indicated)

On 7/26/66 advised that Abernathy had

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been invited to speak at a march and rally, on 7/31/66, Harvey, Ill., featuring Martin Luther King, Jr., however, the rally had been cancelled.

Concerning the Watts Summer Festival, Los Angeles (LA) 8/12-14/66, the news media of LA announced that due to illness Martin Luther King would not speak in LA 8/14/66 at the Second Baptist Church in LA as previously announced, but would be represented by his aide, Rev. Abernathy.

Abernathy scheduled to be a principal speaker at the annual convention of the Jefferson County Sunday School Association, August 23-25, 1966, in Louisville, Ky., and would speak on 8/24/66. ("Louisville Defender," 8/11/66)

At this convention Abernathy discussed whether there should be open housing demonstrations in Louisville. Abernathy took issue with Mayor Kenneth A. Schmied, who had said earlier that Louisville did not have a ghetto. ("Courier Journal", Louisville newspaper, 8/25/66)

On 8/28/66 Abernathy would be one of the leaders of a march by the Chicago Freedom Movement in Cicero, Ill. Prayer vigils would be held at realty firms along the line of march.

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On 9/16/66 Abernathy was the principal speaker at a civil rights rally held at Bible Way Church, Danville, Va., and sponsored by the Danville Christian Progressive Association, an affiliate of SCLC. Abernathy reviewed the history of SCLC in aiding the civil rights movement, and said unless arrangements were made to dismiss cases pending in Danville court against demonstrators arrested in 1963, there would be more demonstrations in Danville.

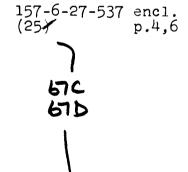
On 9/29/66 Abernathy spoke to Suffolk, Va., Negroes in Suffolk and reportedly stated "despite all of America's achievements, it is stagnating today on a power keg, and it is about to explode...." (The "Suffolk News Herald", 9/30/66)

On 9/30/66 Abernathy spoke in Portsmouth, Va., at a freedom rally sponsored by the Portsmouth Chapter, Virginia Independent Voters League. He repudiated violent forms of "Black Power" as a means of eradicating discrimination and called for the use of "soul force". ("Virginian Pilot", 10/1/66)

The civil rights leaders in Louisville, Ky., planned to hold a mass meeting on 12/29/66 concerning the open housing problem, and invited Abernathy to speak.

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On 12/23/66 advised Abernathy had accepted the invitation to speak at the meeting on 12/29/66.



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The 12/30/66 issue of the "Louisville Times" reported that the civil rights rally called by the Committee on Open Housing was held on 12/29/66 at the Fifth Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Abernathy, a scheduled speaker, did not appear at the rally, however, Andrew J. Young appeared in his place.

The 1/6/67 issue of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily Chicago newspaper, revealed that Ralph Abernathy, and other Negro leaders, attended a press conference on 1/5/67 at the Liberty Baptist Church, 49th and South Park, Chicago.

According to the 1/6/67 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", Abernathy attended a rally at the Liberty Baptist Church on the evening of 1/5/67. The press conference and the rally concerned the voters registration campaign being launched in Chicago by the SCLC.

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Manger Hotel, Savannah, Ga., made available a list of individuals who had rooms at the Manger Hotel during the SCLC Convention held in Savannah 9/29-10/2/64, which had been paid for by the SCLC. This list included Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy.





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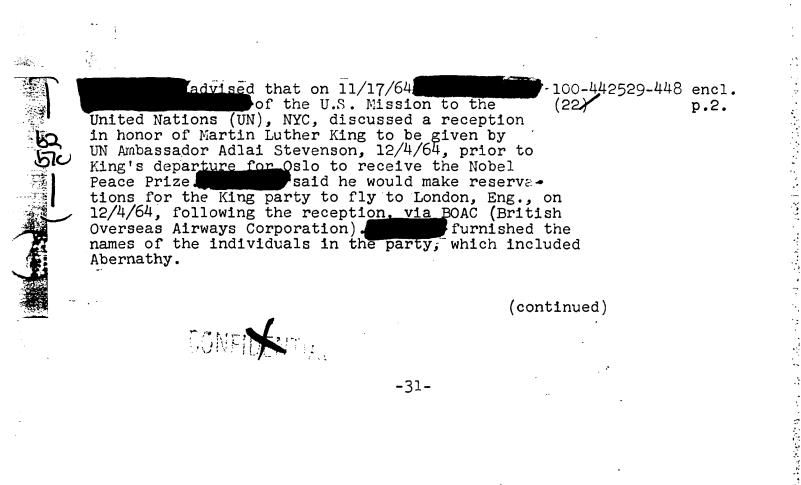
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Abernathy, Martin Luther King, Clarence between Abernathy, Martin Luther King, Clarence Jones, Andrew Young, and Hosea Williams was held on the evening of 3/7/65. (Locality not given). The purpose of the conference was to consider what course of action they should pursue in Alabama in view of the violence that took place earlier that day in Selma when the Negroes started their march from Selma to the state capitol in Montgomery to protest for civil rights.

The Program for the Eighth Annual Convention of the SCLC held 9/29-10/2/64 at Savannah, Ga., listed Ralph D. Abernathy, Atlanta, Ga., as Treasurer, and as a member of the Executive Staff. REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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On 7/1/65 Abernathy stated at a news conference regarding civil rights matters held at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta there were no Communist in SCLC and the bylaws did not permit affiliation by Communists. (Copy of tape recording furnished by

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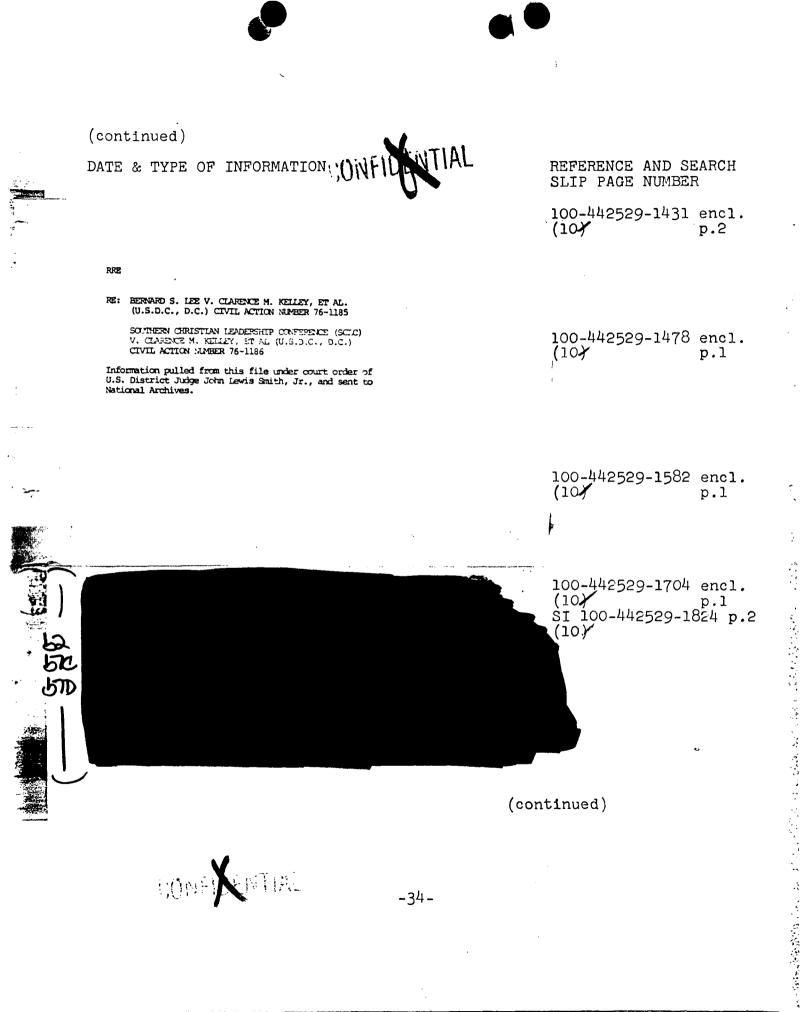
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On 7/12/65, at 2:22 p.m. SAs of the FBI observed Abernathy, and others, leave the front entrance of Hawk's Restaurant and immediately enter the front entrance of 308 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta. A sign at this address revealed it to be the office of the American Home Mutual Life Insurance Co. (No further details given regarding the meeting)

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On 6/13/66 Abernathy attended a meeting at SCLC headquarters, Atlanta, with various other SCLC officials.



On 9/26/66 Philadelphia PD, advised Martin Luther King, Bernard Lee and Abernathy arrived in Philadelphia to attend "Freedom Show" at Convention Hall, Philadelphia. King stated confusion over the meaning of "Black Power" had been a factor in the decreasing contributions to the civil rights movement; however, a check for \$10,000 was presented to Abernathy at this show, which money was a portion of profits from show sponsored by Georgie Woods, a local disk jockey. (No further details given)



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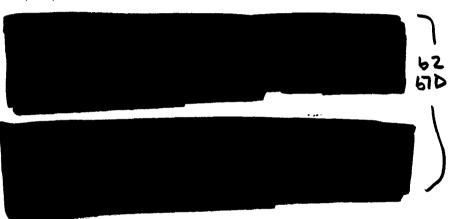
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The 10/13/66 issue of "Atlanta Journal" contained an article which revealed that Abernathy attended a meeting in Atlanta of "top SCLC leaders" called by King to discuss the topic of "Black Power" and future programs of SCLC. The meeting began on the evening of 10/12/66 and was expected to terminate late in the afternoon of 10/13/66 or early on 10/14/66.

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reported that on 1/14/67, in NYC, - 62 Martin Luther King conferred with Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levison, A. Philip Randolph (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters), Andrew Young and Abernathy. This conference concerned the controversy over Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and in particular, the refusal of Congress to seat Powell. Randolph announced he would hold a meeting in his office in NYC on 1/16/67 to discuss with civil rights leaders and other leaders in various walks of life, Powell's arrogance and misconduct and they should then issue a statement pointing out that the Negro leadership did not condone his conduct. Representatives from SCLC (not named) were to attend this meeting.



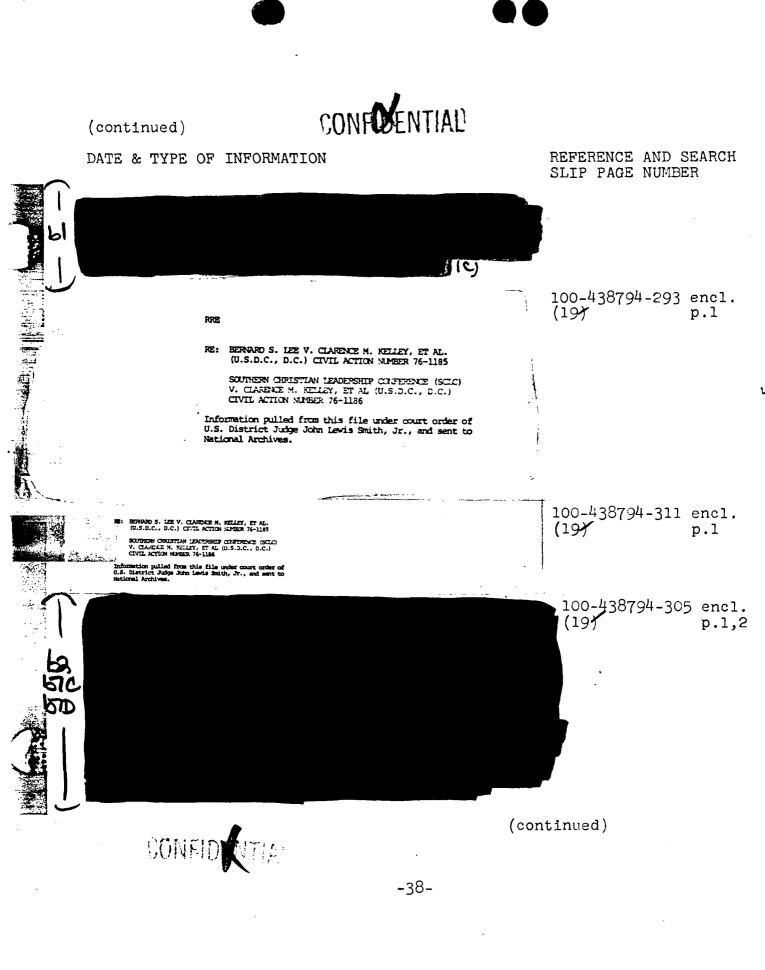
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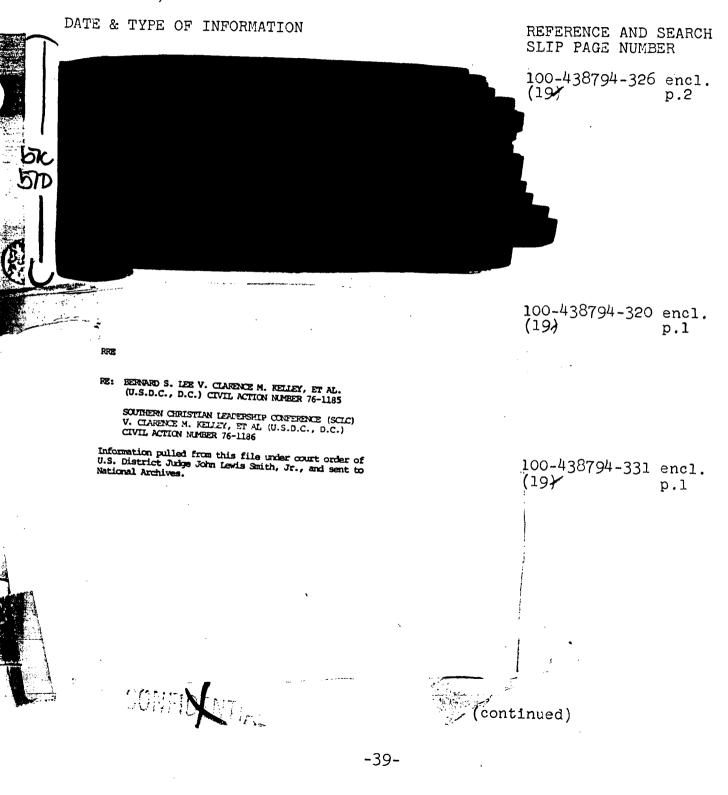
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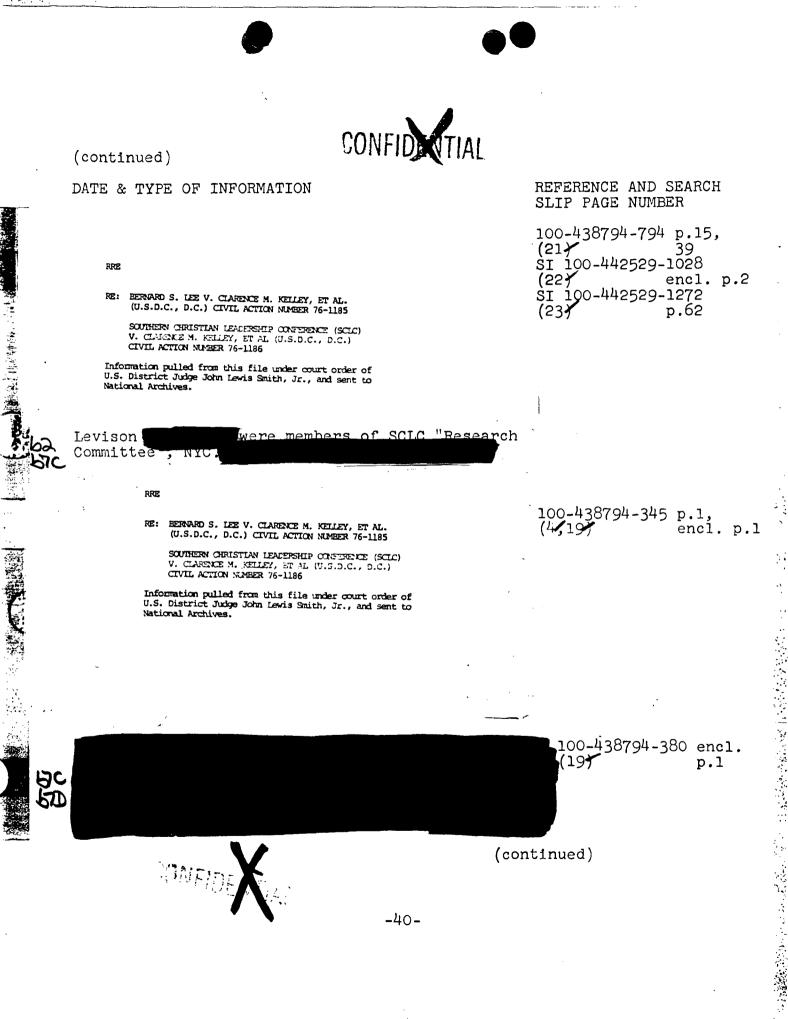




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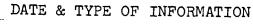
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On 10/1/65 Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, was in contact with Stanley Levison in NYC. During their conversation King said "they" (evidently SCLC) had a potentially embarrassing situation in that Abernathy had gotten Andy (Andrew Young) to write to 50 contributors about buying a car for him (Abernathy), and even though only one contributor responded, the car was bought at a price of \$3,000. King said in order to avoid criticism of the SCLC, the money would have to be raised. Levison said he would contribute half and Harry Wachtel would her approached about raising the other half.

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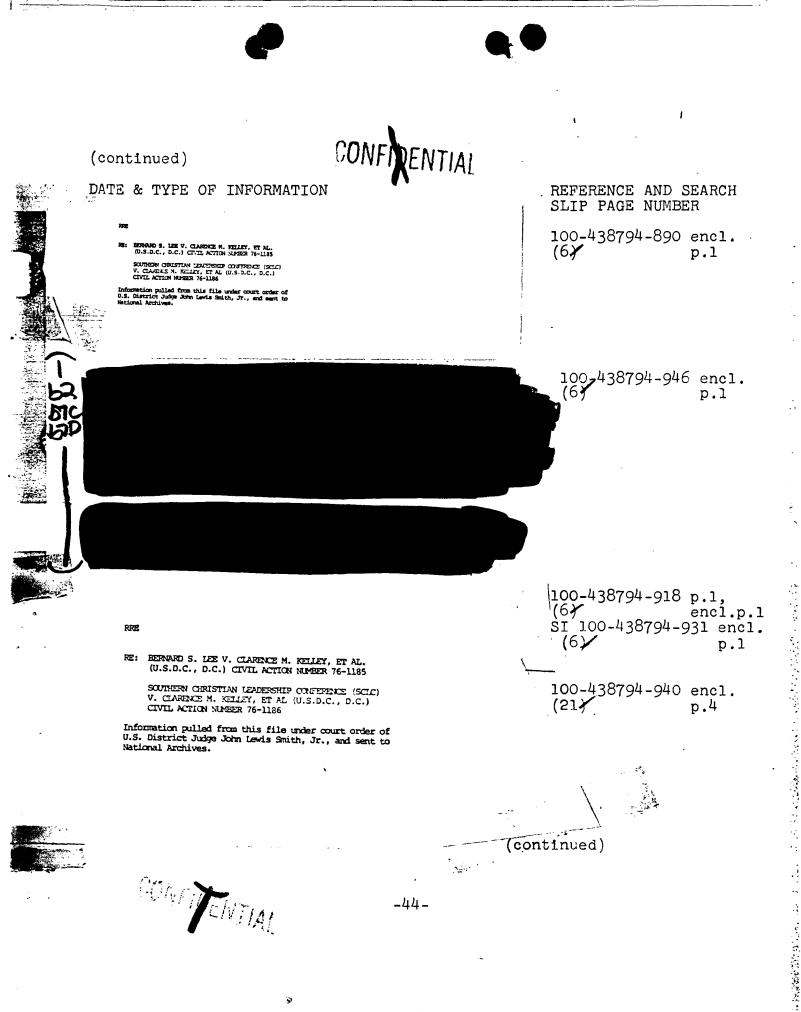
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On 11/6/65 Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison, of 100-438694-1353 p.15 SCLC, NYC, discussed the financial crises of SCLC (21) Levison criticized the whole financial situation SI to paragraph 1 including the accounting system, and described 100-442529-1652 p.46 Abernathy as pompous and ineffective. (23)

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On 1/12/66 sector advised that Bill Stein (fund raiser for SCLC) was preparing a letter concerning an affair to be held in NYC on 2/2/66. The letter would appear to be from Martin Luther King and the last portion would read, "In order to focus fully on this question (fund appeal), I am coming to New York with Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Reverend Andrew Young, and we hope you will join us for what should be a stimulating discussion -10:30 AM, Wednesday, February 2, 1966, in the Assembly Hall, Riverside Church, Riverside Drive and 122 nd Street, New York City." REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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

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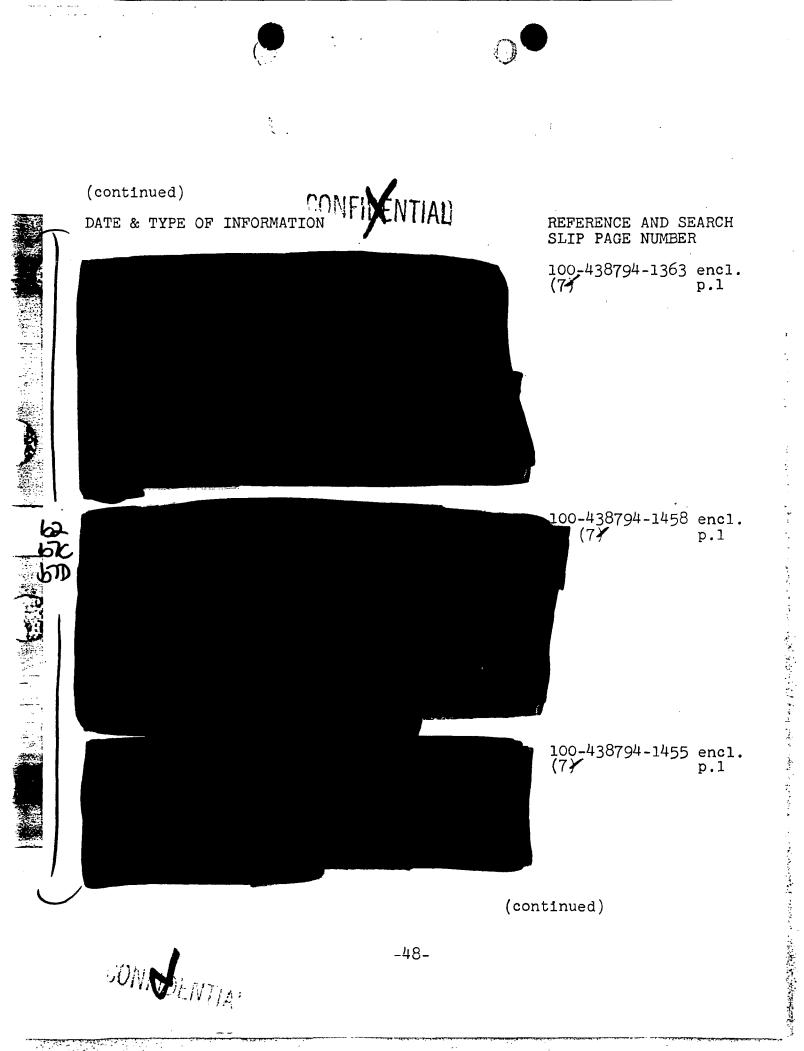
Room reservations were made for Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy, and others, at the Hampton House Motel and Villas, Miami, Fla., where the SCLC held a National Board meeting during the period April 11-13, 1966. The reservations were believed to be for individuals attending the Board meeting.

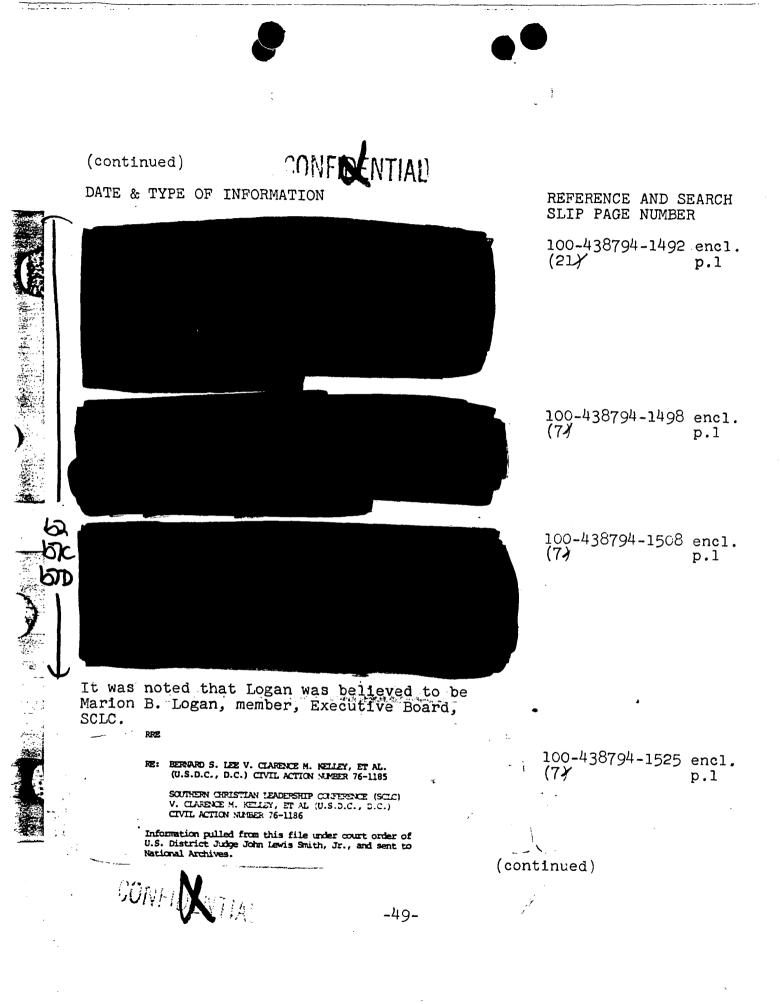
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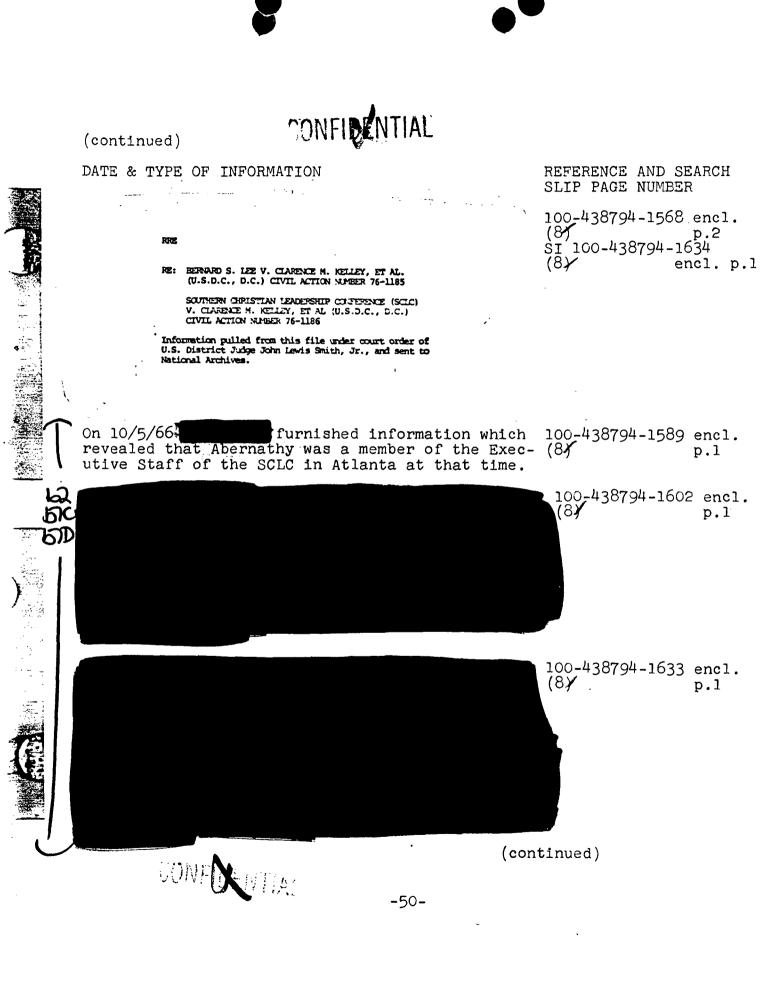
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SCLC held a conference in Frogmore, South Carolina, over the weekend of 11/13/66. At this conference it was decided that Chicago would be the focal point of SCLC activity in the following two months period. SCLC personnel would become involved in the Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM), with the specific project to be concentrated upon a voters registration campaign among the Negro residents in Chicago. Abernathy was listed among those who would go to Chicago to take part in the voter registration project.

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On 12/30/66, and advised that Rev. Fred L. 10 Shuttlesworth, Secretary, SCLC, Birmingham, Ala., (9) was circulating a petition demanding the abolishment of the HCUA. The sponsors hoped to obtain 400 to 600 signatures of civil rights leaders, Petition to be presented to Speaker of the House the first day Congress convened by either Ralph D. Abernathy or Martin Luther King, Jr.

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On 1/19/67, according to the Abernathy conferred with Martin Luther King; Andrew Young and Stanley Levison concerning a recent newspaper article (not further identified) in which Hosea Williams claimed that the SCLC's registration drive in Chicago was not succeeding because of the Negroes' disinterest. After much discussion regarding this matter it was agreed that Young and Abernathy should issue a statement repudiating the article.

It was believed by the informant that King was in Jamaica, Levinson was in NYC, and Young and Abernathy were in Chicago when the above conference occurred.

The following reference on Ralph D. Abernathy located in the Personnel Records Unit of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Ralph Abernathy maintained in the office of the Assistant Director, Domestic Intelligence Division, were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

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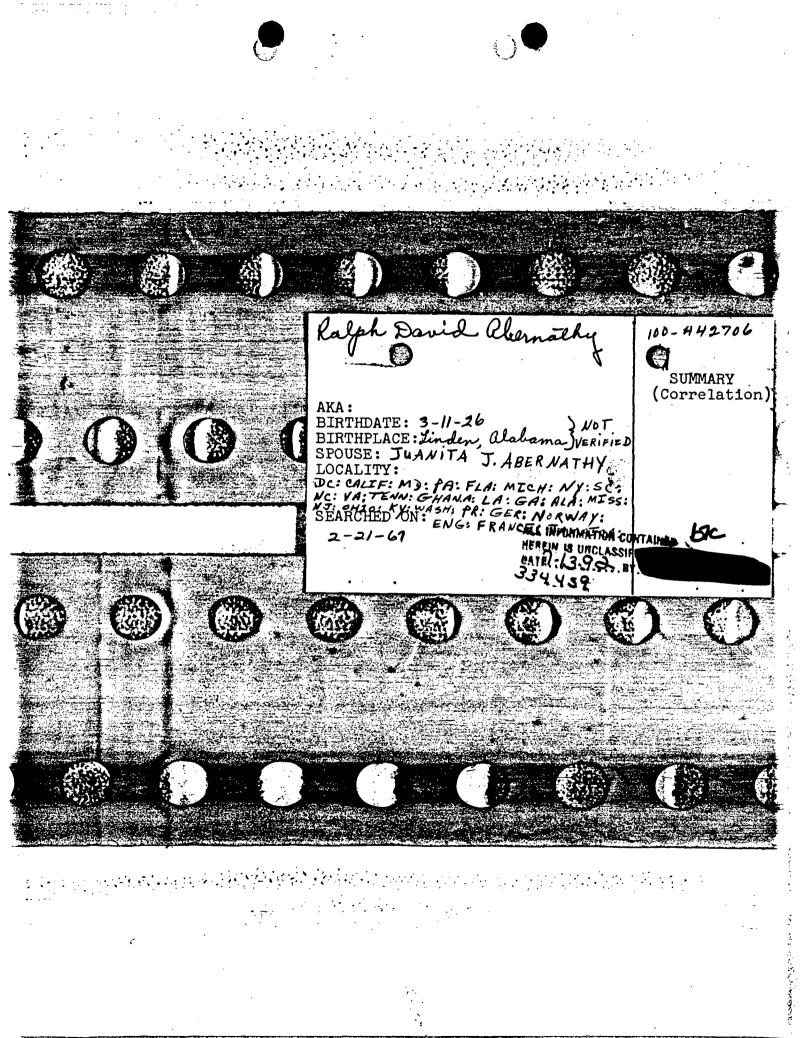
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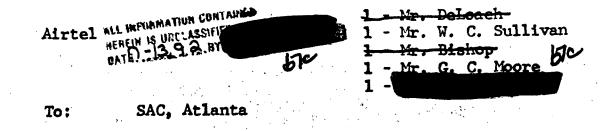
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Reverend Ralph David Abernathy has been elected President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to replace Martin Luther King, Jr. Review of Bureau files reveals that no active investigation has been conducted has advised that Levison has concerning him. counseled Abernathy not to appear on two nationally known television programs at the moment. According to Levison Abernathy has taken his advice.

In view of the above, you are instructed to immediately open a case on Abernathy and review files of your office and submit recommendations relative to the inclusion of his name on the Agitator Index together with background information contained in your files.

This case should remain in pending status and you should continue to follow his activities through established REGO informants and sources HUE

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# Abernathy Talk At Memphis Set

MEMPHIS (UPI) — Dr. Ralph Abernathy, new director of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was to address a mass rally here today in support of striking city sanitation workers.

King was assassinated April 4 while preparing a march downtown in support of more than 1,200 predominantly Negro sanitation employes who left their jobs 10 weeks ago today.

City and union officials held another long negotiating session last night in an attempt to settle the dispute.

Undersecretary of Labor James Reynolds, sent as a personal emissary by President Johnson, refused to discuss progress in the talks reportedly stalled over the question of a wage increase. "I can't say anything," Rey-

"I can't say anything," Reynolds responded to questioning. The workers demanded a

45-cent raise when they left their jobs. Mayor Henry Loeb said the city could not afford such an increase and promised to seek an 8-cent increase.

Representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes also demanded recognition as bargaining agent for the workers and a union dues checkoff system.

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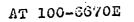
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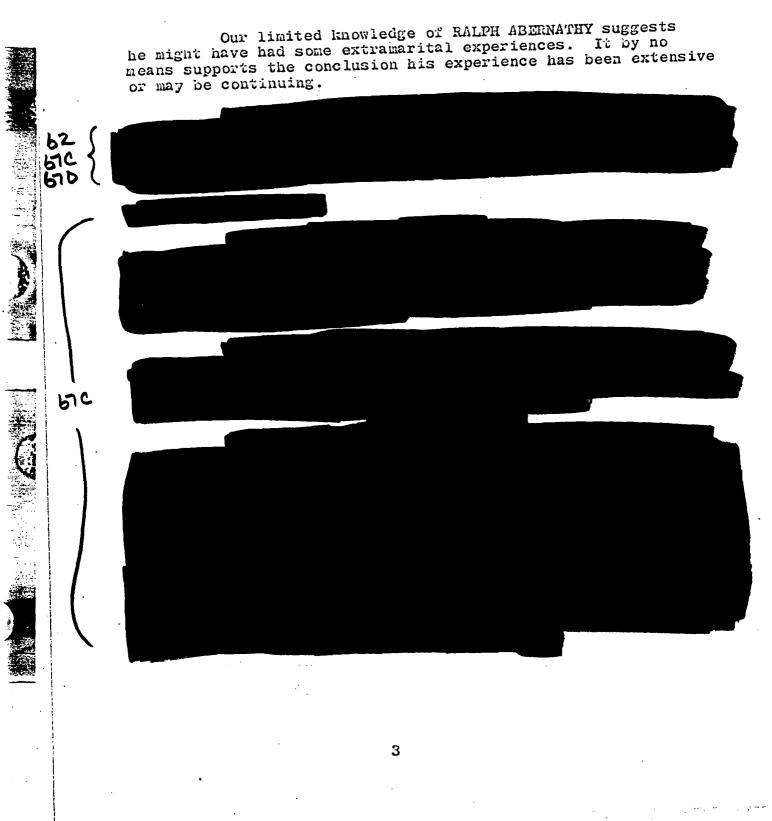
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The Bureau by Mobile airtel 3/5/64 captioned "CIRM" was furnished a copy of a transcript of the testimony of VIVIAN MC COY DAVIS given during trial of case entitled "State of Alabama versus EDWARD DAVIS" at Montgomery, Ala., 11/21/53. This testimony alleges ABERNATHY had normal and abnormal sexual relations with VIVIAN MC COY DAVIS in 1952 when DAVIS was 15 years of age. This matter was publicized in the C/19/64 issue of "The Herald", Anderson, S. C.

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Reference is made to previous communications submitted in this matter at New York.

Confidential source number one, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, on May 10, 1968, stated that the current policy of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) with respect to the Poor Peoples Campaign, is "Hands Off". It was sources opinion that if anything should go wrong with the march and violence develops, the <u>Reverend</u> Abernathy, current leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) would immediately place the responsibility on SNCC.

At 9:30 a.m., on May 11, 1958, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA,FBI), observed approximately 90 people arriving in three buses at the Armory, 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City (NYC). At 12:10 p.m., approximately 200 people, including the group that arrived at 9:30 a.m., left the Armory and walked through Harlem to Sheep Meadow, Central Park, NYC. This group was composed of adults and many children. They arrived at Sheep Meadow at 2:45 p.m., with about 400 people in the group. There were no incidents during the march to the park. Approximately 2,000 people, both black and white, were assembled at Sheep Meadow from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to hear talks by Reverend Abernathy of the SCLC, Buelah Sanders of the Welfare Mothers, Jean Hudson from Maine, (first name unknown) (FNU) Goodwin from Boston, Indian Chief George Frances from Maine and Livingston Wingate of the Urban League. One person in the audience asked Poor Peoples Campaign

why Malcolm X's name was omitted from the affair. Other than two people being involved in a fist fight, there were no other incidents and no arrests. After the rally, approximately 450 people walked back to Harlem and returned to the Armory for the night.

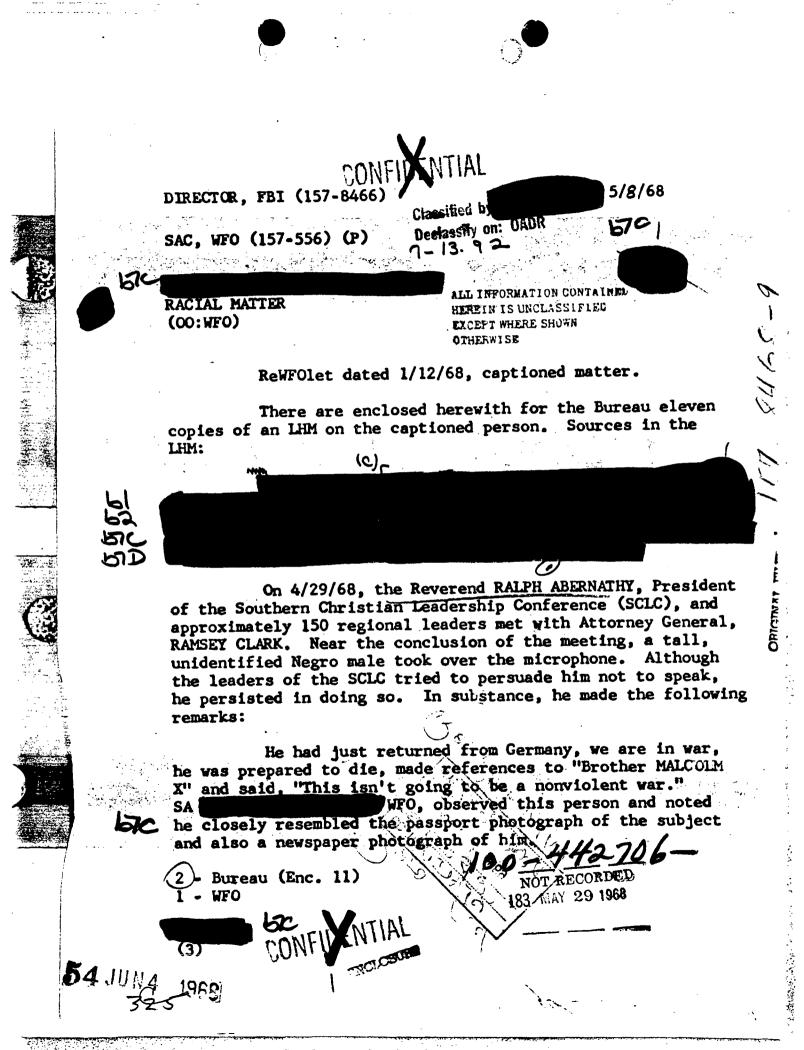
At 10:30 p.m., May 11, 1968, the BSS, NYCPD, reported Harlem in general and the Armory, in particular, at 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC, were calm with no reports of trouble.

At 7:55 a.m., May 12, 1968, SAS of the FBI observed approximately 350 individuals proceed on foot and in buses over the George Washington Bridge, NYC, enroute to Washington, D.C. Individuals walking over the bridge proceeded in an orderly manner and boarded buses on the New Jersey side. These buses were to proceed to Washington, D.C., discharge the passengers and then later that evening pick up the passengers for the tip back to New York.

BSS, NYCPD, advised that at 12:15 p.m., on May 12, 1968, ten buses of the Black and Orange Bus Company, passed through the Holland Tunnel, NYC, enroute to Jersey City, Patterson, Passaic, and Newark, New Jersey. They were scheduled to spend the night in Newark, New Jersey. Approximately 350 to 400 people were aboard these buses. This contingent is called the Eastern Caravan and is due to arrive in Washington, D.C. on May 17, 1968.

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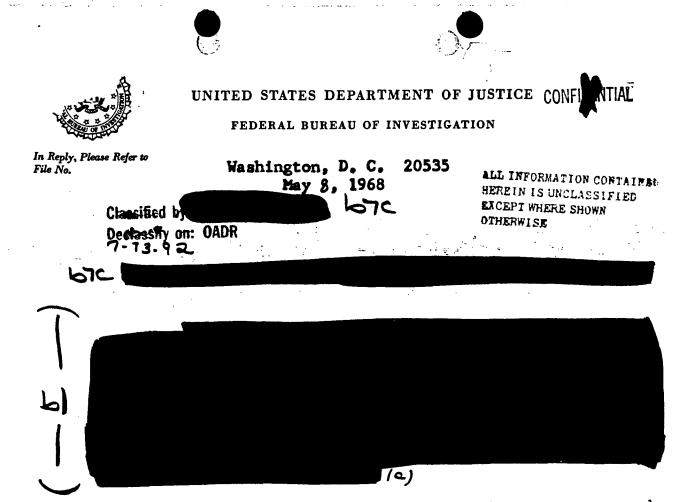
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Stokely Carmichael was a former national chairman of the SNCC in 1966-1967, and is currently a SNCC organizer in Washington, D. C. 1977 - AR. 1

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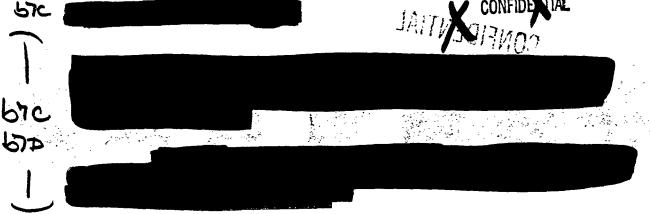
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The Black United Front is a coalition of civil rights organizations in Washington, D. C., to unify the black community.

The New York Times, in its issue of February 19, 1968, contained an article captioned, "10,000 Assail U.S. In West Berlin Rally." This article reported that an American, introduced as Ray Robinson, Jr., who described himself as a member of the Black Power Movement, called on all Americans serving in Germany to go back home and join the Negro Revolution in America. He was quoted as having stated, "We have a war going on back home. They are killing your Negro mothers and fathers. Come home and fight them."

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"The Evening Star" a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, in its issue of April 30, 1968, concluded the following information:

Reverend Ralph Abernathy and several representatives of the SCLC had met with officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), on April 29, 1968, headed by Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of the OEO. At this meeting, Ray Robinson, Jr., who said he had worked at the Neighborhood Center Number 1 of the United Planning Organization (UPO) and had quit because the UPO was just "jiving," declared, "I'm not insecure no more. I know who I am. I have taken an oath of poverty. You can't buy me." This article further indicated Robinson told Harding who faced him at the opposite end of a long table, "We come to educate you, boy. I'm looking directly down this table at you. You don't know what to do. If you don't know what to do, get out of the way." Robinson further said the OEO should be turned over to poor people.

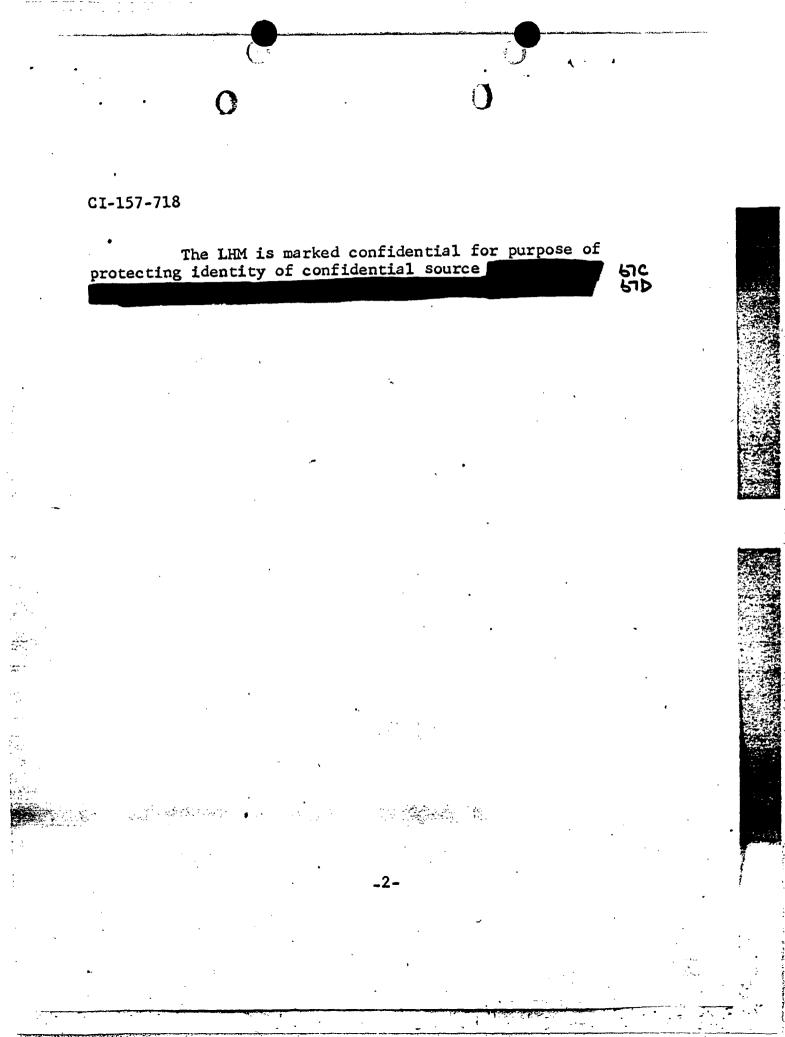
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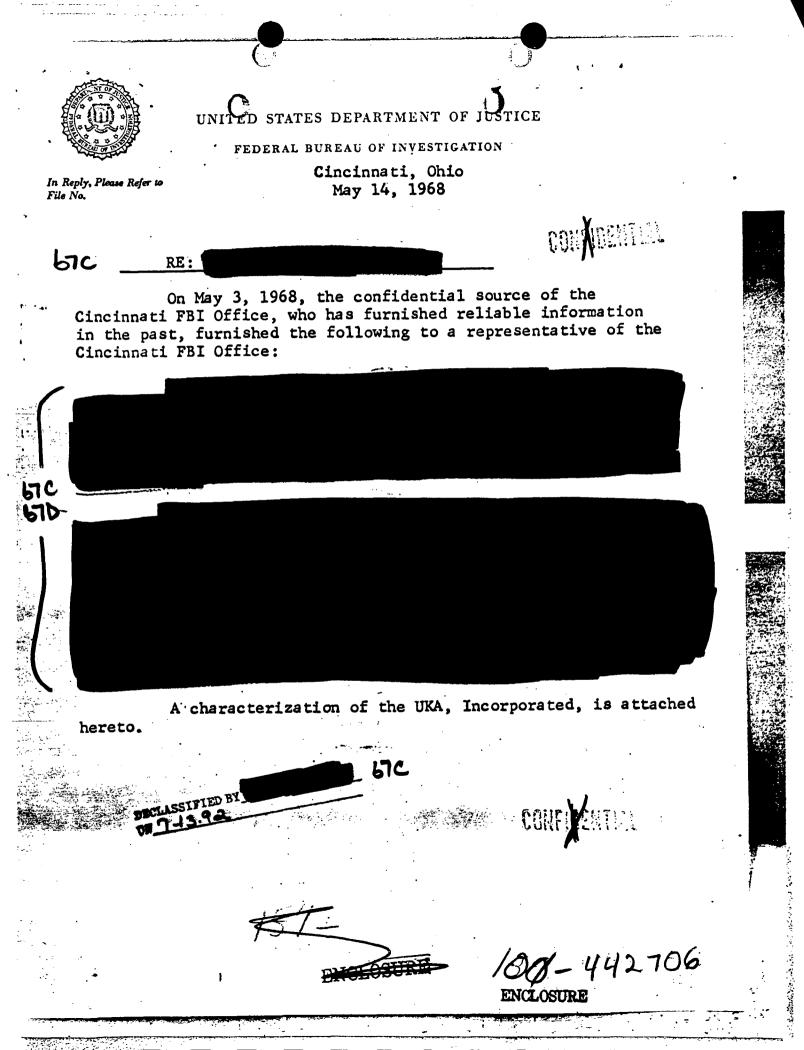


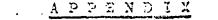
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A cource advised on February 27, 1961, that United-Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans; Knights of the Ku Zlux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the solid resulted from a londership dispute and United Klans has the same sins and objectives as the parent group. These are the premotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established the Auguarters in Suite 401, The Alsten Building, Tuscaloesa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with unites in several conthern states.

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#### APPENDIX

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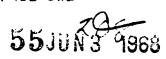
On August 15, 1967, a source advised that a United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) Klavern was active in Hamilton, Ohio, with headquarters located at the residence of Lowell Ballard, temporary Grand Dragon of Ohio. The source stated this group has an active membership of approximately ten to fifteen dedicated members and meetings are held only on an irregular basis.

The source stated this group is affiliated with the parent UKA organization which has its national headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Callahan MAY 1 5 1558 Mr. Conrad\_ WA ----9--**Uspatered** FBI NEW YORK 610 4:46 PM URGENT 5-15-68 Tele. Room Miss Roimes. TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE) Miss Gandy ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 100-149194 3P FROM NEW YORK SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)-670 RACIAL MATTERS OO-ATLANTA FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM 7-13-92 ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT RMATION CONTAINED (CLASSIFY "SEGRET") ... UNCLASSIELED ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, CORETTA KING NATE 8.258 RY AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND ふつ FUTURE OF SCLC AND RALPH ABERNATHY (HEAD OF SCLC) **X** 1966 IN PARTICULAR. CORETTA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT STATEMENTS MAY ୶୲ BEING MADE BY ABERNATHY NOTING THAT HE APPARENTLY HAS BECOME SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP AND IS ALWAYS 100-4 SHE REFERRED TO SPEECH ABERNATHY MADE ON DEFENSIVE. NOT RECORDED ON THURSDAY NIGHT (PROBABLY MAY NINE) BEFORE TWELVE 180 MAY 24 1968 THOUSAND PEOPLE AND SAID THE GENERAL TONE OF IT WAS INFLAMMATORY. SHE SAID SHE'IS BEGINNING TO GET D ABOUT WHERE NONVIOLENCE IS. SHE SAID ABERNATHY MORE HAS TO STOP DEFENDING HIS LEADERSHIP AND ASKED IF LEVISON HAD TALKED WITH HIM LATELY. LEVISON SAID END FAGE ONE



Included in summary to White House and Attorney General. Date 5/ 1/2 HE HAD TALKED WITH ABERNATHY TWO HOURS BEFORE AFTER TALKING TO ANDY YOUNG (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF HE SAID YOUNG TOOK THE POSITION THAT ABERNATHY SCLC). ONLY LISTENS TO PEOPLE WHO FLATTER HIM AND NOT PERSONS WHO HAVE CRITICISM. LEVISON SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF IT IS POINTED OUT TO ABERNATHY THAT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES CAN KILL HIM. HE IS SMART ENOUGH TO LISTEN. LEVISON SAID HE SEES RIDICULE ARRISING IN THE PRESS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY OF THE SCLC WHICH WILL BE A REFLECTION ON ABERNATHY. HE SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF HE AND YOUNG TALK TO ABERNATHY THAT ABERNATHY KNOWS THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS DELIVERED AND WILL LISTEN. LEVISON STATED HE THEN TALKED TO ABERNATHY AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO BE THE OBJECT OF RIDICULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN, THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN NICE TO HIM BUT IF HE DOES NOT ORGANIZE THE MAY THIRTY (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC) MASS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON. DC) PROPERLY, HE WILL BE ATTACKED. LEVISON SAID HE RECOMMENDED THAT WYATT (WALKER FORMER SCLC OFFICIAL) WOULD BE A KEY MAN TO SET UP APPARATUS IN NEW YORK FOR THE PPC BECAUSE NEW YORK HAS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WASHINGTON (MAY THIRTY) EVENT, AND ABERNATHY AGREED. CORETTA SAID IT IS END PAGE TWO

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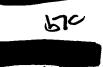
IMPORTANT TO GET THROUGH MAY THIRTY BUT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT WHAT THEY DO AFTERWARD. SHE SAID ABERNATHY HAS DONE NOTHING ABOUT AN SCLC STRUCTURE TO CARRY ON AND THAT SOME OF THE MEN AROUND ABERNATHY FEEL HE IS NOT USING THEM. SHE STATED SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SCLC TO ABERNATHY THAT SHE FELT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS TOP LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. LEVISON AND CORETTA DISCUSSED USING JESSE JACKSON'S (SCLC STAFF MEMBER) ABILITY TO THE BENEFIT OF SCLC. LEVISON STATED THAT DECISIIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE TOP LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVELY. CORETTA GREED AND NOTED IF ABERNATHY WILL USE PEOPLE AROUND HIM COLLECTIVELY, HE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND THE SCLC CANEGO ON WITHOUT BEING HAMPERED BY "ALL THE POWER PLAYS THAT ARE GOING TO COME." LEVISON SAID THAT THEY MUST BE FRANK AND HONEST IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE'S SHORTCOMINGS. LEVISON FELT THE MOST CORRECT TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. LEVISON AND CORETTA DISCUSSED HER OPINION THAT THE SCLC SHOULD HAVE A STRONG PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. LEVISON DID NOT AGREE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE FINANCING OF THE SCLC.

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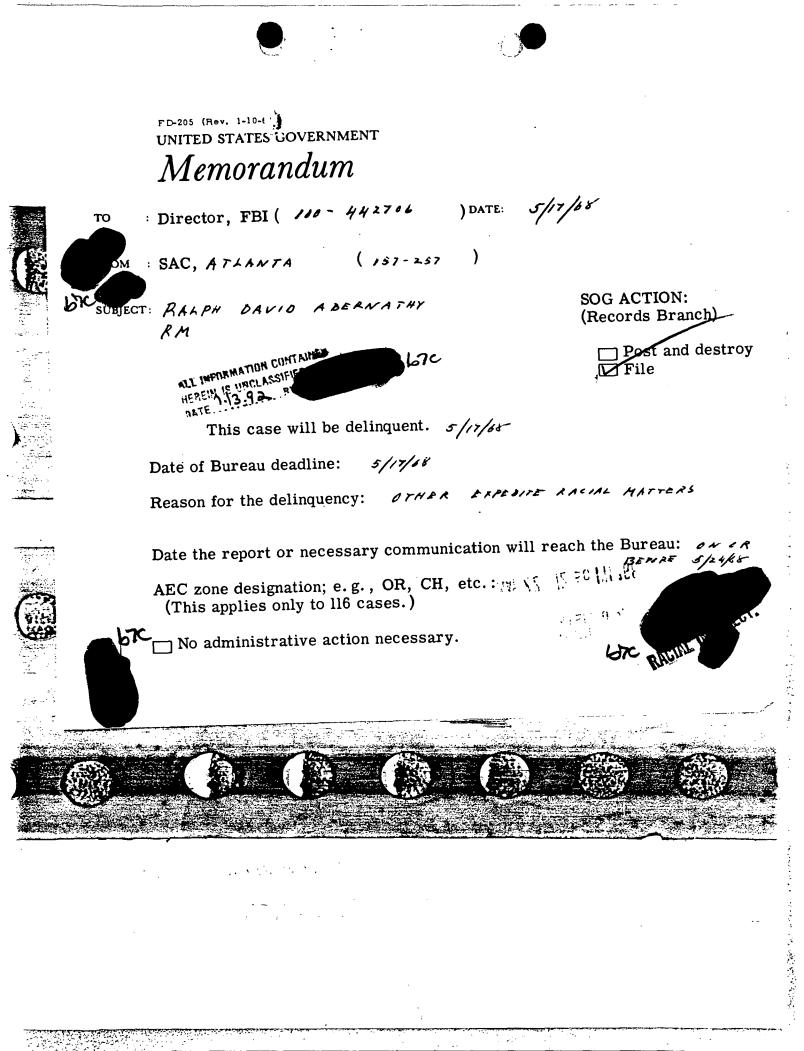
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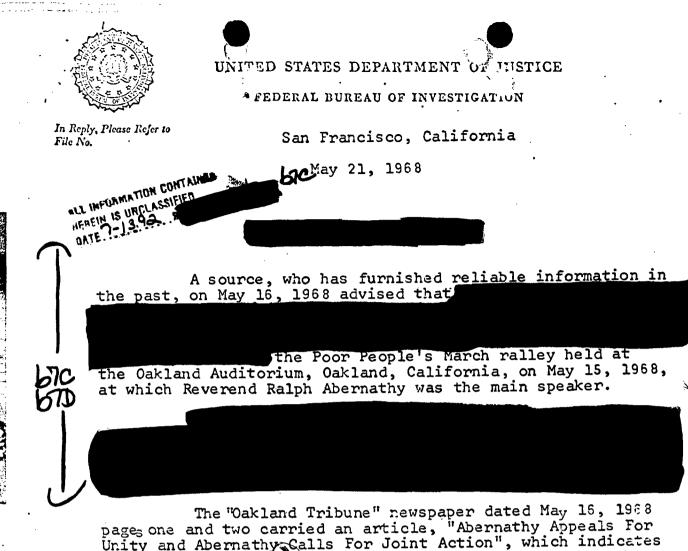
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Unity and Abernathy Calls For Joint Action", which indicates that <u>Reverend Ralph Abernathy</u> was the main speaker and that "speaking for the Mexican-Americans, Reies Lopez Tiajerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres, said all of the people must have their rights, but the rights of the Indians must come first because they were herefirst".

The 'San Francisco Chronicle" newspaper, San Francisco, California, in an article on May 16, 1968, pages one and twentytwo, carried an article by "Carolyn Anspachar", captioned, "Abernathy Here With A Harning" and "Abernathy: A Warning .. And Hope", which reveals that Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived in San Francisco May 15, 1968, after which he addressed an airport conference. "Mr. Abernathy suggested that the thousands of this country's poor - Black, White, Mexican-American, now pouring into Washington may be the instrument by which the U.S. may be saved". This article also indicates Reverend Abernathy addressed a "Poor People's Rally" in the Oakland Auditorium, Oakland, California, on the evening of May 15, 1968.

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This article concludes by the statement, "Full and complete support for the poor peoples campaign was pledged the Reverend Mr. Abernathy by Reies Lopez Tijerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres, who was present at the press conference."

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The "San Francisco Examiner" newspaper dated May 16, 1968, pages one and six carried an article captioned, "Fare Row Delays Oakland March" and "Oakland March Delayed Four Hours", which reveals that the participants in the Poor People's March on Washington finally took off in buses from Oakland today.

This article also reveals that Reies Lopez Tijerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres and Southwest Chairman of the Poor People's campaign had been in attendance at the Oakland rally in the evening of May 15, 1968 at the Oakland Auditorium.

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CONTAINS AN ACCOUNT DATED WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING THE MEETING BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK AND PEOPLE FROM THE POOR PEOPLE'S

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June 13, 1968

## POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI on June 13, 1968, received two anonymous telephone calls, apparently from the same male individual with a southern accent. In the first telephone call, the caller stated "I what to tell you everloving Nigger lovers that Abernathy is never going to leave Pittsburgh alive." In the second telephone call, the caller stated "I'm going to kill Abernathy. You find out where." He preceded this statement with a reference to "Nigger lovers." CIt has been publicly indicated that Reverend

Ralph D. Abernathy, Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would appear at the Central Baptist Church, 2200 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, at 5:00 PM, June 16, 1968, in an effort to promote additional attendance at the Poor People's

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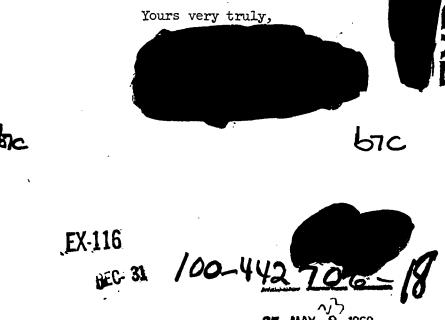
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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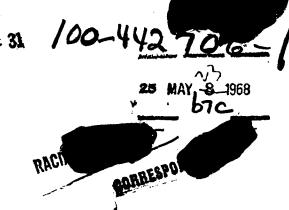
If the basic facts in this editorial are true, as related, then I believe that this is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the various cabinet officers and to the attention of the President of the United States.

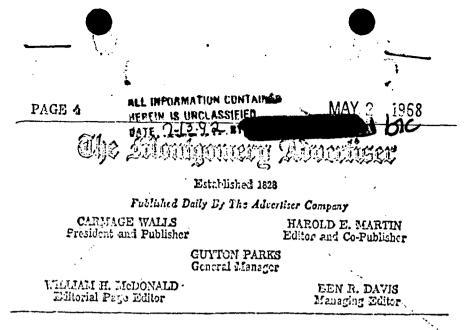




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## The Leader Of The Great Crusade

IT IS PREPOSTEROUS but unfortunately true commentary on the recent history of the most powerful country on earth that it is now receiving ultimatums from the likes of Ralph D. Abernathy.

Abernathy succeeded to the late Dr. King's mantle in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by virtue of an association dating from the Montgomery bus boycott.

King was at least glib and adroit in the guile by which he managed to flummox an alarming number of Americans. But Abernathy is an unpolished and disreputable clod best remembered here for what may have been a record dash from his church office on the night of Aug. 29, 1953.

Panie-stricken and screaming, he was pursued by an irate, hatchet-wielding husband who had accused him of having a relationship with his wife more suited to the pages of K r a f f t - E b i n g 's Psychogethia Sexualis than a family newspaper.

The wife of his assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November 1958 that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with the Reverend before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "he never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage to Edward Davis. She had been a member of Abernathy's church.

On the day Davis accosted Abernathy in his office, armed with pistol and hatchet, Abernathy had called her, Mrs. Davis testified. THE JURY deliberated only 10 minutes, obviously invoking the unwritten law, before acquitting Davis of attempting to do in the preacher.

Yet, basking in the reflected glory of King, Abernathy emerged from the revolting case unscathed in the eyes of SCLC.

In 1960, he was signally honored by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, the subsequently deposed dictator of Ghana, by being invited to Accra for a "Conference on Non-Violence and Positive Action for the Security of Africa."

This was heady stuff for a man who, but for his color and the accident of time and place, would never have been heard from. But he was to go on to loftier things, despite his unsavory background, finally being elevated to Ning's throne after the tragedy in Memphis.

Monday he led the vanguard of a movement which is trying to intimidate Congress not only into massive redistribution of the wealth to the poor (along with the shiftless), but into changing foreign policy. Vietnam is only one item of the agenda of the amorphous

mass which may number in the tens thousands (hundreds of thousands, some say) who will attempt to immobilize Washington by late May. \* \* \*

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IN THEIR initial protest Monday, the Abernathy-led extortionists denounced U.S. diplomatic and business ties with Portugal and South Africa. The United States must not be encumbered, the formal statement said, "with the support in any way of racist societies abroad."

Although Abernathy keeps mouthing the old line about nen-violence, this is once again semantic camouflage for the threat of violence unless Washington the President and Congress — knuckles under to every demand.

Today, the first of the poor people's caravans, as the march leaders describe them, is scheduled to set out from Memphis toward Washington via Marks, Miss. Next week, others are to start from other locations, in the Midwest, South, North and West.

The first contingents of what is designed to be a seige of Washington are due to arrive May 12, with the escalation of forces reaching peak strength for an indeterminate camp-in by May 30. According to the time-table, ""m a j or demonstrations" are to begin May 20.

By June, Abernathy's invading horde has it figured, there will be shantytowns all over Washington and the work of government should be paralyzed unless:

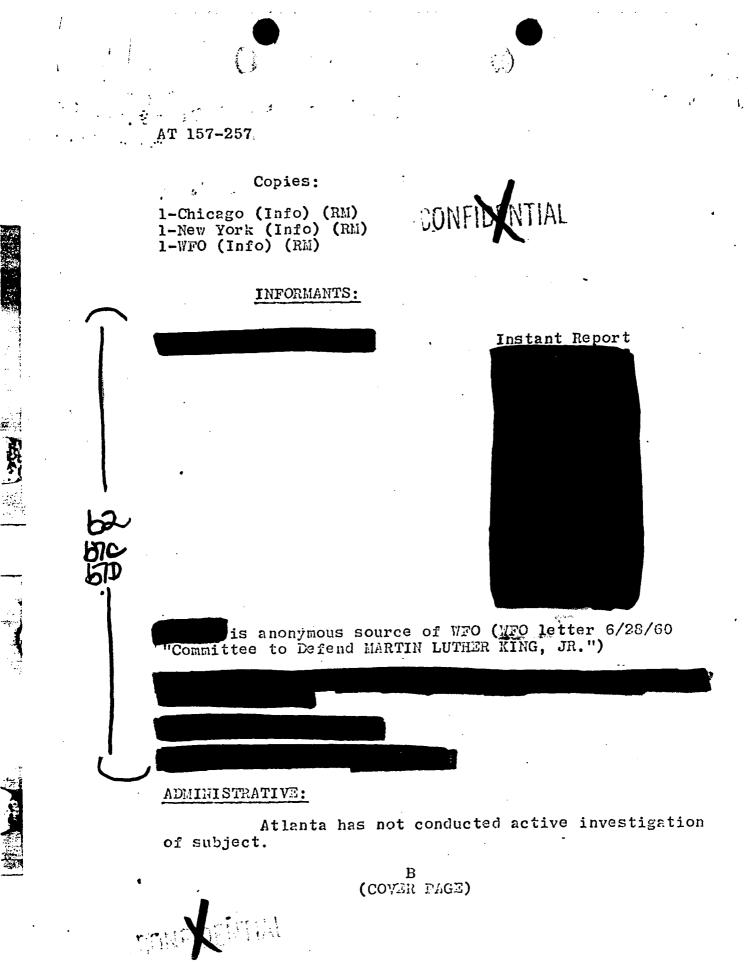
The government meets all demands, including massive new federal programs and handouts, a guaranteed income for everyone, liberalization of welfare programs and regulations, and such changes in foreign policy as the blackmailers may demand. TERROR is not the appropriate reaction in Washington: righteeus anger is, accompanied by massive force. Unless authorities have the courage to turn back this invasion, by whatever force is necessary, and refuse to be intimidated, the words of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, will prove prophetic:

"I am greatly concerned for my country . . . I feel that we can see ample evidence of destruction of our nation from within."

It would all be sickening enough if the leaderchip were other than Ralph Abernathy, an unprincipled and unspeakable bum without any redeeming qualities whatever; a demagogue worse than Stokely Carmichael if only because he's so stupid; a degenerate unfit to lead the smallest rural church, much less pose as the representative of America's unfertunate poor.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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- 6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours. John Edg r Hoover 1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia (Registered Mail) Enclosure(s) of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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## C. EDUCATION

The 1964 SCLC "yearbook" supra reflects ABERNATHY is a graduate of Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama.

The January 21, 1967 - January 27, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Chicago, Illinois, newspaper on Page 20, published an article entitled "The New Covenant Sunday - SCLC Leader to Speak". This article reflected ABERNATHY previously attended Atlanta University and was the recipient of a Doctor of Law (LLD) from Allen University.

D. EMPLOYMENT

On May 17, 1968, Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, Thc., advised IC Bureau of Greater Atlanta, Thc., advised IC Children Street Atlanta, Thc., advised IC Children Street Street RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY was emproyed from 1951 to 1961 as pastor of the First Baptist Church, 347 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Since 1961 Abernathy has been employed as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 775 Hunter Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. These records also indicate that since 1961 ABERNATHY has held the office of Secretary-Treasurer SCLC.

As of May 20, 1968, ABERNATHY continued to be employed as pastor of the aforementioned church and to also serve SCLC on a full-time basis as President.

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E. AFFILIATION

SCLC, on May 2, 1961 furnished a SCLC brochure which set forth the history of this organization and biographical data concerning several individuals

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in connection therewith. This brochure reflected that ABERNATHY at that time served as President of the Montgomery (Alabama) Improvement Association.

### F. RESIDENCE

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, supra, reflected ABERNATHY resided at 76 Cerro Street, SW, Atlanta from 1961 until 1967. His current residence is 690 Laverne Drive, NW, Atlanta.

In having his current residence constructed, ABERNATHY as of early 1967, had incurred substantial expense. AddRess - 690 LAVERNE DRIVE, NW. ATLANTA, (

## G. MARITAL STATUS MRS. RAJPH DAVID A LORMAN

The January 21, 1967-January 27, 1967, issue of the "Chicago Defender", supra, reflected ABERNATHY was married to JUANITA ABERNATHY, Net JONES.

### H. MILITARY SERVICE

Georgia State Driver's License Bureau; Atlanta, advised IC on May 17, 1968, that her records reflect ABERNATHY was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Beming, Georgia, on August 12, 1944. He received an honorable discharge October 27, 1945 at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi. His Army Serial Number was 349 94 505. On March 22, 1966, ABERNATHY was issued a new State of Georgia Veteran's Driver's License number V-018805.

## I. CREDIT

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, supra, reflected ABERNATHY has a satisfactory credit rating. These records contain a report dated February 20, 1962, from the Montgomery, Alabama Credit Bureau indicating that as of February 2, 1961, ABERNATHY

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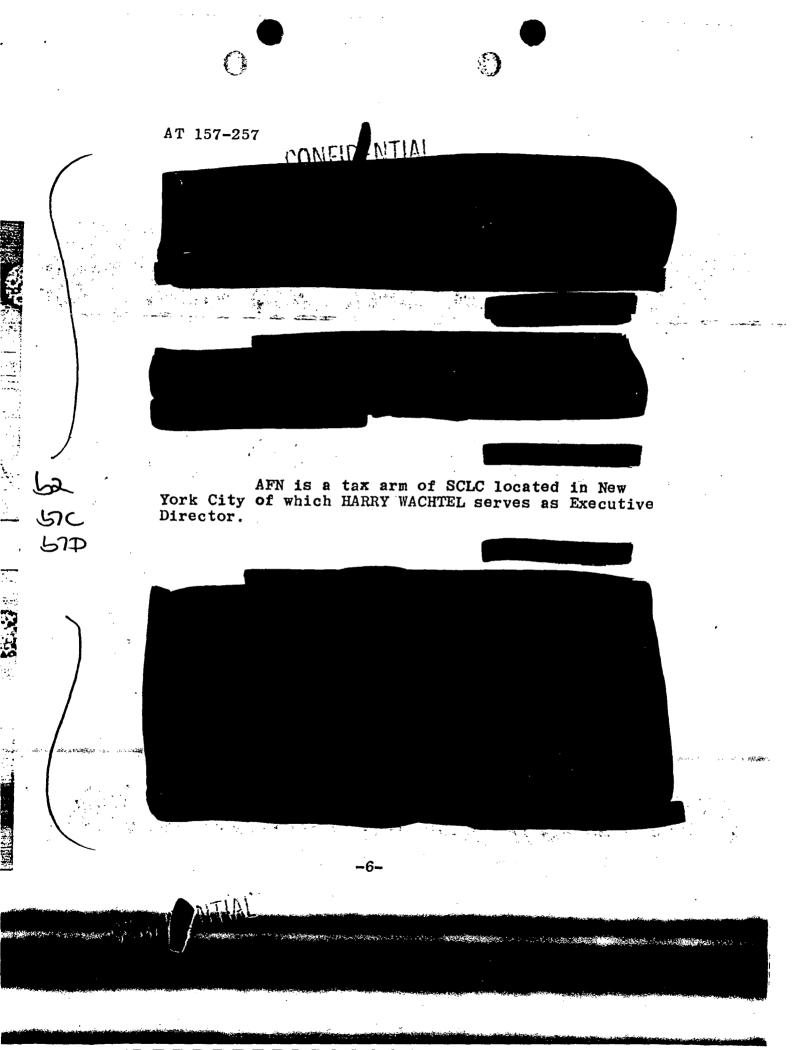
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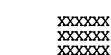
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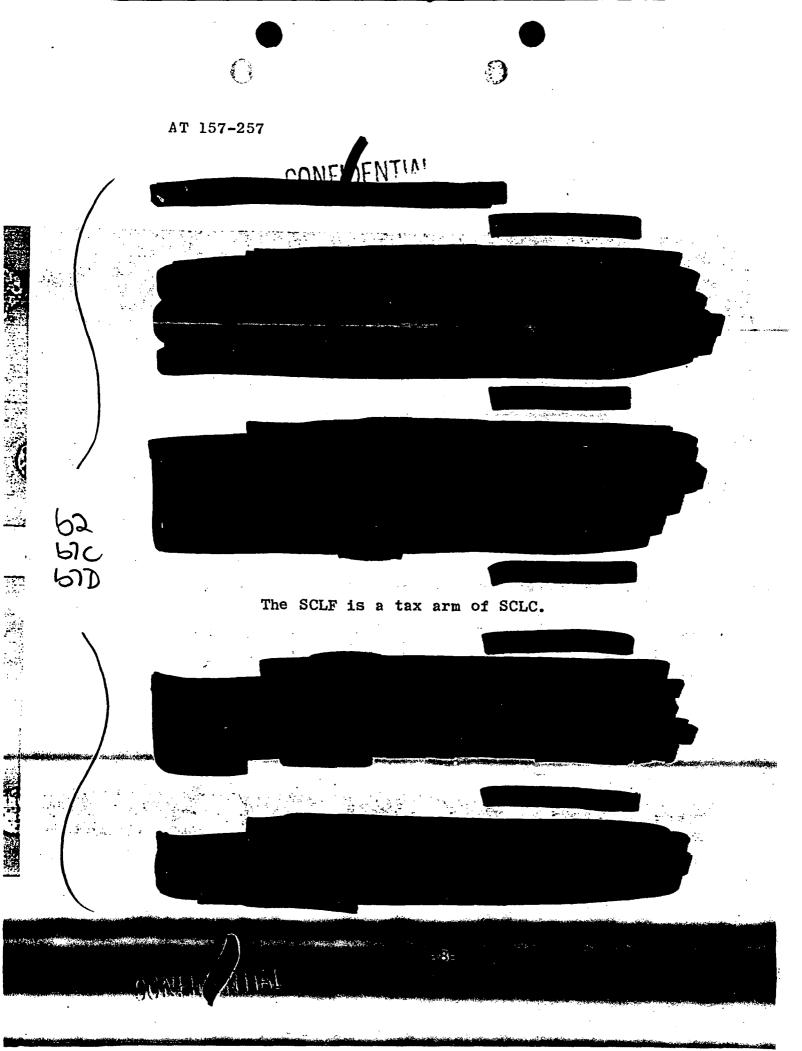
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On August 18, 1961 a news release type communication issued by the "Carl Braden Clemency Appeal Committee" was distributed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). This communication revealed that on August 18, 1961 a delegation of Southern - E - 1 Integration Leaders would take petitions, signed by over

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18,000 leaders in the field of Human Rights representing over 50 states of the United States to President JOHN F. KENNEDY requesting him to free CARL BRADEN. According to the communication, ABERNATHY was charman of this delegation.

During the early part of May, 1968, ABERNATHY informed STANLEY LEVISON he was scheduled to speak on May 31, 1968, at commencement exercises of Alabama State College. ABERNATHY requested LEVISON prepare a speech for him to utilize on this occasion and LEVISON agreed to do so.

On May 5, 1968, ABERNATHY discussed with STANLEY LEVISON a proposal that SCLC become: a membership organization and conduct a membership drive. They agreed the time was appropriate for implementation of a membership drive.

STANLEY LEVISON on May 7, 1968 advised SCLC, he would be unable to meet with him and ABERNATHY on May 8, 1968, as previously arranged for the purpose of discussing how operations of SCLC could be made more efficient.

The May 9, 1968, final edition of the Atlanta

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Journal, a daily Atlanta newspaper, Page 2A, published an article entitled, "ABERNATHY Says Soul Force, March to Solve Ills of Poor". This article revealed that on May 8, 1968, ABERNATHY addressed the weekly forum of the Atlanta Hungry Club on the theme, "The Poor People's Campaign, A Memorial to Dr. KING". ABERNATHY declared that the PPC was mither begging nor threatening violence but demanding "with a thrust from a non-violent sword".

The above article indicated that on May 8, 1968, ABERNATHY flew to Atlanta from Montgomery, Alabama, to deliver this speech and immediately after left for Birmingham, Alabama.

On May 9, 1968, service and informed STANLEY LEVISON that ABERNATHY wished him to express his appreciation to LEVISON for preparing a speech he delivered in Atlanta on May 8, 1968.

In early May, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON complained to it was imperative that ABERNATHY operate SCLC with a firm hand and not spend all his time making public appearances. LEVISON cautioned that if ABERNATHY did not do so, he would find and himself reluctant to assist him and SCLC.

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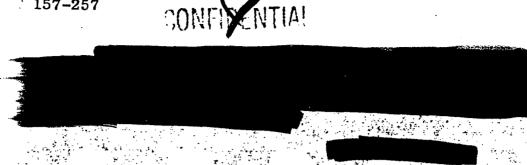
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#### MISCELLANEOUS III.

The April 10, 1965 edition of the 'Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" a daily Philadelphia, Pennsylvania newspaper on Page 3 published an article, "Get Ready -We're Coming, Rev. KING's Aide Tells City." According to the article, ABERNATHY spoke on April 9, 1965, at the Bright Hope Baptist Church, Philadelphia. During his speech ABERNATHY pleaded for apnegotiated peace in vietnam and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations. He endeavored to explain this did not mean he was giving into Communist philosophy.

On October 13, 1966, the Atlanta Journal on Page 25 of its final edition published an article entitled, "KING, Aides Confer, Discuss Black Power." The article reflected Rev. KING had called a meeting of "top SCLC leaders" to discuss the topic of "Black Power" and future programs of SCLC. According to JUNIUS GRIFFIN the meeting commenced on the evening of October 12, 1966, and was expected to terminate late in the afternoon of October 13 or early October 14, 1966, and "involved eight members of SCLC's Research Committee". The article indicated GRIFFIN named those in attendance at this meeting as ABERNATHY, JAMES BEVEL, MRS. DOROTHY COTTON, Director of Citizenship, SCLC, "New York attorneys", CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, RALPH HELSTEIN, "International President of the Packing House Workers" and BAYARD USTIN.

and the second The Atlanta Journal on Page 6A of its final dition December 29, 1967, published an article captioned, KING's Aide Plans World Peace Trip". This article evealed that on January 3, 1968, ABERNATHY would embark on a trip "meet with heads of state, religious and

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community leaders in Geneva, Rome, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Jersuleum, Saigon, Kyoto, Tokyo, and Honolulu". He would also, according to the article, attend a meeting of the International Inter-Religious Symposium on Peace, January 14-17, 1968, in New Delhi, India.

On May 10, 1968, the Atlanta Constitution, a daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 1 published an article captioned, "Marchers for the Poor Mass Here" bylined ALEX COFFIN. According to this article, ABERNATHY addressed PPC members in Atlanta on the night of May 9, 1968, regarding the PPC. He promised a nonviolent crusade but stated, "I don't want anyone to expect me to be MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. . . I say to the nation, to the United States, with RALPH ABERNATHY, You've got hell on your hands".

### IV. DESCRIPTION

The following descriptive data was compiled from information reflected by records of the agencies referred to above.

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Negro March 11, 1926 Linden, Alabama 5' 8" 180 pounds Stocky Brown Black Dark 690 Laverne Drive, NW Atlanta, Georgia Minister Pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

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President, SCLC

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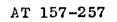
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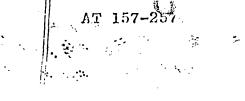


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### CARL and ANNE BRADEN

Mrs. ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, in testifying on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky Criminal Court, in a state sedition prosecution against CARL JAMES BRADEN, identified BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to shortly prior to the time of her testimony.

The Courier - Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 3, 1959, reported that CARL BRADEN had been sentenced to one year in prison on a charge of contempt of Congress on February 2, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia. The story noted that he had been convicted under this charge on January 21, 1959, and that the charge arose from his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Louisville Times, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 27, 1961, reported that the United States Supreme Court had, on that date, affirmed the contempt of Congress conviction of BRADEN.

The Courier - Journal on May 2, 1961, reported that CARL BRADEN had surrendered to the United States Marshal at Atlanta, Georgia, on May 1, 1961, to begin serving a one-year prison sentence for contempt of Congress.

The Courier - Journal, on February 2, 1962, reported that CARL BRADEN had been released from the Federal Prison Camp at Allenwood, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1962. BRADEN indicated that he would return to his home, Louisville, Kentucky.

On August 30, 1963, a confidential source advised that CARL BRADEN and his wife. ANNE BRADEN, continue to reside at field secretaries for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).



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# BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

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 Acconfidential source advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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Source, in June 1964, made available a flyer Cistributed by the Hillitant Labor Forum, announcing a party echeduled for Hay 30, 1964, at 116 University Place, How York City, which was for the purpose of welcoming home the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) presidential candidate. Echeduled to participate in a symposium at this affair was one JUNIUS GRIFFIN, author of "New York Times Series on Harlem Hate Gangs." This symposium was described as relating to "What's Behind Harlem Hate Gang Scare?"

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# RALPH HELSTEIN

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A confidential source advised on June 16, 1964, that RALPH HELSTEIN resides at and is the International President of

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and is the International President of the United Packinghouse Food and Allied Workers, AFL-CIO, with offices at 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

A confidential source advised on June 20, 1956, that RALPH HELSTEIN, 603 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.



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CLARENCE JOHES is the General counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source 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.

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A Communist Party functionary described MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as a confirmed Marxist in February, 1962.



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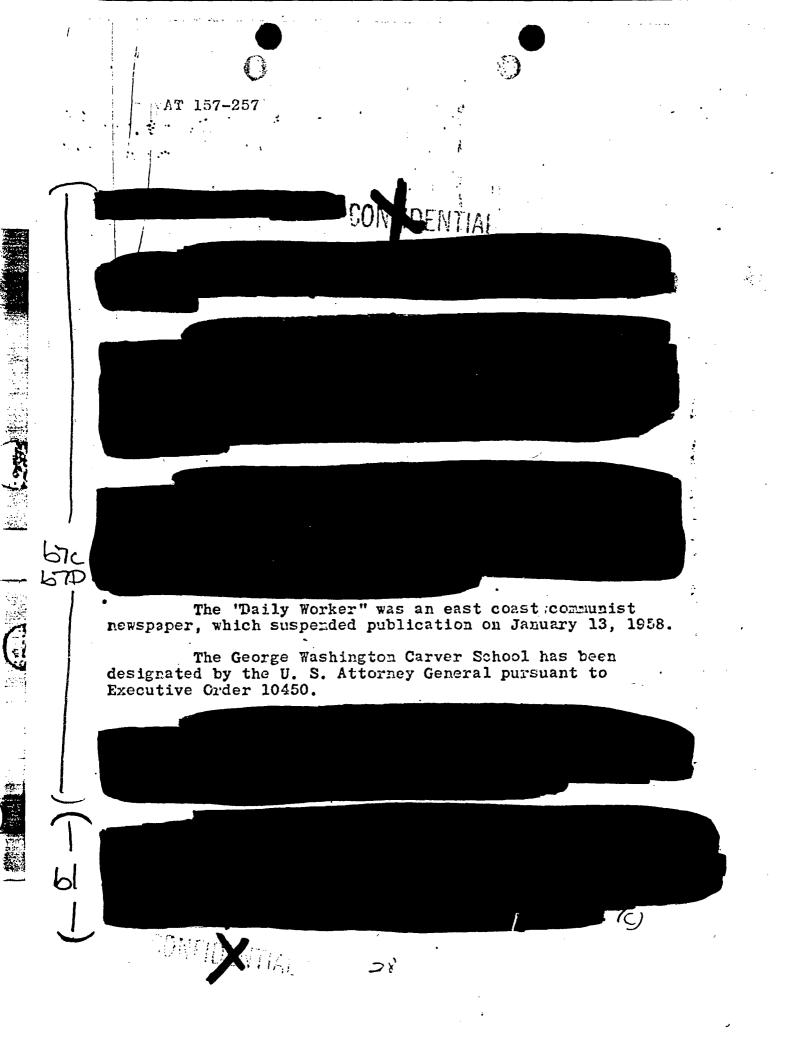
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In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of : July 11 - 18, 1964, page 76, EAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, PUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1, oclumn 2, reported that EANAED RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters Largue, was an observer at the 16th National Convestion of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9 - 12, 1957.

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1: -:: NTIAL CONF HARRY WACHTEL 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 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. 6 (cj 6x 500 30

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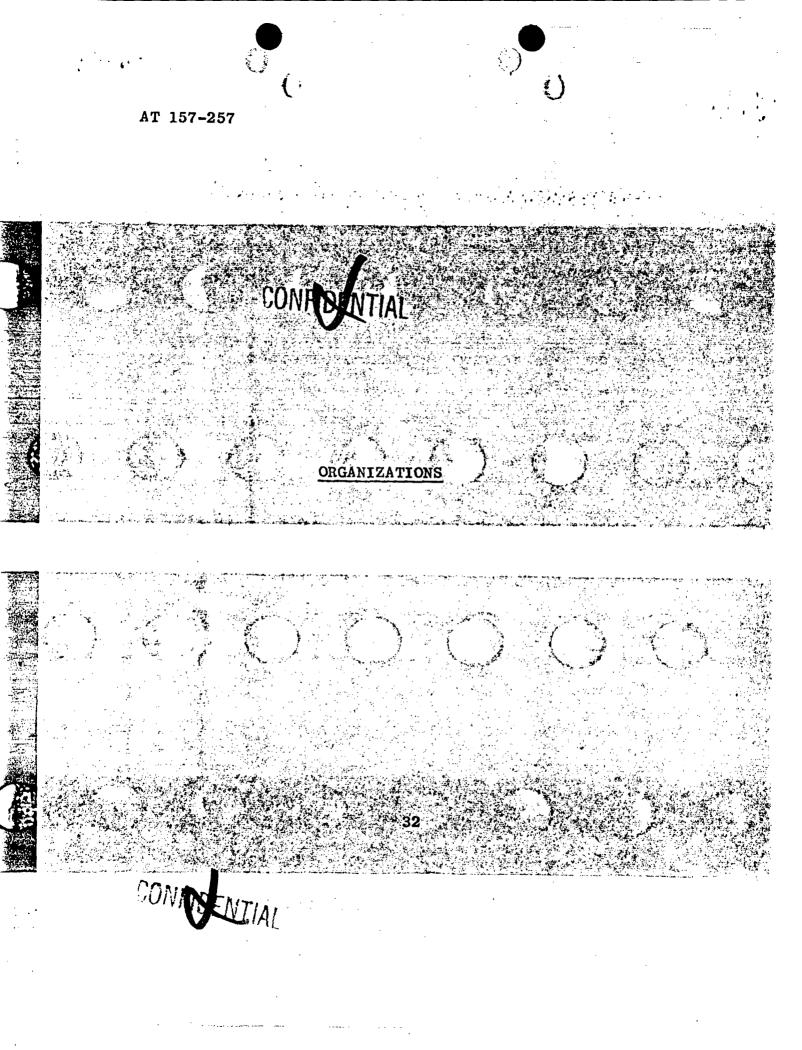
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On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

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The second source advised that the majority of DCC: members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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# W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DEA)

York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

# THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD CONFIDENTIA

/ The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself: Among these organizations are the \*\*\* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

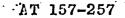
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).



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"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordince with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky. v. 11-29-61)



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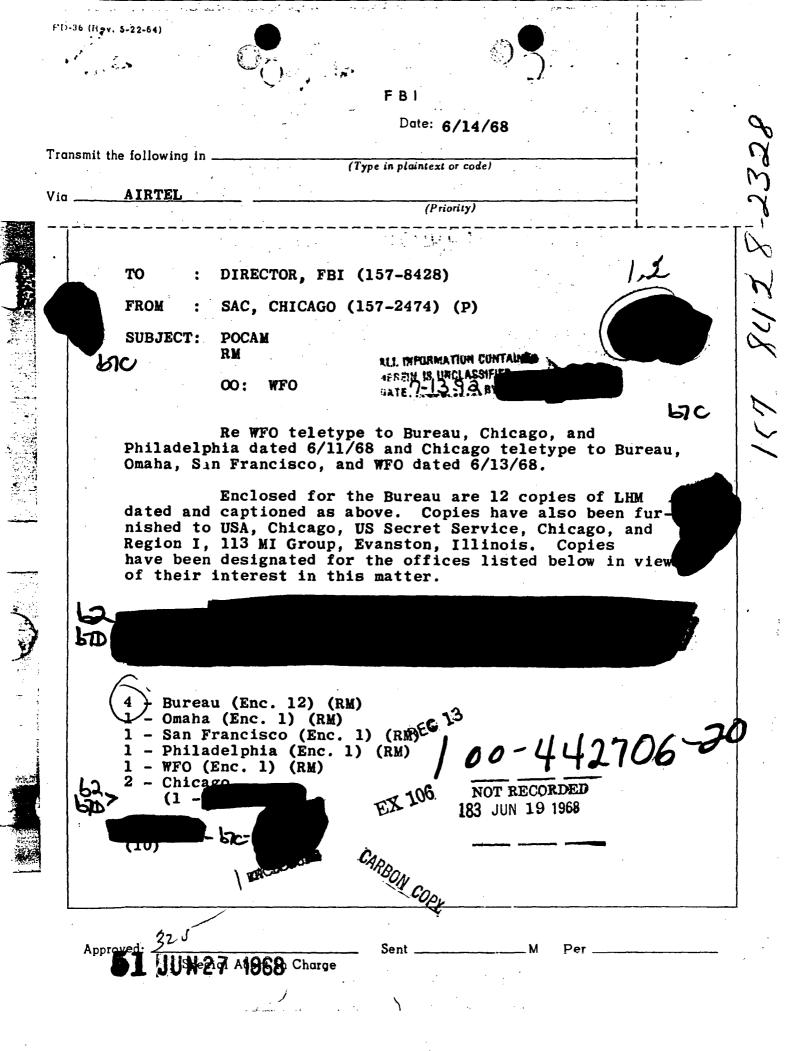
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ABERNATHY was in Chicago on 6/12/68 or that any "national convention" was taking place in Chicago in which the SCLC was to participate.

It is noted that the National Conference of Mayors is being held at the Palmer House in Chicago from 6/10 through 6/14/68; however, extensive press coverage has been given to this conference and no report in the press or from other logical sources connected with that conference has been forthcoming to indicate ABERNATHY's presence.

Chicago was unable to determine the identities of the individuals in the group referred to in enclosed LHM since this group left Chicago after a momentary stop at the Trailways Bus Station.

Chicago will continue to follow this matter closely and will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised of all pertinent information.



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### POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

At 10:45 a.m. on June 13, 1968, a racially mixed group of 22 persons, eight of whom were female were observed to arrive by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Continental Trailways Bus terminal in Chicago, Illinois. This group appeared to be in their late teens or early 20s and appeared to be of the "hippie type" in appearance. This group upon arrival was immediately transferred to Trailways Bus number 6432 bearing Washington, D.C. license 432.

#### Trailways

was from the PPC in Washington, D.C. and their final destination is San Francisco, California.

<u>On Ju</u>ne 13, 1968, Trailways

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, terminal advised this group was transported from Washington D.C. to Pittsburgh aboard a regularly scheduled bus. However, due to the group's use of obscene language, and unruly appearance enroute to Pittsburgh, the other passengers refused to travel with them and the group was placed on a chartered bus, for transportation to Chicago stated he had no behavior problems with this group from Pittsburgh to Chicago.

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Omaha, Nebraska, where they will change buses and drivers for the remainder of the trip to San Francisco. Bond anticipated arriving in Omaha at 6:00 p.m. and provided the group is well behaved, they will stop for a meal in the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa.

None of the above Trailways personnel were able to furnish the reason why this group left the PPC in Washington, D.C.

A copy of this communication is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113 Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1968, that, on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC discussed with Stanley Levison the SCLC sponsored Poor People's Campaign (PPC) in Washington, D.C. Rutherford indicated that he was impressed with the way the opening of the campaign had gone. He told Levison that people got up and spoke spontaneously, that they (SCLC) did not know what a these people were going to say. He recalled one woman telling the Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, that his department chases people who do not want to go into the Army but does nothing about segregated draft boards or about people stealing money He also commented that he was one of the from the poor. persons who worked up the committee that worked on "those position papers", which were good. He said they got up a draft called a Declaration of the PPC based mostly on Levison's work; "it is about 99.9% of that last draft you H wrote".

Rutherford was upset over the lack of cooperation Efrom the union in Memohis, Tennessee, which was involved in the garbage workers strike. He noted that he and Cerillo (phonetic) (SCLC Treasurer) were in Memphis and that "we" (the SCLC) had 30 buses lined up (for the PPC) but nothing had been paid for so he and Cerillo paid for the buses but the union "hasn't done "a thing". He added that at a church rally the first night in "Memphis they raised only \$2,067.00 because they had no fund Classified by Exempt from GD4 Fraiser and the union gave nothing. He continued that they were supposed to meet with the union at breakfast but the union grepresentatives never showed up. Later, according to Rutherford,

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the union representative met with him, Cerillo and Jim Bevel (SCLC official) in Rutherford's room. Rutherford said he told them that he understood the union was going to donate \$10,000, that the SCLC needed 2,000 sleeping bags for the people (engaged in the PPC) and that he wanted to know where the money was. He said that he told a union representative that he wanted \$10,000, that this person walked out, called the New York Office of the union, and returned and said \$5,000 had been approved and that they would get the other \$5,000.1/

Rutherford stated that eventually a union official, Ralph Worth (phonetic), called <u>Ralph (Abernathy</u>, head of the SCLC) and said whatever his staff told Abernathy that would be the way it is. He said that two hours later they had \$10,000.

Levison was incensed noting that the union had received \$50,000 a week or two before the strike ended. Rutherford agreed noting that Walter Reuther brought them \$50,000 and someone else brought them \$100,000. Levison stated what Rutherford did was right but that it was not enough. Rutherford said he felt the union should maintain all the people in Washington who came from Memphis for the PPC.

Levison stated he would put this task before all the unions and threaten them that they (the SCLC) would make public the fact that, while other people have been giving, the group that Martin Luther King gave his life for, has done next to nothing. Levison added that they (the unions) should be told that they have to come up with \$250,000 collectively.

Rutherford said he could see how the PPC could cost them a million dollars. He said that as of that day the balance in the conference (SCLC) account was \$328,000 and \$291,000 in the Foundation account giving them about \$600,000 which he described as a "drop in the bucket" compared to what they need.

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Levison cautioned that Rutherford would have " about \$40,000 worth of bills and inquired if Rutherford ever received any money from Harry Wachtel's office. Rutherford stated they had received nothing and that he knew Wachtel received a check at his office for \$56,000. He questioned why Abernathy had the check sent there.

Levison told Rutherford that an inter-religious committee ran an ad in which they asked for funds for the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation and the address was Wachtel's office. They said there is about \$30,000 net in Wachtel's office from this ad.

Levison brought up the matter of a person named Mc Cloud (phonetic) from whom the New York Office of the SCLC had received a letter stating that the SCLC had endorsed the sale of a portrait of Martin Luther King as a fund raising method and describing Mc Cloud as the National Fund Raising Director. Rutherford described Mc Cloud as a young man loaned to the SCLC for three months by one Gay Wilmore (phonetic) of the Presbyterian Church and who follows rich white Presbyterian Church members. He added that Mc Cloud was in Atlanta working out of Ralph's (Abernathy's) old office. Levison recommended that the portrait sale be stopped.

Levison also urged that the SCLC membership drive not be delayed. He indicated that after the initial response to King's death, in the way of contributions, is over he does not know where the money is going to come from to support the SCLC. He warned that it could be a dying gasp if the opportunity is not seized to raise membership.

Levison was critical of Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) for not having contacted the Field Foundation which, he said, had "earmanied some \$275,000". He said it has been one month since they offered the money and Young has not even called them. He stated that there is no point in going to other foundations until this is done. He then asked how this inaction must make the SCLC look in the foundation field. He said there is no organization in Atlanta taking care of these things and that Young has no business being in Marks, Mississippi if he has not handled the Field Foundation contact. He continued to criticize the SCLC stating that, at the moment, the organization is too flimsy, its biggest pillar (King) is gone, and that there is no organization with its leaders "running all over the place".





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They agreed that Rutherford, Young, Abernathy and Levison must sit down and discuss this problem.

Levison also stated that he believes that if they take a tough approach with the labor unions and ask for a half million dollars they will get it.

Levison mentioned that he is going to put out a new fund appeal (letter). He said the reason they have done so well is that they have a good list, the list they used being that of the American Civil Liberties Union which he described as a middle-class suburban list. He noted that they (SCLC) have used up about 65% of their best list and the same results cannot be expected.

Levison returned to a criticism of the SCLC stating that they do not have a staff that they just have "gypsies." He said they should be given a job to do and, if they fail, fire them. He said they have neither discipline nor people who take orders and carry them out. He recalled that King realized, before his death, that the SCLC had no staff and was deeply concerned about it. He urged that Abernathy stop making speeches and "start knocking heads together". Rutherford noted that Abernathy is concerned and has given him instructions to organize the SCLC office along military lines. Levison said it should be run along business lines with discipline all the way to the top. He added that as regards the Washington operation (PPC), there has to be a top staff to run it, that there is enough money but no organization.

They agreed that Rutherford would contact Abernathy and Young about the proposed meeting and Levison said he would go to the meeting whenever it is set up.

The source learned on May 5, 1968, that, on that date, Ralph Abernathy and Stanley Levison discussed the PPC with Abernathy expressing his pleasure with the way it has begun. Levison brought up the matter of a membership drive for the SCLC and asked if the Board (SCLC) had approved this idea. Abernathy said that it had and they agreed that now is the time for the membership drive because they will need support later on.



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Abernathy requested Levison to prepare a 30 minute speech for him on the PPC and its effect upon American society which he is to give before a club made up of middle-class Negroes. Levison agreed and also agreed to prepare a speech for Abernathy to use at Alabama State College commencement on May 31, 1968(5)

Later on the same date, according to the source, Bill Rutherford requested Levison's wife to tell Levison that he had talked with Abernathy, Young and Chauncey (Eskridge SCLC representative in Chicago) and that they agreed they should hold a meeting in Atlanta on Wednesday, (May 8).

> A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP. USA) in-July, 1963.

A 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 memoers of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife Lenora, it is noted that the same 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 CP. Southern Chrievi

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## NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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

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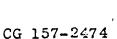
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Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild: When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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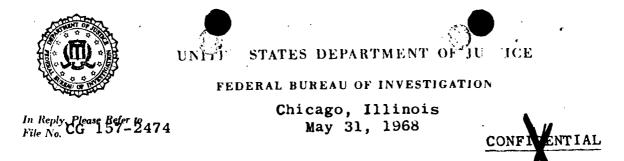
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### POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced publicly prior to his death, that he would conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D.C., during the spring of 1968. This campaign would represent an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the Poor People's Campaign (PPC).

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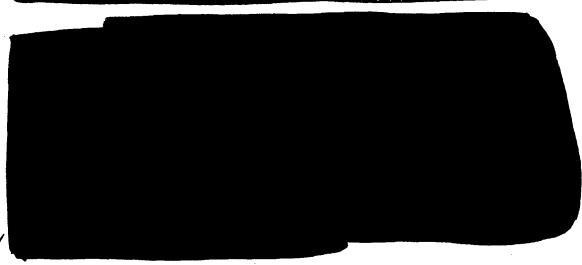
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In connection with Chicago participants in the PPC in Washington, an article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News", a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of May 28, 1968. The article reflected that Robert Conda, a male Negro, age 28, of 741 South Independence Boulevard, a printer by trade, had just returned to Chicago after spending ten days at Resurrection City. Conda had denied,

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upon interview by a representative of this newspaper, reports of friction among the poor at Resurrection City, describing them as exaggerated and serving the interest of those who would like to see the PPC fail. He stated that if there was any friction in Resurrection City it was in the attempt of "outsiders" to create it by doing such things as slipping liquor into the camp or magnifying trivial incidents.

Conda described himself as member of the West Side Organization (WSO), 1527 Roosevelt Road, indicating that he had traveled to Washington with the second group of Chicago PPC participants, which had departed Chicago May 16, 1968. He planned to return to Resurrection City during the coming week, taking his wife Dorothy and two children, ages ten and four, with him.

Copies of this memorandum are being made available locally to the following agencies:

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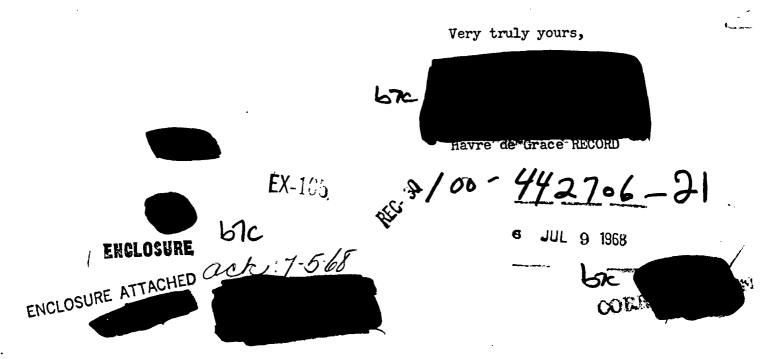
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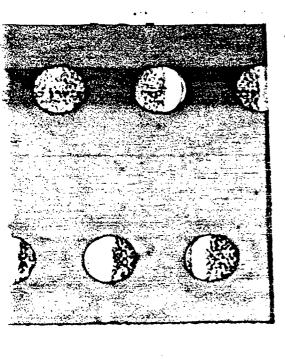
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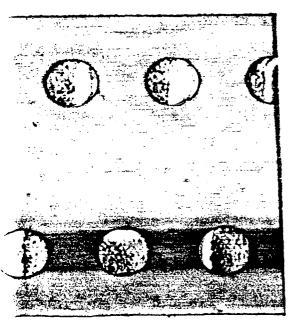
I will take this direct approach to save everyone time and money because I need answers to only two questions. Miss Gandy ....

Briefly, I have a husband and wife team of "Letters To The Editor" writers who at times get pretty wild. I refused to publish a letter containing unsupported accusations on Ralph Abernathy. The writer of the letter promised to send his source of information which turns out to be the enclosed booklet with the area outlined as fact in the letter to the editor. My two questions are: Is the pamphlet correct? Is the pamphlet published by a reputable source? I've never heard of "The Review of the News", Belmont, Mass.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,







# CORRECTION, PLEASE!

ITEM: From an Article in the New York Times for April 6, 1968:

Of the new S.C.L.C. leader [Ralph D. Abernathy] Mr. Young said: "He's been as much responsible for building Martin as a leader and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as anyone else."

CORRECTION: In view of "Reverend" Abernathy's influence over the years upon the late Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we should study Abernathy's activities and ideas.

In 1964 a Negro newspaper in South Carolina, The Herald, courageously informed its readers of one aspect of Ralph Abernathy's character to show why it wanted nothing to do with him or the S.C.L.C. It published the *transcript* of a trial held in <u>a Montgomery County</u>. Alabama,

court containing sworn testimony that "Reverend" Abernathy engaged in illicit sexual relations (including "abnormal acts") with a fifteen year old girl, and that even after she became married he attempted to continue this immoral relationship. The young lady told her husband of Abernathy's continuous assaults, whereupon her husband chased "Reverend" Abernathy down a Montgomery street on a summer day in 1958, threatening him with a hatchet. The often-jailed Abernathy brought charges against the outraged husband, but the man was acquitted. Obviously it is very much

in order to raise a serious question as to the propriety of a man who would engage in such scandalous activity having such key influence on a "Christian" organization leading a "moral" crusade.

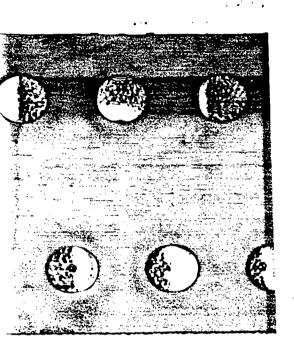
Other public records establish that in 1957 Abernathy accompanied Martin Luther King to the now famous Labor Day weekend conference at the Communist Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee. In 1960 the Tennessee courts closed the school on the basis of charges involving liquor and gross immorality.

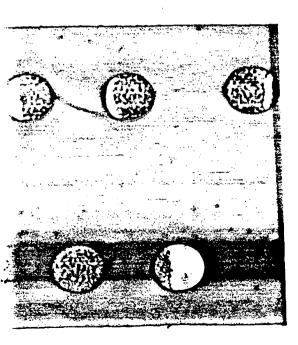
James Dombrowski and Aubrey Williams were two of the Communists closely associated with that school. Both of them also helped to create the Southern Conference Educational Fund. The Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities issued an 126-page report in 1964 in which it stated: "This report solidly confirms our prior findings that the Southern Conference Educational Fund is in fact a Communist Front and a Subversive Organization." Two pages later it noted: "The

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"Reverend" Ralph D. Abernathy (r) training at the Communist Highlander Folk School in 1957.

Committee finds that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference [now headed by Abernathy] . . . is substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communists who manage it."

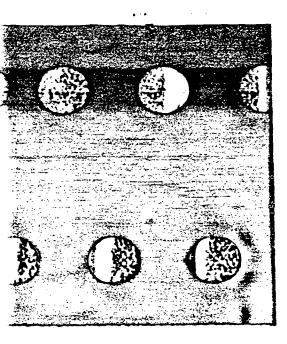
It is not surprising that Ralph Abernathy has come to the aid of the Communists in other ways. For example, his name heads the list of revolutionaries who petitioned the United States Senate to stop an investigation of the National Conference for New Politics, cited by the chairman of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee as "working hand-in-glove with the Communist Party, U.S.A." (Cong. Rec., Sept. 22, 1967, p. S13507). Furthermore, the "Reverend" Abernathy, who claims to be so con-

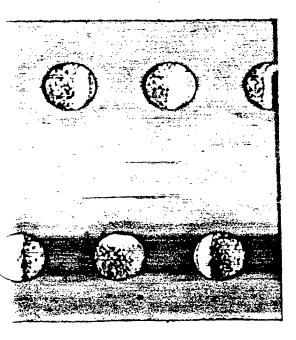
Furthermore, the "Reverend" Abernathy, who trains to be so concerned over the welfare of Negro-Americans, looks the other way where people with yellow skins are concerned. He went on record in 1965 in favor of admission of Red China to the UN, and of negotiating with the Communists in Vietnam, in spite of the barbaric slaughter of millions of Asians by these governments. No racist, he simply stood with the Reds.

This man's hypocrisy does not end there. "Reverend" Abernathy is supposedly committed to a policy of "non-violence." The leaders of the Congress of Racial Equality promote violence. The New York Times for August 18, 1967 quoted CORE Director Floyd McKissick as saying it is a "foolish assumption to sell non-violence." The founder of CORE, James Farmer, explained more fully what CORE stands for when he exclaimed: "We're much more militant [violent] than Malcolm X." Yet Abernathy has been a top official in CORE since at least 1961!

"Reverend" Ralph Abernathy seems perfectly suited to head an organization substantially controlled by the Communists.

Additional copies of this pamphlet: 1-99 copies, ten for one dollar, 100-999 copies, eight cents each, 1,000 copies or more, seven cents each. THE REVIEW OF THE NEWS, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178





# ANALYSIS

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WHO KILLED Martin Luther King? And why?

Well, who stood to profit?

You will recall that King first came to notice in 1955, as head of the Montgomery Bus Boycott launched by Mrs. Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks was a student at the Highlander Folk School, which was organized with the help of Don West, then district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina, and which was of course a Communist training school -cited as such by several government agencies. And King ran the boycott as head of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which had been formed by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who is a former convict, says the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana, and "has been affiliated with several communistfront organizations."

Another former convict is Bayard Rustin, who in 1953 was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department for homosexual activities. The Allen-Scott Report for August 16, 1963, reports that in 1936, as a college student, Rustin joined the Young Communist League, "and was active in

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its operations on the campus and elsewhere"; and that in World War II, he was arrested for making speeches opposing our war against Hitler, and served twenty-six months in federal prison.

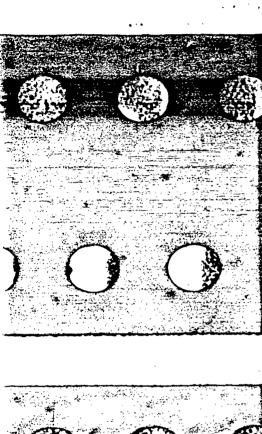
And in 1955 he became Dr. King's "secretary."

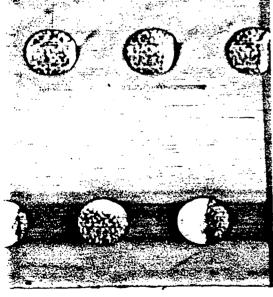
In March, 1957, at a meeting in Atlanta, they formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The meeting probably couldn't have been called in February, because Mr. Rustin, Dr. King's secretary, was then attending the sixteenth national convention of the Communist Party.

The president of SCLC was of course the Rev. Dr. King. The vicepresident of SCLC was the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. And Shuttlesworth later also became the new president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund-which has been described by three government agencies as a department of the Marxist Conspiracy. It was organized by Communists, is run by Communists and is the most important Communist organization in the South.

Mr. Carl Braden has served as field director and has been named under oath as a Communist Party member. His wife Anne, an SCEF official, has also been named under oath as a Communist.

Mr. Braden is a former convict, of course. You have to be to get anywhere in the Movement. While in Louisville, he was convicted of a felony—a little matter involving some dynamite.





Mr. Aubrey Williams was SCEF president until 1963. In April, 1954, he was named under oath as a Communist. It was Williams, a Communist, whom Shuttlesworth — King's vice president—replaced as president of SCEF, a Communist organization.

And there was James A. Dombrowski, executive director of SCEF, who has also been named under oath as a Communist Party member.

On October 7, 1958, Dr. King wrote a letter to Anne Braden, in which he urged her and her husband Carl—both already well known as Communists—to become permanently associated with his SCLC.

And on August 16, 1960, King wrote the following letter to Communist Dombrowski: "Dear Jim, This is just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letters of recent date. We, too, were more than happy to have you in our home, the fellowship was very rewarding. I will expect to hear from you when Bishop Love returns to the country. At that time we can set the date for an Atlanta meeting. Very sincerely yours, Martin."

In fact, King actually filed an affidavit in federal court in New Orleans, strongly supporting Dombrowski and SCEF—and refused to repudiate the affidavit even after being shown proof that he was actually a Communist.

Indeed, a photograph exists which shows Martin Luther King along with Anne Braden, Carl Braden and James Dombrowski (the last three all identified Reds), the back of which reads as follows in Dombrowski's handwriting: "The 6th Annual Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, September 25 to 28, 1962."

And there is a check, issued by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, signed by James A. Dombrowski, and dated March 7, 1963, to the order of Martin Luther King, in the amount of \$167.74, with a notation on it: "New York expenses" —and Dr. King's endorsement on the back.

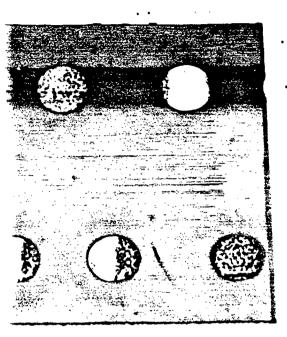
The Louisiana Committee on Un-American Activities concludes that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference—founded by Dr. King —is "substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communists who manage it."

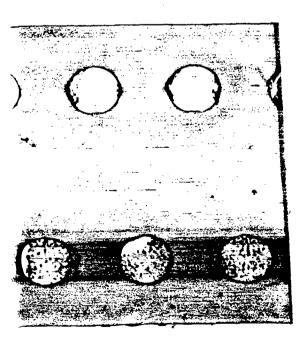
There is also the fact that on the Labor Day weekend of the year 1957, in a speech at the Communist Highlander Folk School, King called Communist Aubrey Williams "one of the noble personalities of our times," and had his picture taken with Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

And there is Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who was exposed in 1956 as a southern district organizer for the Communist Party, in 1962 as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party—and as late as the summer of 1963, was still employed

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by Dr. King to help run the SCLC. In fact, we read in the Boston Globe of April 15, 1964: "Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings, King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection none the less continues. ..."

And last September, the nationally syndicated Allen-Scott Report revealed that "the FBI has unimpeachable evidence, including photographs, showing that King is now listening to a man who . . . has been one of the Communist party's biggest money raisers in this country." He it was apparently who wrote King's statement in April, 1967, at the UN, that Congress is "wild with racism"; and his statement later in the year, at his SCLC convention, that the U.S. is the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world today."

Dr. King of course was the inventor of "nonviolence." What actually was "nonviolence?" How did it work? Well, in *Saturday Review* for April 3, 1965, he tells us:

"1. Nonviolent demonstrators go into the streets to exercise their constitutional rights.

"2. Racists resist by unleashing violence against them.

"3. Americans of conscience in the name of decency demand federal intervention and legislation.

"4. The Administration, under

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mass pressure, initiates measures of immediate intervention and remedial legislation."

Now remember, this isn't my idea. This is straight from King himself. And observe that according to Dr. King himself, the violence that usually occurred in one of his demonstrations wasn't unexpected, wasn't to be avoided, wasn't something to be sorry about. It was exactly what he wanted. It was the point to the whole Production.

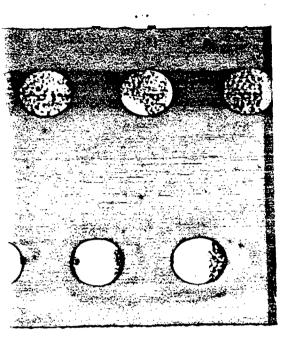
It was in fact, said Dr. King, the. only reason for a "non-violent" demonstration: to generate more pressure on the Congress to install more collectivism.

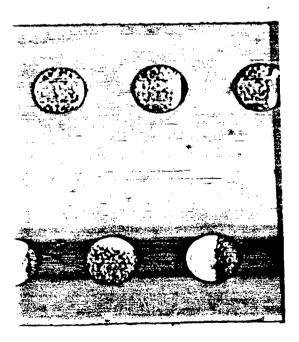
"For weeks," explains Newsweek of March 22, 1965, "Martin Luther King had been escalating his Selma voter-registration campaign toward the state he calls 'creative tension' the setting for a paroxysm of segregationist violence that can shock the nation to action..."

"The Negroes' rationale in holding night marches," explains the New York Times of February 24, 1964, "is to provoke the racist element in white communities to show its worst."

So King's "nonviolence," to repeat, not only wasn't in any way an attempt to avoid violence—according to King himself, violence was an inescapable, essential, desirable part of it. "Nonviolence" meant only that King himself did not use the violence —he caused it. He provoked it, finally forcing "racists"—everyone who

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doesn't own a pair of sandals and doesn't need a bath - either to lie down and die or to retaliate, so that King could play the innocent victim. "Nonviolence" in short was nothing else but a demonstration of dialectical materialism, the pseudoscience invented by Marx, according to which Marxists advance by controlling both sides of the conflict; by advancing a thesis, which provokes an antithesis-a reaction by reactionaries-a struggle which produces a synthesis, which becomes a new thesis, and continues until the complete victory of Socialism.

"In short," said King in Stride Toward Freedom (New York, Harper & Row, 1958, pp. 94-95), "I read Marx as I read all of the influential historical thinkers—from a dialectical point of view, combining a partial yea and a partial no... The Kingdom of God is neither the thesis of individual enterprise nor the antithesis of collective enterprise, but a synthesis which reconciles the truths of both."

So the ironic truth is that King contributed to his own murder. For in Memphis he was once again applying his philosophy of "nonviolence," was he not? Once again, he was trying to provoke violence according to stage 2 of his tactics.

And he succeeded.

And what were the "immediate intervention and remedial legislation" King was after according to stage 4?

In the Selma March, for instance, in 1965, the violence he provoked

according to stage 2, followed on schedule by the sympathy of stage 3, caused the lightning passage of the "voting rights" bill, under which the federal government grabbed from the states power to register voters the point being, of course, that in any dictatorship, whether Communist or Nazi, all the power must be centralized.

And soon King's organization will launch his "Poor People's March" on Washington. The plan as you know envisions the actual interruption of Congress unless "poor people" are handed about \$100 billion — which would be used as usual to recruit, train, finance and defend the Communist gangs which are destroying our country, through the "war on poverty." For such an amount of course you have to put on a good show. You need some really bloody "nonviolence."

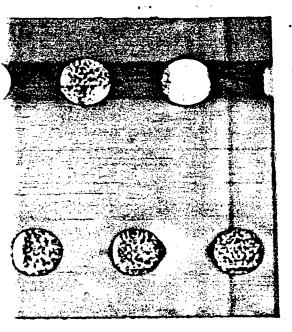
And where is it all heading? What is the goal? Suppose the "Poor People's March" does manage to interrupt Congress. Suppose in fact that so many "poor people" physically occupy the government, that the government is paralyzed and cannot function. What would we have?

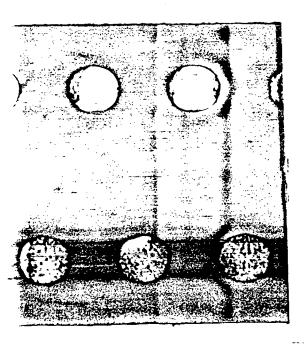
What we would have of course is the Russian Revolution. We would have a coup—the seizure of our government by "nonviolence": by force.

Now imagine once again that you are one of the small band of rich, educated and not at all oppressed conspirators secretly running the communization of America. And

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once again you are looking down from your skyscraper in New York. Your scheme to create a race war is going very well. You are sorry you had to wait so long, of course-you remember wishing years ago that you could immediately indulge your great love of killing-but you knew that Americans of both colors had to be properly prepared. So you began with something Americans could be sold: "nonviolent integration," and you used a clergyman named King to sell it-to capitalize on the fact that black Americans have sometimes been the victims of injusticeand to sell it so as deliberately to create the bitterness you need.

But now it's 1968, and your scheme is going very well. There's lots of beautiful killing and blood. "Watts was glorious," you said, if you happen to be Herbert Aptheker. Now you no longer need to bother with such nonsense as "integration." Yet at the same time, you have serious problems. Your use of King is being more and more exposed. His use of violence is becoming understood. Everybody says he is becoming unpopular. In fact, he is turning from an asset into a liability. "Reactionaries" are preventing the passage of important Communist legislation. King is doing his best, but you are having difficulty, for instance, getting that \$100 billion.

Suppose King were violently removed? you ask yourself. You no longer need him — so suppose he were brutally murdered as part of

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his next demonstration of dialectical materialism. That would be the ultimate in "nonviolence." With one 30.06 bullet you could blame "white racism," as usual, restore King's reputation, further accustom Americans to martial law, pass your Communist legislation—and at the same time notify your troops around the country that "nonviolence" is dead, too, and should be replaced by guerrilla warfare.

So you call in your shooters and you order the hit.

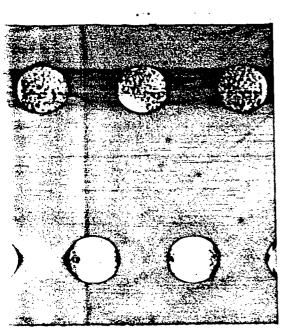
Observe the first results of the murder. Riots and looting raged for a week, making Americans of both races furious. Many feel great sympathy for the victim. And in New York, Nelson Rockefeller was able to ram through a \$6 billion "urban renewal" program which lets the state intervene over the heads of the mayors.

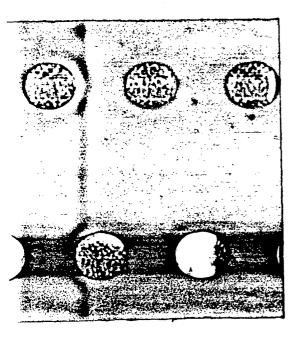
Rockefeller participated by the way in a memorial march for King, arm linked with Charles Kenyatta, head of Harlem's Mau Mau Society named for the Communist terrorists of Kenya. Whether or not Kenyatta is just another psycho, I don't know, but he specializes in appearing in public with a machete on which a Bible has been impaled.

In fact that's what he was carrying when Rockefeller took his arm.

And in Washington, Johnson's Communist housing bill was passed. When the Communists grabbed Russia, they naturally also grabbed housing, using the welfare of work-

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ers as the excuse. They didn't say they were doing it for black people, because no black people are there. They said that everyone had the "right" to a certain living space, and moved those who had less in with those who had more. Remember that no black people were involved everybody who was, was as white as the Governor of Mississippi-so those who resisted weren't racists, were they? They resisted because the point as always was not to establish "racial justice," but to control the population. And Party members and sympathizers naturally got the best.

The same thing will now begin to happen here.

This is why we must continue telling the truth about Martin Luther King; not for revenge, or just to destroy a phony reputation, but because of the use to which his murder —like that of John F. Kennedy—is being put.

So who killed King?

The fact that Ramsey Clark heads the investigation is suspicious enough. Anybody who believes Clark has any interest in truth should be sent immediately to me. I'm trying to sell the Brooklyn Bridge. And observe that his investigation already smells like last week's mackerel.

If and when Clark ever presents a suspect, you can bet we will be told that he is a "right-wing extremist."

So what should Americans do now?

1) Demand that we be told all the

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facts and that the investigation continue until King's killers are found. Then we might as well also find out who killed Medgar Evers, blew up the four little black girls in that church in Birmingham in 1963, and helped Communist Oswald kill Kennedy.

2) Refuse to be intimidated. King was almost entirely a creation of public relations - of a bunch of crooked reporters, most of them white. Like the barrage of publicity after the Kennedy assassination, the current propaganda is designed not only to advance Communism but to demoralize the opposition-to make Americans uncertain and guilty. In fact, on Long Island, for instance, hoodlums stoned automobiles whose drivers refused to turn on their headlights "for the King." Needless to say, the growing number of Americans of both colors aware of what King really was, and really was doing, will not be given coverage on CBS. You are not as alone as that lie net would have you think.

3) Continue exactly as we have been—telling the truth—explaining that "free handouts" are nothing but the bait of dictators; that the trouble in this country isn't caused by black people, but by the small band of criminals—most of them white—who have been framing them; and that the "civil rights movement," which now has taken the life of Martin Luther King, was designed from the beginning to enslave us all.

-Alan Stang 🔳 🛢

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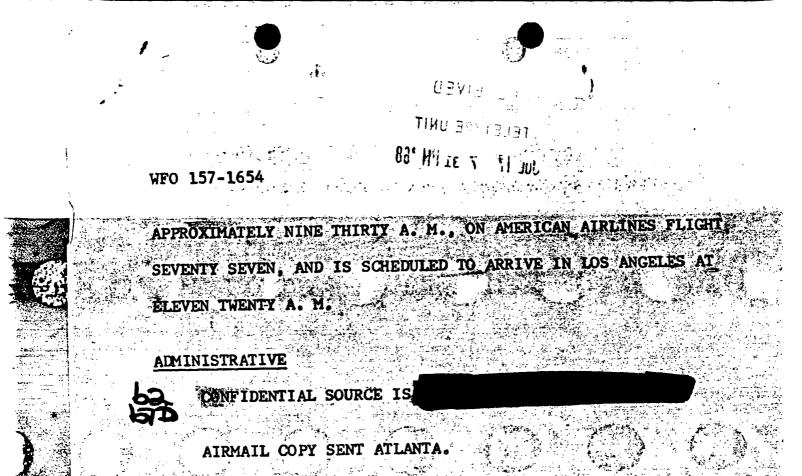
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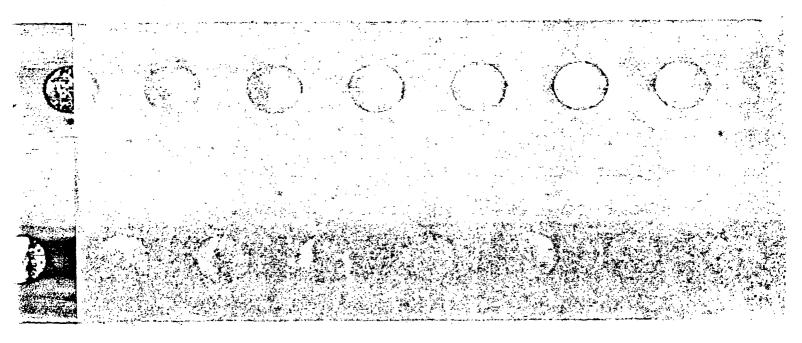
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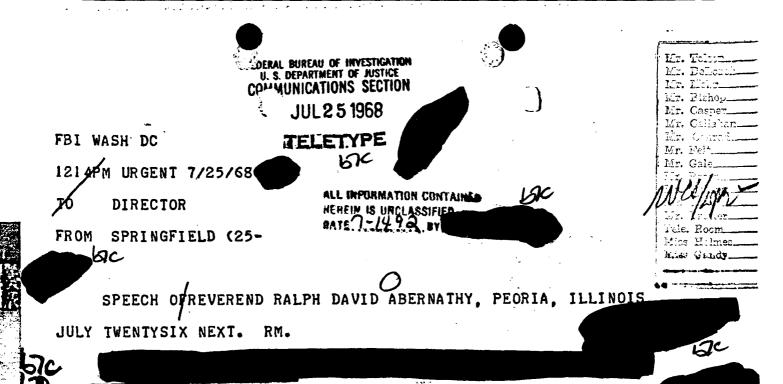
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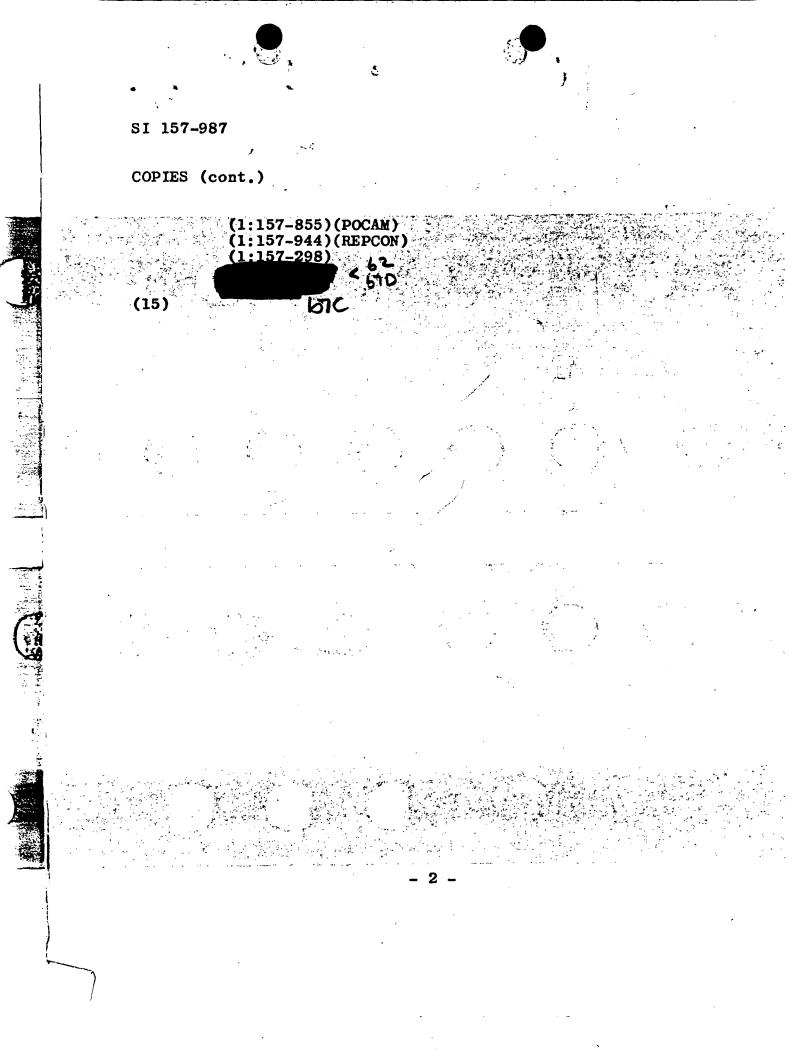
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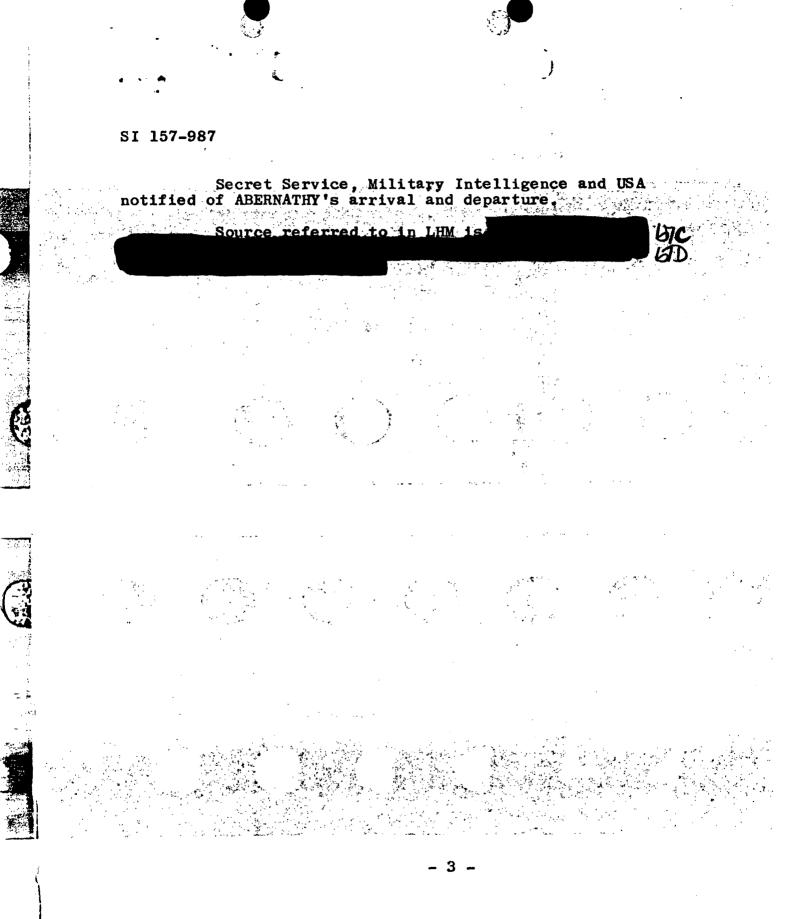
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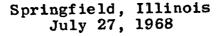


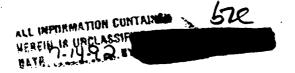
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REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On July 25, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information:

On July 26, 1968, Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, Leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak in Peoria, Illinois, before the delegates attending the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. The four day conference will bring together more than 1200 delegates of the Methodist and Evangelical United Bretheran Churches, who will elect a governing bishop and determine conference boundries as a result of the recent church unification.

Reverend ABERNATHY was personally invited to appear at this conference by Doctor BRYON STROH of Indianapolis, Indiana, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee. This invitation was extended after the featured speaker, Doctor COLIN MORRIS of Zambia was unexpectedly recalled to his country. Reverend ABERNATHY is scheduled to speak at 11:15 A.M. in the Piere Marquette Hotel Ballroom.

On July 26, 1968 Peoria, Fillinois Police Department, Turnished the following information:

At 11:51 A.M., on July 26, 1968, Reverend ABERNATHY and two assistances arrived at the Peoria, Illinois Airport via Ozark Flight 927 from Chicago, Illinois and were escorted directly to the Piere Marquette Hotel.

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On July 26, 1968, the source previously referred to, furnished the following information:

At 11:15 A.M., on July 26, 1968, Reverend ABERNATHY addressed the attending conference delegates in the Piere Marquette Hotel Ballroom on his one hour speech which dealt primarily with taking Christianity outside of the church and into the streets. Reverend ABERNATHY said the church has been the taillight rather than the headlight and has primarily failed its mission at least in the civil rights movement. Reverend ABERNATHY reviewed the civil rights movement within the United States which started with the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955 and continued with the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Memphis Tennessee.

Reverend ABERNATHY said, "We are not going to let an assassing bullet or a recalcitrant Congress or anybody stop the civil rights movement until we can walk together and cry free at last." Reverend ABERNATHY also detailed some of the suffering he and his family have experienced and the problems involved with the Poor Peoples Campaign but that neither he, his family, nor the Poor Peoples Campaign will stop or will turn back.

During a press conference following the speech, Reverend ABERNATHY said that he had just received an invitation to speak at the Republican Platform Committee during the Republican Convention but that arrangements for this speech have not been finalized.

On July 6, 1968 previously mentioned, advised that Reverend ABERNATHY and his two assistants were escorted to the Peoria Airport and they departed Peoria, Illinois at 1:25 P.M., via Flight 952, for a scheduled arrival in Chicago, Illinois at 2:00 P.M. During Reverend ABERNATHY's presence and speech in Peoria, Illinois, no demonstrations or incidents occured.

ABERNATHY's two assistants who accompanied him from Chicago, Illinois, were identified by the Peoria

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#### REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Journal Star, a daily newspaper, as SOLOMON JONES, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Staff Member and Reverend JOHN ADAMS of the Methodist Board of Social Concern, Washington, D.C.

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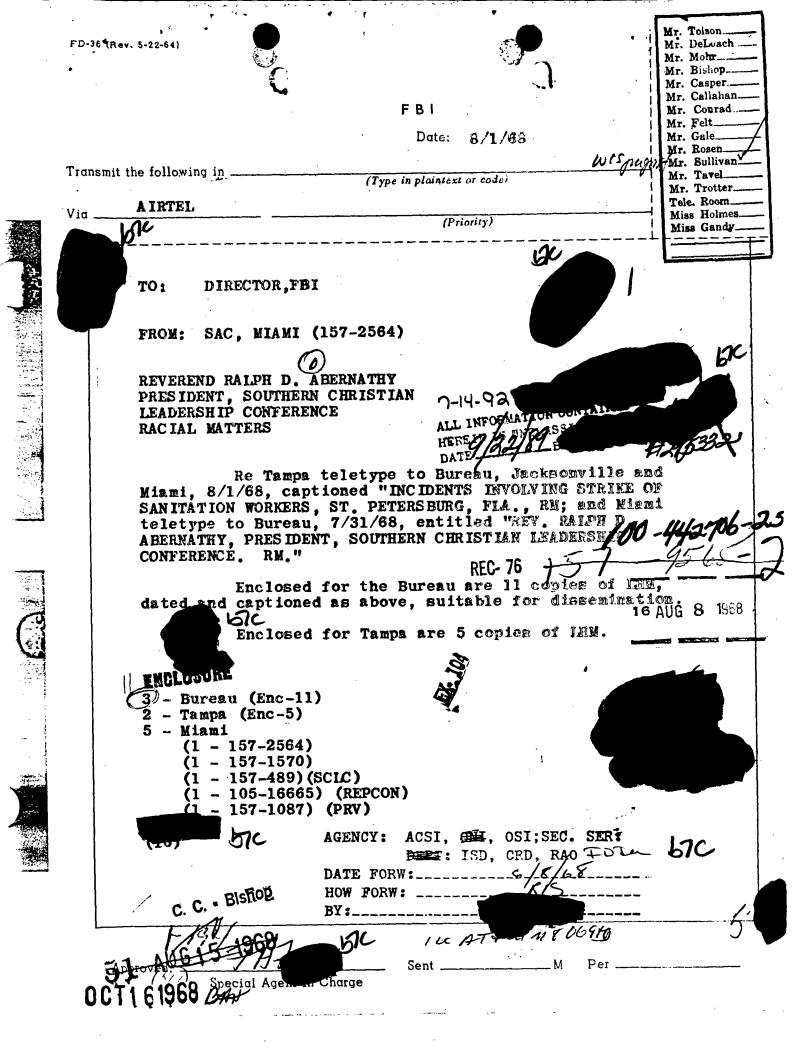
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Miami, Florida August 1, 1968

RE: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE RACIAL MATTERS

On July 31, 1968 MI Group, Miami, Florida, advised that Reverend RAIPH D. ABERNATHY departed Miami on National Airlines Flight 31, arriving Tampa International Airport at 7:30 PM, on July 31, 1968, accompanied by eight individuals, not further identified.

Reverend ABERNATHY was met at Tampa International Airport by Reverend A. D. KING, GEORGIA DAVIS, member of the Kentucky Legislature, and approximately forty people, predominantly Negroes, wearing orange and white arm bands. The arrival of Reverend ABERNATHY was covered by press media, NBC and local television in Tampa. Local authoritics provided escort to the predominantly Negro Gibbs High School, St. Petersburg, Florida, where a rally was to commence at 8 PM, July 31, 1968.

The above information was furnished to the United States Secret Service, Miami, and the Miami Beach Police Department. Miami Beach, Florida, by Special Agent

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the 111th MI Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; U. S. Secret Service, Miami; and the United States Attorney, Miami.

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Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following

items:

- 1) A one page typewritten letter addressed to Representative ALBERT QUIE-Minnesota.
- White envelope addressed to Representative ALEERT QUIE, Congressman from Minnesota, Washington, D.C., postmerked July 17, 1968. and containing the return address Davidson, Oklahoma.

Both items were furnished to this Agent on 7/19/68, at the Rayburn Building Office of Congressmen QUIE, by QUIE's

The letter had been received at that office at approximately  $3:30 p_{0}m_{0}$ , that date, and its contents are self-explanatory.

by The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination of the enclosed letter in order to develop possible prints of the unsub. It should be noted that advised that the letter received wide handling at Congressman QUIE's office before its receipt came to his attention. He noted that at least seven individuals and possibly more had handled the letter.

In addition, the FBI Laboratory is also requested to determine the manufacturer and type of typewriter used in the typing of the letter and envelope.

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### WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will obtain elimination fingerprints from known handlers of the original letter if determined necessary.





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washington, D.C. 20535 July 23, 1968

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<u>On July 19, 1968,</u>

Albert Quie, Kayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C., furnished to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a carbon copy typewritten letter which had been received at that office at approximately 3:30 p.m., that day. The letter was contained in an envelope addressed to "Rep. Albert Quie, Congressman from Minn., Washington, D.C.", and bore a post mark of July 17, 1963, at Lubbock, Texas. In addition, the envelope also bore the return OC address and Davidson, Okla.".

On July 19, 1968, the following individuals representing their respective organizations were contacted concerning the receipt of the afore-mentioned letter and all advised that they would take appropriate action within their different jurisdictions:

> Special Agent Protective Intelligence Division, United States Secret Service; Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department; United States Capitol Police

The following is a Xerox copy of the aforementioned letter set forth in its entirety:

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Old Martin King, tried to take to mugh authority, it took 350,000.00 to get him. The information and record we have you of regarding farm programs and other voting records, of yours, the bearer of the orginal copy has already been paid to plant a bomb at his choosing to get you in your car or your home whenever he sees the proper moment has arrive arrived. So buddy you want need to vote yourself a higher pension, cause you are not going to need it. There want be gun left either, in fact there want be even any guts left if you even have any. You know Kennedy was talking to all powerful, was'nt he. If you should change your ideas TEXT regarding farm payments, I guess its too late because the boy from Oklahoma wanted the 3500.00 to bad, the men watchin your voting are getting the job idone a lot cheaper for a Congressman than it cost to get a negro. Its costing alot more to get Aberthany than a congressman, Old Ancher Nelson might get his before you don't ware up some day. Paul Findly time is limited also. It was easy to raise the \$1500.00 to get three gutless apes terminted, it will be interesting to watch the papers on how the old boy from Okla. does it. This is not a crank warning, you are causing to much hard ship, and bombs leave no tales sometimes not even any guts. King and Kennedy did'nt listen did they Percy daughter had to

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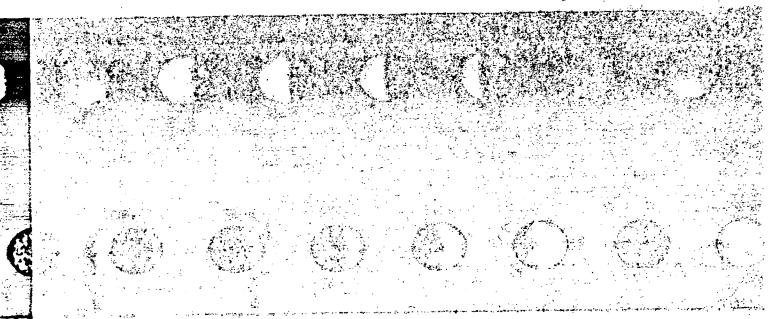
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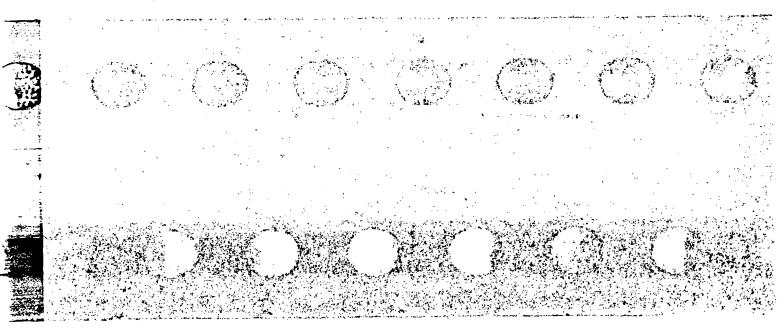
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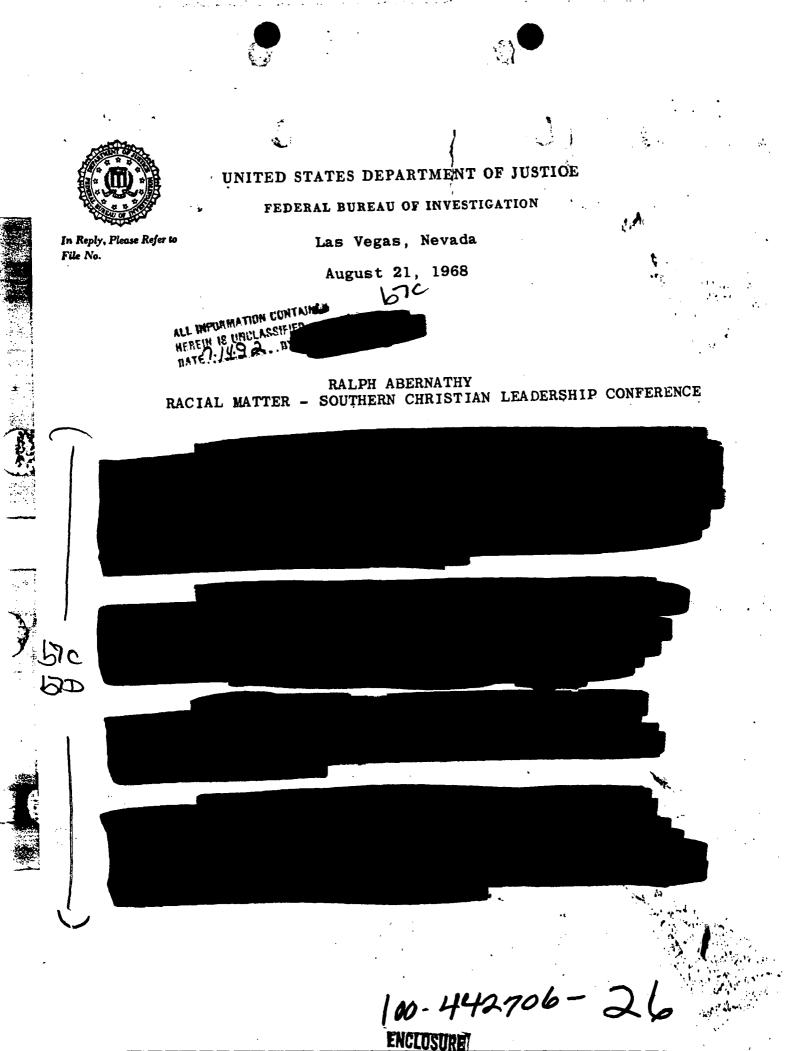
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Efforts to locate the Showboat Hotel have been unsuccessful; although the still registered, he has not returned to his room since 8/20/68.





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RALPH ABERNATHY:



Bus Depot at 9:00 A.M. on August 20, 1968, and the Reverend Abernathy did not arrive. Clark County Sheriff's Office had sent cars to cover the highway between Los Angeles, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada, and no buses, except regularly scheduled buses, were observed.

report that Abernathy was coming to Las Vegas to be unfounded.

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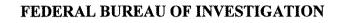
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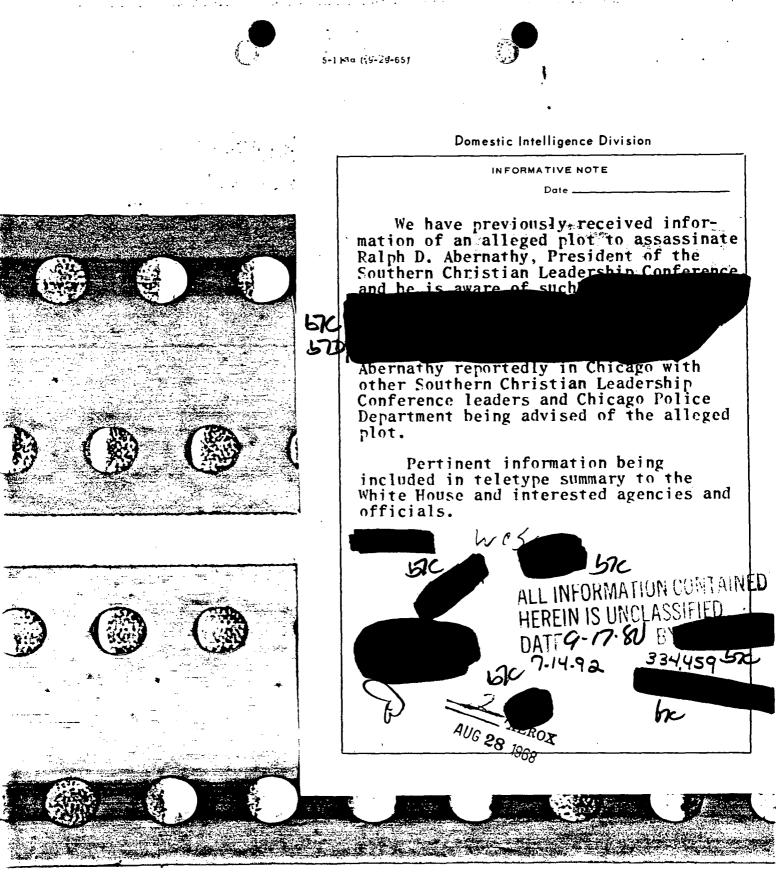
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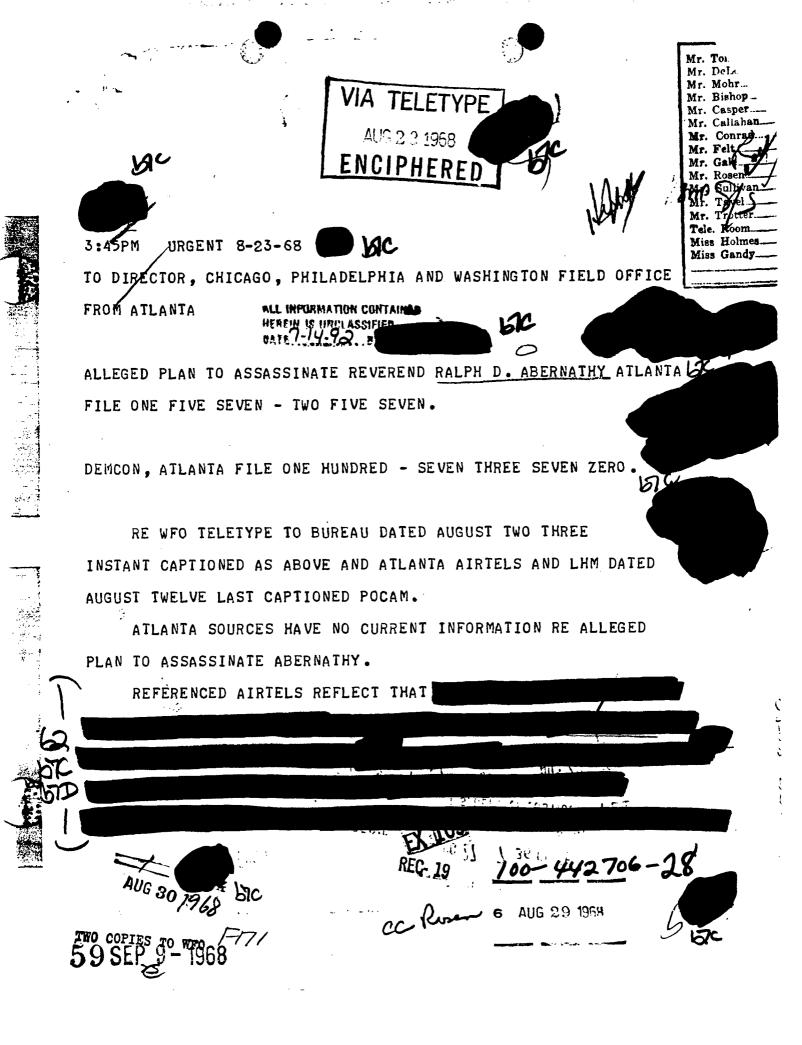
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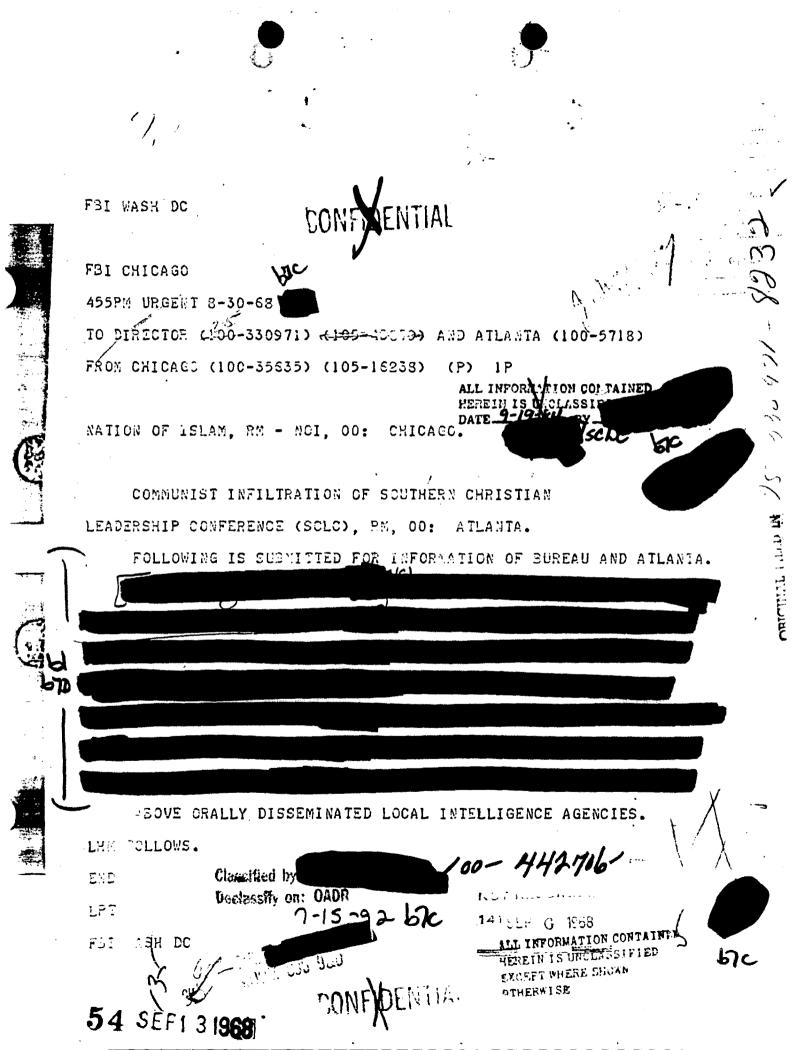
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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTERS

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Discreetly determine through established sources the details, including size, cost, and other pertinent data concerning the subject's elaborate suite at the Conrad Hilton Hotel during the National Convention of the Democratic Party. Submit the results of your inquiry in a form suitable for dissemination.

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King's Men Return To Memphis

# "What Shall Become Of His Dreams?"

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William Faulkner located Mulberry Street so precisely and described its major industry so vividly in one of his early novels that lustful visitors from the rural mid-South memorized the passage and used it as their guide to the rows of dingy houses where three-dollar whores did business until the military authorities forced the city to clean up the neighborhood during World War II.

Before virtue was imposed, white customers had access to white girls and black girls - in different houses, of course. Black men were restricted to black girls. Police who patrolled the area and protected the madames for a percentage had great sport with Negroes who were so foolish and so lost to Southern decorum as to seek appointments with white prostitutes. The girls were encouraged to accept payment in advance and tip off the police, who awaited the hapless blacks and proceeded, either in a back alley or at the central police station uptown, to beat them as near to death as might be without actually producing a corpse.

Now the whores, or anyhow the open whorehouses and their visitors, are gone from Mulberry Street. Visitors of another sort, nearly all of them black, go there now. Walter Bailey, the black owner of the Lorraine Motel, estimates that at least five thousand men, women and children have climbed the steps to the motel's gallery and walked to the corner outside of Room 306 since the evening of April 4. They stand there, on the spot where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. vacant waste of weeds and trash toward the flop-house window from which the shot that killed him. Streeted in yith a song that went as follows: was fired. If they enter room 306, they are expected in We have a leader of the SCLC, and a rew sign a lined ledger its pages dirtied with much turk. sign a lined ledger, its pages dirtied with much turn ing, and pay one dollar toward the cost of embellishing the room 7 how small and close it is in the summer D 3 heat 2-41968 able memorial. They may read without charge a quotation from Genesis, lettered on a placard

on the outer wall: "Behold, here cometh the dreamer . . . let us slay him . . . and we shall see what shall become of his dreams."

This week the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, Dr. King's successor at the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, returned to Memphis for the SCLC's eleventh annual convention and was installed in a \$50 per day suite at the Claridge, a white-owned and more commodious hotel many blocks north of the Mulberry slum. For this he was not to be reproached. Dr. King had lodged at the sparse Lorraine, the best hotel owned by a Negro in Memphis, only after the local press had taken embarrassing note of his and his assistant's quarters at an expensive mid-town hostelry. The Memphis police, extremely nervous in any case over the holding of the convention here so soon after Dr. King's murder and the riotous turmoil that followed it, would have objected strenuously if Mr. Abernathy had elected to stage a symbolic and, for the purposes of running a national assembly, impractical return to the Lorraine. Mr Abernathy and his senior associates were reluctant to go there at all or to burden the convention with jte dreadful memories. A few delegates and junior staf members put up there, and some of them urged/Mr Abernathy to pay at least a brief memorial visit. But the formal memorial service for Dr. King was scheduled at a church in a more sedate section/of black Memphis, and Mr. Abernathy's crisp and efficient executive assistant, the Reverend Andrew Joung, said with marked emphasis that no convention events of any importance would occur on Mulberry Street. "Personally," he said, "I don't want to bother with it."

There was no lack of homage to Dr. King. His widow, Mrs. Coretta King, delivered one of the featured speeches and accepted for him the SCLC's annual Rosa Parks award, named for the old black woman who refused to move to the back of the bus and so launched the historic Montgomery, Alabama boycott and Dr. King's rise in the 1950s from an obscure pastorate to world fame. But Dr. King is dead, and a purpose of Ralph Abernathy and loyal members of the SCLC staff is to establish Abernathy not only as the chosen heir, but as a worthy heir who has his own dreams (as he has said) and proposes to realize them. At the Memphis airport, when he arrived from the home base in Atlanta with Andy Young and a few

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that he was going to be at the Democratic Convention in Chicago with the SCLC's mule train and insistent demands that the Democrats do better by the organization and its call for massive assistance to the nation's poor than Richard Nixon and the Republicans had done in Miami Beach, an ecstatic black girl exclaimed to another girl beside her, "Yes, sir and I'm gonna be there with him." She and many other young ladies in the crowd wore silken banners variously inscribed "stationary hostess" and "rotating hostess," presumably in reference 'to their duties at the SCLC's` sessions. At his first press conference, Mr. Abernathy announced that the principal aim of this convention, apart from its reminder to Memphis and the nation that this is the city where Martin Luther King was murdered, was to affirm the SCLC's advance, in a big way, into "the political arena." In the coming months, he said, "This is where we plan to move," indicating as he had in Miami Beach that he and his followers plan to move against Richard Nixon and in support of any of the currently visible Democratic candidates for the Presidency.

now much in the way of political weight and organization does Mr. Abernathy have to move into the new arena? He has his own not inconsiderable appeal, very different in its leaden style from Dr. King's soaring eloquence but a substantial factor for all of that. He has the SCLC's national staff, a mixed bag of fiery rousers (Hosea Williams, the Reverend James Bevel) and cool managers (Andy Young), known equally for their zeal and for the net chaos which made the recent Poor People's March on Washington and its Resurrection City a saddening shambles. The organization has no fixed and measurable membership: the 287 "affiliates" it currently claims may consist of a single church or several churches, one of several activist ministers also associated with such other organizations as the NAACP, or (as in Alabama and South Carolina) local groups devoted to voter registration and guidance. Daily estimates of attendance at this convention dwindled from 2,000 to 1,000, when Andrew Young was asked for "a serious figure," to "perhaps 500." But measures of this kind do not really apply to the SCLC. Its power is a power to goad and embarrass the Establishment, whether it be represented by the city government of Memphis in the black garbage collectors' strike which brought Dr. King here and to his death, or the Republican and Democratic Parties at their conventions, or the Johnson Administration in Washington. Without too much facetiousness, it may be said that the SCLC in its operative essence consists of Ralph Abernathy, his staff, an occasional string of hired and discernibly unhappy mules, and the television cameramen who seldom resist a summons

to the spectacles thus provided. And in rural Alabama and in Chicago and Cleveland and Washington and now again here in Memphis, the black people hear and see in Ralph Abernathy and his entourage an expression of their frustrations and their hopes. More often than not in the past, they have had to look to other men and organizations to fulfill the promise offered and the hopes raised by the SCLC. But not always: it is generally acknowledged that this city's black populace and the leadership, united for once behind their black garbage-men, would not have brought white business and its government to their knees without the intervention, fatal to him, of Mr. King last March and April.

Ralph Abernathy said upon his arrival that he had had his doubts about having this year's convention here. Because of the drain in energy and money of the Poor People's March, he and his staff decided only on July 20 that it was feasible to have a 1968 convention anywhere. His doubts could not have equalled those of white Memphis and, for that matter, of a good many black Memphians. Racially and otherwise, this city has changed immensely in the years since Faulkner's visiting Mississippi whites and the local police took their sport on Mulberry and adjacent streets. The integration of schools, hotel accommodations, stores and factories had proceeded so quietly, on the whole, that white Memphis by early 1968 thought it had it made. Black Memphis knew better, but did not seem disposed to speed the process in any drastic way. Here, as in several other Southern cities, the assumption that the region was, after all, home to blacks and whites alike and therefore less likely than other regions to suffer the extreme pangs of Detroit or Newark or Watts seemed to be borne out.

Then came the successful garbage strike for union recognition and higher wages, the display of black power that brought it off, and the murder of Dr. King. The result was a profound civic trauma - a state of shock from which white Memphians thought they were emerging, though they really were not, when Mr. Abernathy and his staff decided to come back with the SCLC. What the whites call "trouble," minimized though it was by the Memphis newspapers, was already manifest and in the making. A growing group of black militants styled themselves "The Invaders" and brought down upon themselves the full, though as yet quietly exercised might of the Memphis police. Four of them, who also happened to be employees of the federally financed youth project, were arrested at the home of the leading Invader and charged with possessing marijuana. The policy interpret state and local laws to mean that they can order any street crowd to disperse if the locale or attitude or presence of suspect individuals in it suggests brewing mischief to patrolling

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officers, and that they can arrest anybody who resists the order. An Invader was picked up on such a charge not long ago, enraging his followers, and on the Sunday before the SCLC's convention opened, a police car in a black neighborhood was stoned when the patrolmen ordered a night crowd to break up. This week the aggressive Memphis chapter of the NAACP won the first of a series of intended boycotts aimed at compelling stores, banks, and other white-owned businesses in black neighborhoods to hife or begin to train Negroes for the top jobs. The Reverend Andrew Kyle, a black pastor and one of SCLC's personal "affiliants," found Memphis to be so "up tight" that he broadcast over a radio station his assurance and the national organization's promise that no street demonstrations or other possibly provocative episodes would be staged by the conventioneers. But he could not speak for the Invaders, or for white provocateurs of the sort rumored in the black community to be converging upon Memphis.

White Memphis took comfort from its illusion that a recently appointed Director of Fire and Police, a soft-spoken FB1 veteran named Frank Holloman, had the trust of black Memphis and therefore had the situation well in hand. Talking to Mr. Holloman about his and Memphis' racial problems is a numbing experience. He speaks of justice along with order, quotes J. Edgar Hoover and Abraham Lincoln with equal facility (and, in his view, to identical effect), and tells with pride – some of it justified – of his efforts to recruit more black policemen and teach his white policemen (who outnumber the blacks more than ten to one) to forego such terms as "nigger" and "boy" when ad-

dressing both their black colleagues and the black citizenry. But his total demeanor justifies the view of Mrs. Maxine Smith, the NAACP chapter's Executive Director, that "we will have a problem here until Mr. Holloman recognizes the problem." She had recently received a letter from him, denying that her husband and several other prominent Negroes had been "Maced" and otherwise abused during a riot in March. She saw the happening herself, and like several other black leaders says that she is no longer interested in discussing matters with Director Holloman. He continues to believe that he is in constructive communication with Mrs. Smith and other black leaders who feel about him as she does. He also takes great pride in his Community Relations unit, consisting of two black officers and two white officers under black Lieutenant R. J. Turner, a 20-year veteran on the force. A white captain of detectives, asked this week for directions to the Lieutenant's office, turned to a subordinate and said, "I didn't even know we had a nigger named Turner around here."

Director Holloman mobilized most of his black policemen as a security guard for Ralph Abernathy and his principal assistants. They packed the Claridge lobby and the floor where SCLC's top blacks were housed, with a psychological effect somewhat diminished by the fact that they were under white command. On the Memphis streets, patrolling officers exchanged their usual soft caps for riot helmets. Two blacks from the Claridge Hotel, and a block from the central police station, James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing Dr. King, awaited his trial in solitary confinement in the Shelby County jail.

# Chicago: Challenge at the Convention

A test of whether Vice President Humphrey can hold his unwieldy coalition together in Chicago and go on to win his party's nomination will come early in the convention when the delegates wrestle with a series of credentials challenges, proposed rules changes and, of course, the Vietnam plank in the platform. As of mid-August, the Humphrey camp seemed ready to give way at every possible point, short of a renunciation of President Johnson by name or a wholesale unseating of pro-Humphrey delegates. By this strategy, the most optimistic among the Vice President's backers hope to liberate their candidate from the taint of "old politics" and get his campaign off to a flying start.

There are 18 credentials challenges, of which the

McCarthy camp is aggressively pushing the halfdozen or so regarded as serious. In each case, Mc-Carthy has nothing to lose and quite a bit to gain by making a fight of it. For instance, he could pick up at least 100 votes in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana, Washington and Texas if his strategists are successful at Chicago. In the process, McCarthy's backers hope to drive the hard core of old-line Southern delegates not being challenged and now generally regarded as pro-Humphrey into a "third force," thus endangering Mr. Humphrey's prospects of getting the nomination on an early ballot.

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### Officers of the Chapter are:

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Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD Assistant Executive Director

Miss BEVERLY MEDLEY Executive Secretary

Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS New Haven, Connecticut Advisor

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All of the above individuals are Stamford, Connecticut, residents except as otherwise noted.

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At Stamford, Connecticut

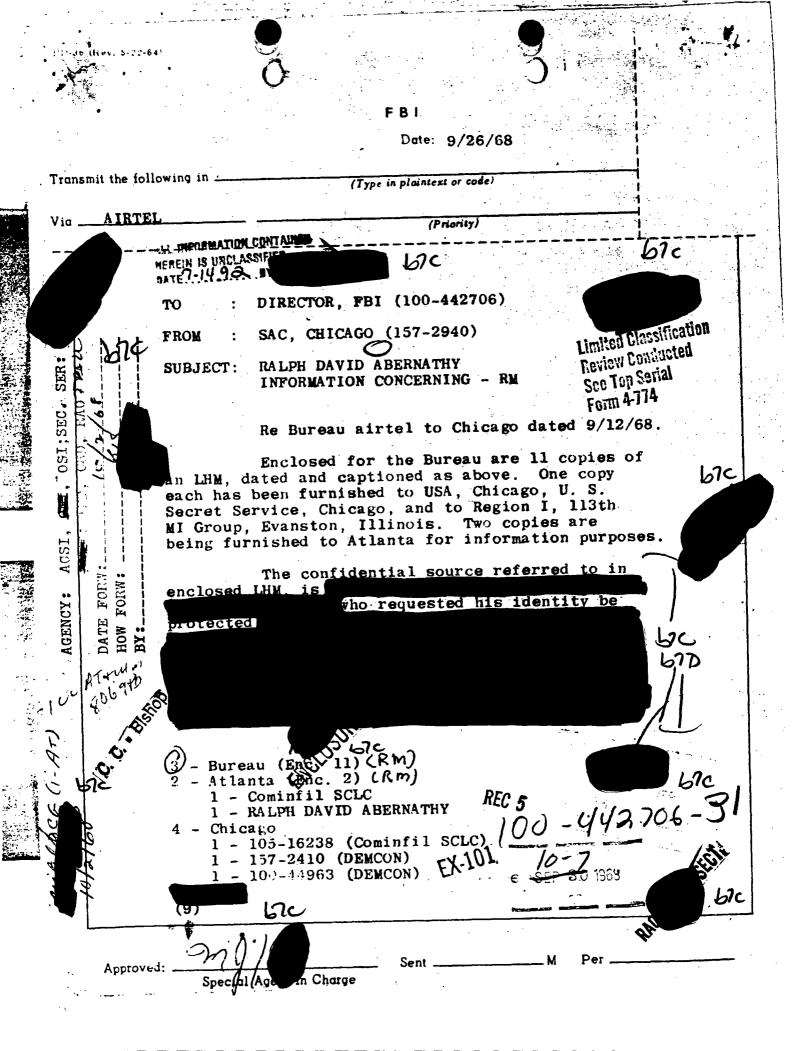
Will follow and report in LHM details and results of ABERNATHY's visit.

Will review indices, credit and criminal and informants re officers and directors of SCLC.

### At New Haven, Connecticut

Will conduct credit, criminal and informant checks re Bishop C. H. BREWER, Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS, and Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON.

In addition, when informant contacts are made will obtain any available information regarding the other officers and directors as set forth in details above.



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Referenced airtel instructed Chicago to discreetly determine through established sources, the details, including size, cost and other pertinent data concerning the subject's elaborate suite at the Conrad Hilton Hotel during the National Convention of the Democratic Party. The Bureau instructed Chicago to submit the results of this investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

### On September 23, 1968.

Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South micnigan Avenue, Chicago, advised the subject was not registered at that hotel during the Democratic National Convention. Reverend FRED BENNETTE of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), attempted during the week prior to the convention, to obtain accomodations at the Conrad Hilton for ABERNATHY, however, BENNETTE was advised that all rooms in that hotel were under the control of the National Committee of the Democratic Party, which committee was making the room assignments. advised that although ABERNATHY was not registered at the Conrad Hilton, he was observed in that hotel on several occasions and may have had the use of rooms had registered to other persons. However, no information as to whose room ABERNATHY might advised it was his understanding have used. that ABERNATHY was registered at the Ambassador Hotel during the convention.

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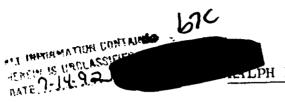
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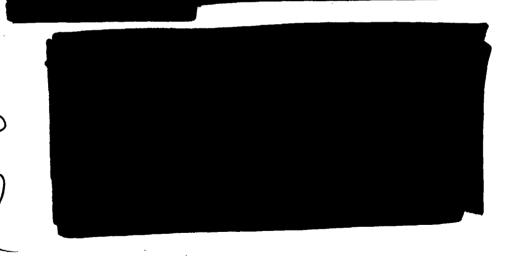
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Chicago, Illinois September 26, 1968

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### TLPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On September 24, 1968, a confidential source, with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine his reliability, but who is in a position to have information concerning this matter, advised Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), from Atlanta, Georgia, rented a suite in the Ambassador Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, from August 24, 1968, through August 30, 1968, which included the period of the Democratic Convention held in Chicago, which suite consisted of two rooms, numbers 814 and 815 and included a bedroom and a living room at a cost of S52.00 per day.



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### RE: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

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To: BAC, Chicago (157-2940) REC 5 From: Director, FBI (100-442706) -3/

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No active investigation of Abernathy is desired at this time. Coverage of his activities is to be discreetly maintained through reliable established sources only. Therefore, the coverage of the leads set out in referenced communications should be discreetly handled and office indices only should be checked

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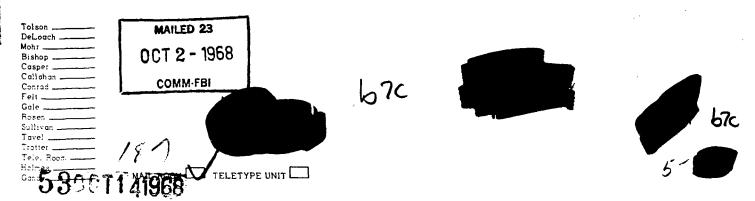
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NOTE:

Chicago ascertained through an established source that Abernathy rented a suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

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Chicago and Atlanta are being reminded that Abernathy's activities are to be followed only through reliable established sources.



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> Atlanta, Georgia October 4, 1968

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Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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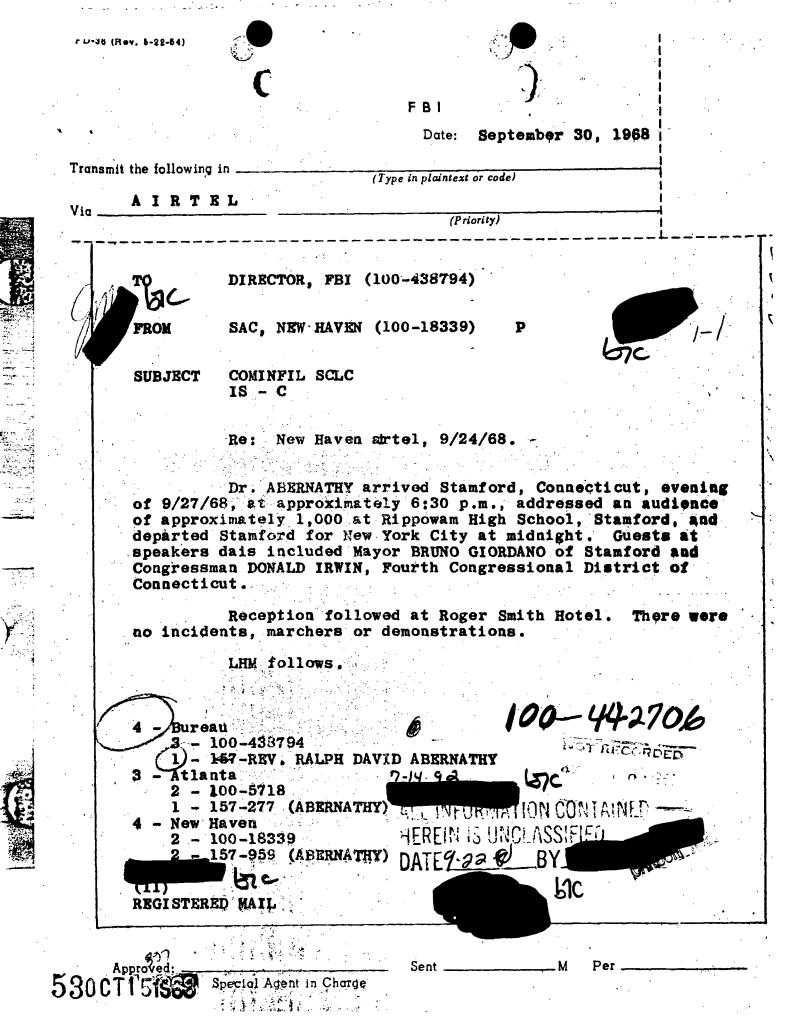
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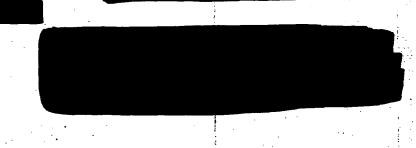
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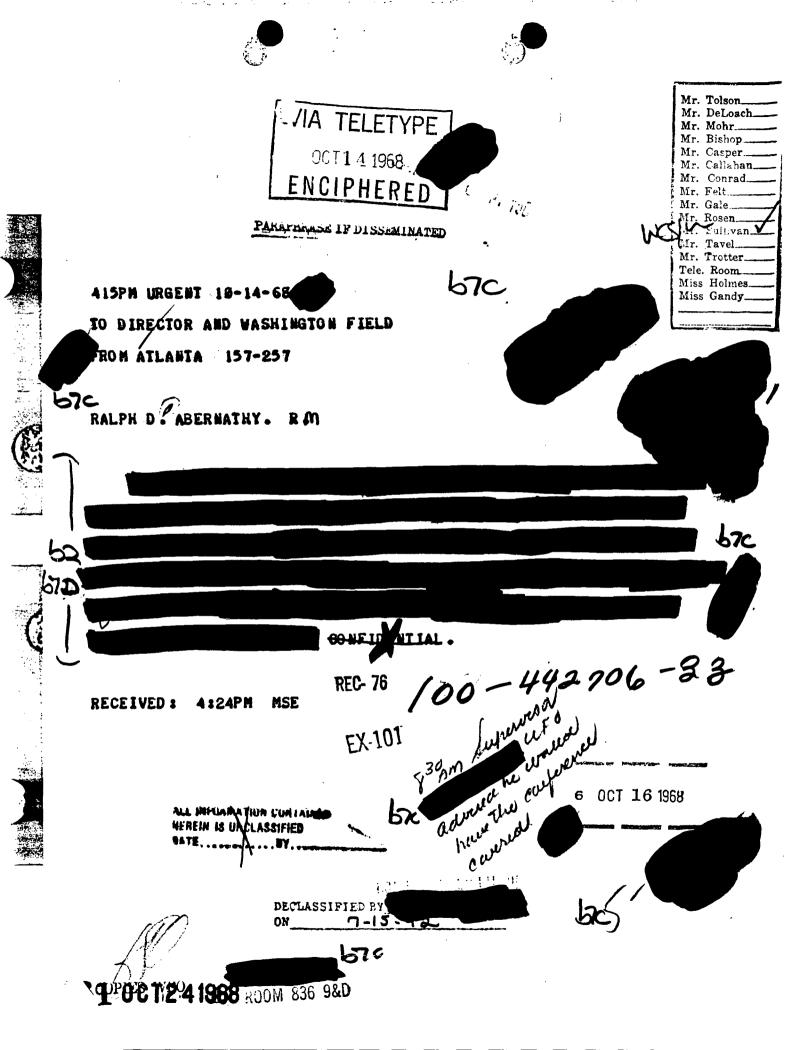
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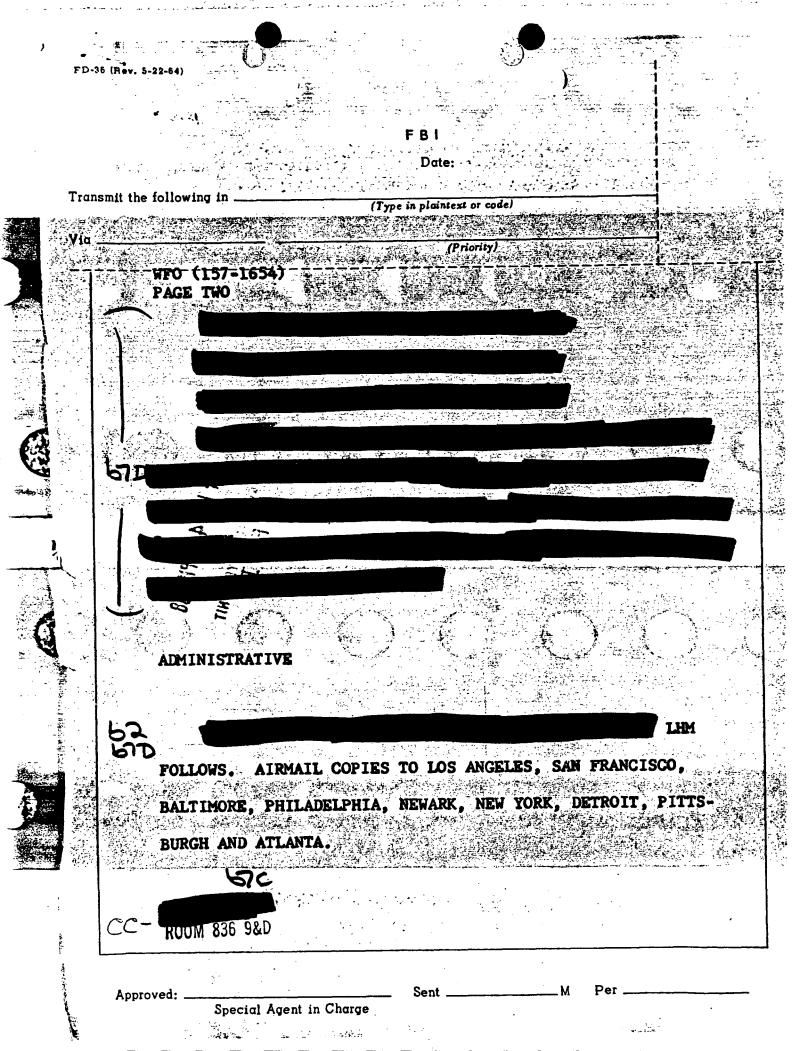
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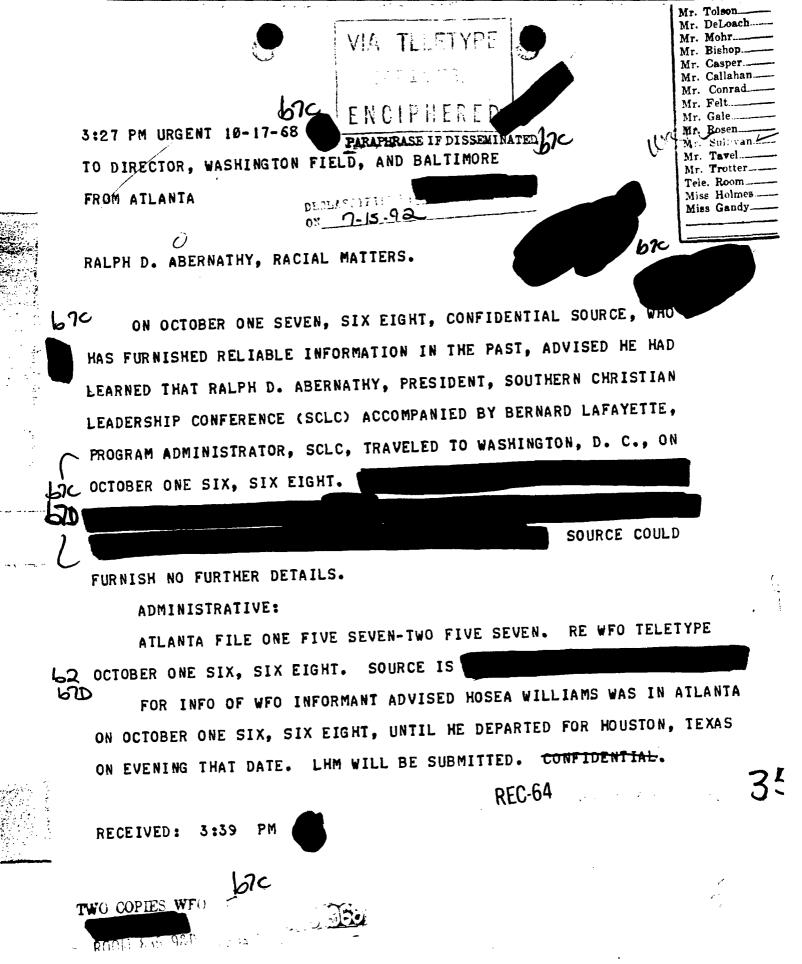
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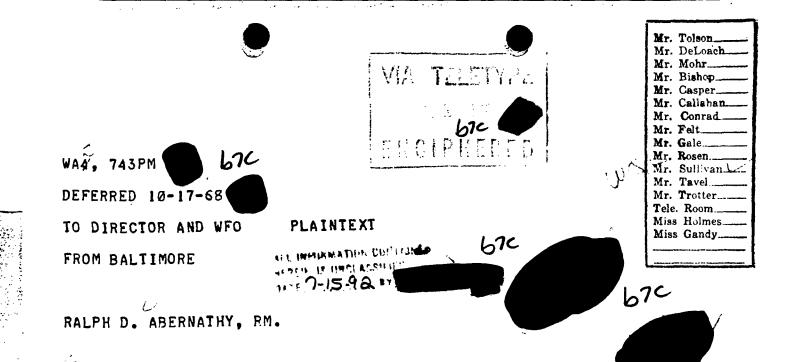
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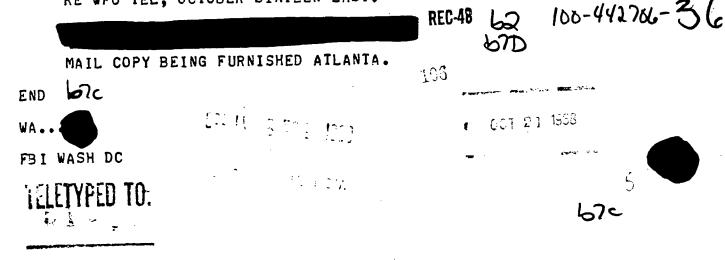


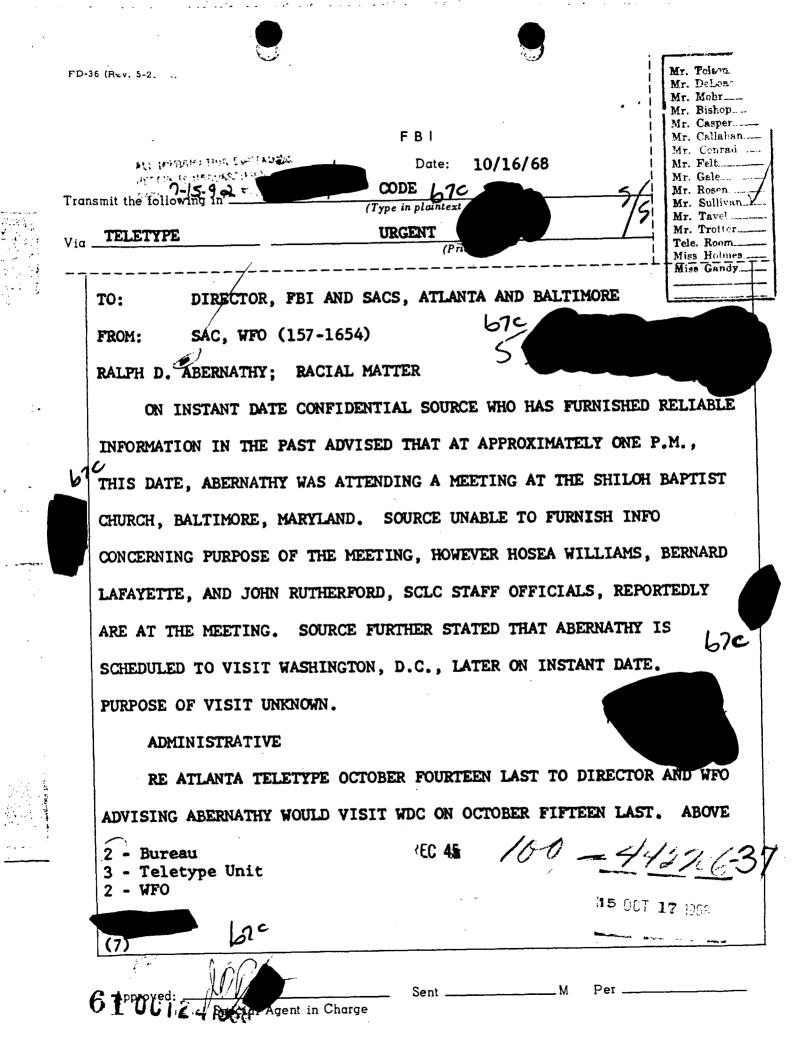


A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THERE WAS A SCHEDULED MEETING FOR ONE THIRTY P.M., OCTOBER SIXTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, BY SCLC, IN BALTO., AND THAT ABERNATHY WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. THIS MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE. A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SHILOH BAPTIST CURCH, BALTO., MD., FVENING OF OCTOBER SIXTEEN, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, BALTO. THIS WAS A TASK FORCE MEETING CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION. SUBJECT OR OTHER NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ATTEND.

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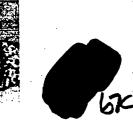
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Investigation regarding the individuals listed in New Haven airtel 9/24/68 is not yet completed. When completed results will be furnished Bureau and Atlanta. No specific leads being set forth for New Haven as previously set forth in airtel of 9/24/68.

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#### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The August 31, 1968, edition of the "Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, carried a story on page 1 to the effect that the Reverend Dr. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY would launch the first Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Connecticut on September 27, 1968, at a meeting to be held at Rippowam High School auditorium, Stamford, Connecticut, at 8:00 p.m.

According to the article the Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, HOSEA WILLIAMS and Y.T. ROGERS, Director of Affiliates for Southern Christian Leadership Conference would also be on hand. Dr. ABERNATHY is to speak on the objectives of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the north when he presides at the initiation ceremonies. The Chapter is being sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, and was organized by Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, 97 Washington Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, a member of the congregation.

The newspaper article lists the officers of the Chapter as:

Bishop C. H. BREWER, New Haven, Connecticut -EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and TREASURER;

Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; Miss BEVERLY MEDLEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY;

Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS, New Haven, Connecticut - ADVISOR;

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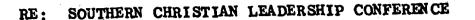
Mrs. MARY LONG;

Reverend ULYSSES RALPH.

All of the above individuals are Stamford, Connecticut, residents except as otherwise noted.

The "Stamford Advocate" edition of September 28, 1968, carried an article reflecting Dr. ABERNATHY's appearance before 1,000 people at Rippowam High School on September 27, 1968. The article continues that Dr. ABERNATHY was in Stamford to dedicate the Connecticut Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During the course of his speech Dr. ABERNATHY stated that on a recent trip abroad foreigners asked him when America will start preaching democracy at home. He called for the return of the soldiers from Vietnam claiming that he felt there was more democracy in Vietnam than at home.

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Appearing on the platform with Dr. ABERNATHY was Judge ROBERT LEVISTER, Circuit Court, Stamford, Connecticut; Mayor BRUNO E. GIORDIANO, Stamford, Connecticut; Congressman DONALD J. IRWIN (D.4thConn.) and Dr. PETER GOLDMARK, President of CBS Laboratories and an internationally known scientist.

On September 27, 1968, Stamford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that Dr. ABERNATHY and his party arrived at Stamford, Connecticut, from Li Guardia Airport, New York City, at approximately 6:30 p.m and attended a reception at Temple Beth El with Rabbi PAUL SILVERMASTER and ALEX GOLDMAN in Stamford, Connecticut, prior to his appearing at Rippowam High School. The stimated the crowd at Rippowam High School as 1,000 persons. There was no picketing or any other incidents. Dr. ABERNATHY departed Stamford at approximately 11:50 p.m. on September 27, 1968, for NewYork City.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

### REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

At 11:45 a.m., October 22, 1968, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, and Reverend Andrew Young, Assistant to the President, SCLC, arrived in Marks, Mississippi, from Memphis, Tennessee, in a 1968 Buick Electra, four-door light blue hardtop, 1968 Tennessee License JN5565.

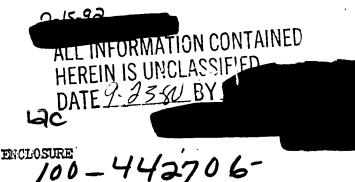
At 12:50 p.m. October 22, 1968, 160 Negroes led by Reverend Abernathy and Young marched to the Quitman County Courthouse, Marks, Mississippi.

Reverend Young introduced Reverend Abernathy who spoke on "Get Out The Vote". Reverend Abernathy spoke against Presidential Candidates George Wallace and Richard Nixon, but said that he was endorsing no candidate or political party.

Reverend Abernathy and Young departed Marks, Mississippi, at 3:35 p.m. October 22, 1968, in the above described Buick en route to the airport, Memphis, for air travel to Houston.

No arrests or incidents occurred as a result of SCLC march, Marks, Mississippi, October 22, 1968.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above.



COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

# REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

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NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF SCLC MARCH, MARKS, MISS., OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

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## COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On October 18, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ] £ 4 Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), planned to hold a press conference on that date at the former site of Resurrection City to announce a nationwide get-out-the-vote campaign to be launched October 21, 1968, by the SCLC. Resurrection City was the temporary home of participants of the Poor People's Campaign which was an SCLC sponsored project.

On October 18, 1968, Abernathy held the press conference, as indicated above, at which time the attached statement was made. 9-14-80 hr

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### STATEMENT BY DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE RESSURRECTION CITY, WASHINGTON, D. C. October 18, 1968

I return today to the site of Ressurrection City the sacred spot which held so much hope for the poor of our nation. I come to announce a Nationwide Get-Out-the-Vote campaign to be launched next week by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This campaign is designed to stir the forces of good will to bring the to bear moral weight of their votes in every election this November -- from city council to the Presidency.

The black, the poor, and our liberal allies across the nation are suffering today from a tremendous emotional drain. We have this year lost two of our greatest leaders -- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy -who were assassinated in a time when their vision and reason were most desperately needed by America.

Their tragic deaths, together with the agony of the war in Vietnam and the insensitivity to poverty at home, have left millions in this country demoralize: confused and crushed. Some are even actively urging us not to vote this year. And in a sense I guess I understand that sentiment. For I would much rather to have seen, for example, a Presidential race between a Kennedy and a Rochefeller. But the fact is that one of three men is going to be President of this country. Whoever is elected must know that he has to contend with a strong liberal vote for peace and progress.

We in SCLC have noted the alarming trend toward apathy among many people of goodwill and are distressed by it for we know that this is exactly what the right wing elements and the forces of reaction in our country want. They want the black, the poor and the liberals to walk away from the many crucial elections taking place on November 5th. The enemies of poor people are seekin office at every level so that they can call a halt to the great strides toward freedom that we have made in recent years.

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I shall therefore call upon people of goodwill across the nation to mobilize the black, poor and liberal voters to turn out at the polls as never before.

A massive movement of these voters toward the polls will create a demand that all candidates for public office, from sheriff to President, speak to the vital issues of peace and justice with which the Poor People's Campaign is trying so desperately to confront the nation.

We have come too far to turn back now. Far too many have suffered, shed their blood, and died for the right to vote for us not to exercise that right in the critical elections ahead.

We will begin our campaign on Monday, October 21st, in Montgomery, Alabama --- Montgomery, where black people 50,000 strong opened the Second Reconstruction in America 13 years ago under the inspired leadership of Dr. King; Montgomery, Alabama, now the headquarters of the apostle of fear and hate, who would bring an end to what we started there, if he is elected President. If Mr. Wallace thinks he is going to stop demonstrations for freedom, he might as well get ready now, because we will be demonstrating next Monday where he has his headquarters.

From Montgomery we will journey on Tuesday, October 22nd to Marks, Mississippi -- the poorest area in the United States, where men, women and children are literally starving to death. From Marks, we shall speak to the poor of our nation -- black, white, red, brown, yellow. We will say, "The poor must vote" -- as long as one out of every four Americans is poverty-strick as long as 10 million Americans are hungry; as long as poverty and disease affli two-thirds of the world; as long as strong men are denied jobs, impoverished mothers are denied a decent life for their families, and children are denied a good education.

We shall then be in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday, October 23; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, New York City, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Atlanta will follow in that order.

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We will carry the same urgent message to every region of America: People must know the issues and they must vote. Our effort will be nonpartisen

We will take with us the Poor People's Mule Train --- which began in Mississippi and has traveled to Ressurrection City and on to the Republican and Democratic conventions ---- as a symbol of the vital issue of poverty and human rights that we must not allow to be covered up by the rhetoric of fear and hate that has become commonplace in the 1968 campaign. We call upon men and women of conscience in these 12 cities and in all communities across the nation to join us in the immensely important work of getting out the vote for justice in America.

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On October 17, 1968, confidential source advised he understood that on October 16, 1968, Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC, traveled to Washington. D) C

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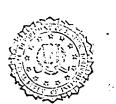
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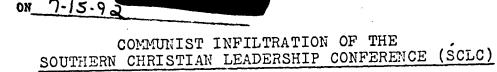
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<u>On October 24</u>, 1968,

Los Angèles Police Départment; advised that on October 23, 1968, the Los Angeles Police Department received a letter from Reverend James H. Hargett, Apcal representative for the Southern Christian Leaders to Conference, advising that on October 25, 1968, Reverend Ralph Abernathy would lead a parade consisting of three mule wagons on Los Angeles streets. The parade would commence at 3:30 p.m., at Will Rogers State Park, travel north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminate at the Second Baptist Church. The group was to obey all traffic regulations and thus a permit was not necessary.

On October 25, 1968, a source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived at Los Angeles International Airport at about 8:47 a.m. on that date.

At 4:15 p.m., October 25, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed a crowd of approximately 150 Negroes at the southwest corner of Will Rogers State Park, 103rd Street and Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California. In the center of the crowd, there were three mule wagons with two mules attached to each wagon.

At 4:45 p.m., the three wagons left the park and proceeded north on Central Avenue. Reverend Abernathy and 11 other Negroes were observed in the first wagon, the second --wagon was occupied by 12 Negroes, and the third wagon by five Negroes. The wagons were followed by seven automobiles upon which were observed posters urging support for various candidates for public office.

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The wagons proceeded north on Central Avenue obeying all traffic regulations.

On October 25, 1968, the above source advised that the parade proceeded north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminated at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Source observed Kenold Joseph Seaton, Jr., Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the "US" organization (see appendix); Wilbert Terry, representative of the Black Congress; and Tommy Ray Jacquette, representative of the Black Congress, riding in the mule wagons.

> The Black Congress is an amalgamation of black nationalist organizations, both militant and non-militant, which has its headquarters at 7228 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

Source advised that members of the "US" organization provided security for the parade. Samuel Melvin Carr, Director of Security of the "US" organization, was observed giving orders to those "US" members who were present.

Yon October 26, 1968, a second source, who has provided reliable information in the past Madvised that at about 7:30 p.m., October 25, 1968, Reverend Abernathy spoke at a meeting held at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Approximately 350 to 400 people attended this meeting. Most of those in attendance were Negroes. Reverend Abernathy encouraged Negroes to vote and stressed the importance of the upcoming November elections. He told the people in attendance that the problems of the black people would not be solved by not voting in the election. He did not endorse any candidate but did indicate that Hubert Humphrey was the best candidate for black people.

Source had no knowledge of any incidents or harass-

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On October 25, 1968, a third source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, A. J. Young, B. Lafayette, Mr. Offenburger, Miss Randolph, H. Williams, and F. Kirkpatrick, had the following airline reservations:

> October 26, 1968 Delta Airlines, Flight 132 Los Angeles to Atlanta

October 27, 1968 Eastern Airlines, Flight 132 Atlanta to Baltimore

The party separates at Baltimore. Reverend Abernathy and Mr. Lee have the following reservations:

> October 29, 1968 Ransome Airlines No flight available Baltimore to Philadelphia

November 1, 1968 Trans World Airlines, Flight 77 Philadelphia to St. Louis

November 2, 1968 Trans World Airlines, Flight 72 St. Louis to Pittsburgh

The remaining six members of the party have the following reservations:

November 1, 1968 American Airlines, Flight 141 La Guardia, New York to Detroit

November 2, 1968 Northwestern Airlines, Flight 302 Detroit to Pittsburgh

### COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

All eight members of the original party have reservations on United Airlines Flight 453, November 2, 1968, Pittsburgh to Atlanta.

On October 26, 1968, a fourth source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, and Mr. Offenburger, departed Los Angeles at 8:35 a.m. on that date via Delta Airlines Flight 14 en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

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#### "US" Also Known As "US", Incorporated

"US" was chartered by the State of California as a non-profit corporation in September, 1966 with offices at 8211 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. The corporate charter alleges that "US" is primarily an Afro-American cultural organization.

During the spring of 1968, however, a source advised that MAULANA RON KARENGA, true name Ronie McKinley Everett, Founder-Chairman of "US", has published a booklet entitled, The Quotable Karenga, in which he talks of revolution, black power and condemns Christianity for the plight of the black man.

In this booklet, KARENGA stated: "...You must have a cultural revolution before the violent revolution. The cultural revolution gives identity, purpose and direction. ...The revolutions being fought now is a revolution to win the minds of our people. If we fail to win this we cannot wage the violent one. ...When the word is given we'll see how tough you are. When it's 'burn', let's see how much you burn. When it's 'kill', let's see how much, you kill. When it's 'blow up', let's see how much you blow up. and when it's 'take that white girl's head too', we'll really see how tough you are. ..."

The above source advised that "US" members are required to study and memorize this booklet. "US" members are also assigned Swahili names which they use in lieu of their given names.

A second source advised that KARENCA has spoken at various meetings in Los Angeles, at which time he has talked of creating an "US" army of 1,000 men, obtaining weapons and ammunition, guerrila warfare tactics and revolution. KARENCA has also stated, "The only way to get life is to take a life and as we get stronger we will take what we want from the white man's United States." He also stated that if the police killed any "US" members, the "US" organization would kill some of them.

The first source above advised that KARENGA has also stated that recent race riots throughout the country were not riots but were actually revolts or revolutions and that the black people are going to win their freedom by violence if necessary.

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#### APPENDIX CONTINUED

### "US" Also Known As "US", Incorporated

A third source advised that KARENGA has stated that a revolution will take place in the near future and that no one can believe in black revolution without believing in armed conflict because the two go hand in hand.

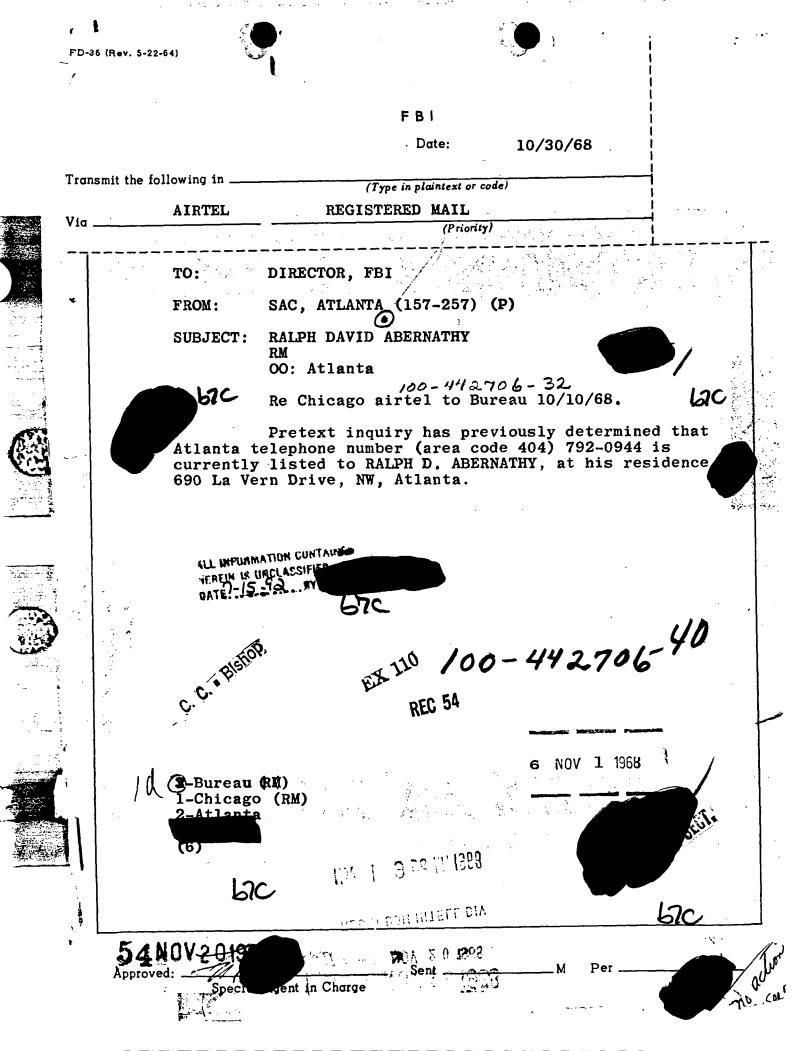
The first source above advised that the "US" organization has approximately 20 militant, hard-core members, a number of whom during the past year have been arrested for possession of incendiary devices, attempted arson, armed robbery and burglary. "US" members are known to carry firearms. There are an estimated additional 200 individuals, ranging in age from 4 to 40, who are known to attend meetings and social activities sponsored by "US" and which are closed to anyone not of the Negro race.

Recently, the "US! organization opened an affiliate office in San Diego, California.

The word "US" refers to the personal pronoun and is not an abbreviation.

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On November 7, 1968, confidential source advised he had learned that date that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in an Atlanta hospital where he had been for approximately three days recuperating from a "virus attack." Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, and Bernard Lee, Special Aide to the President, SCLC, during the same period of time have been largely confined to their respective homes with the flu.

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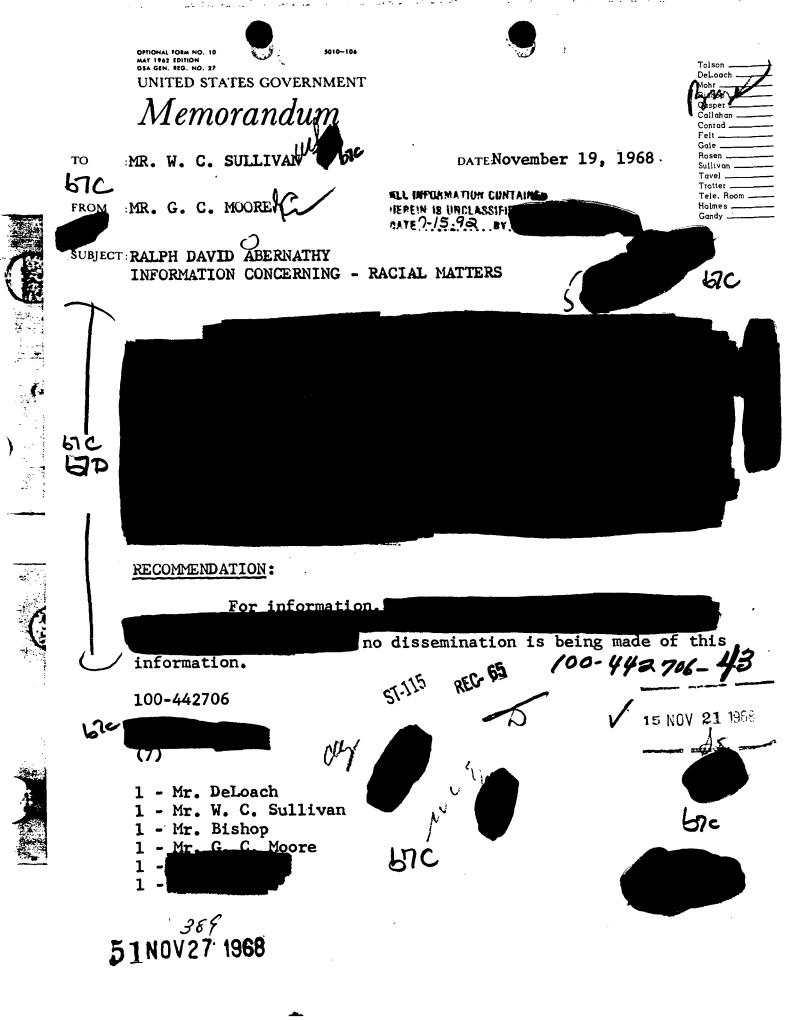
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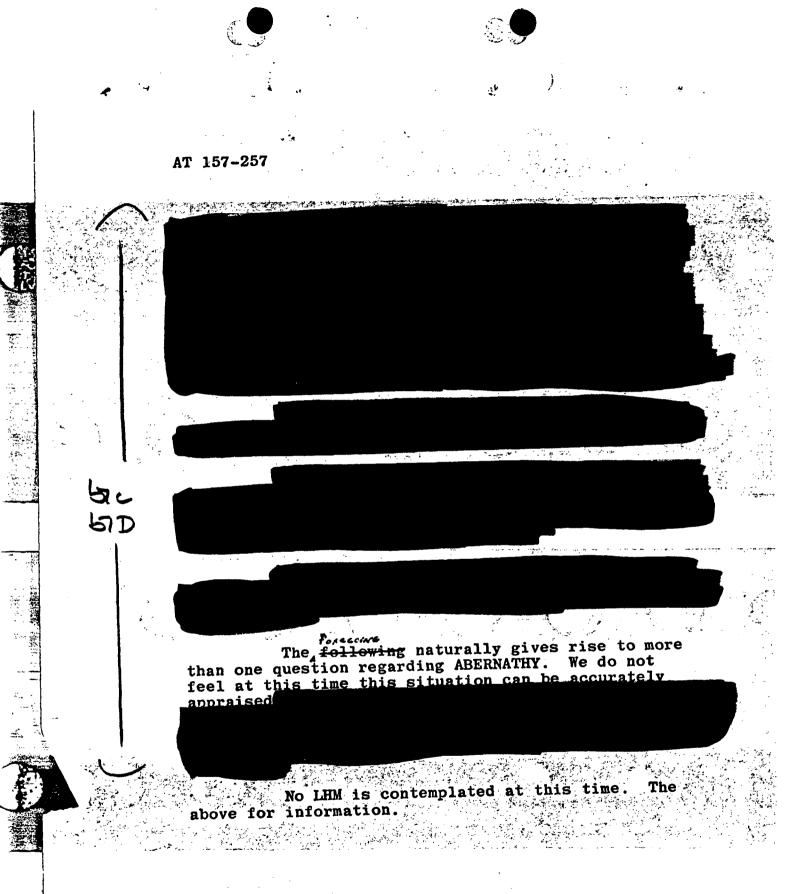
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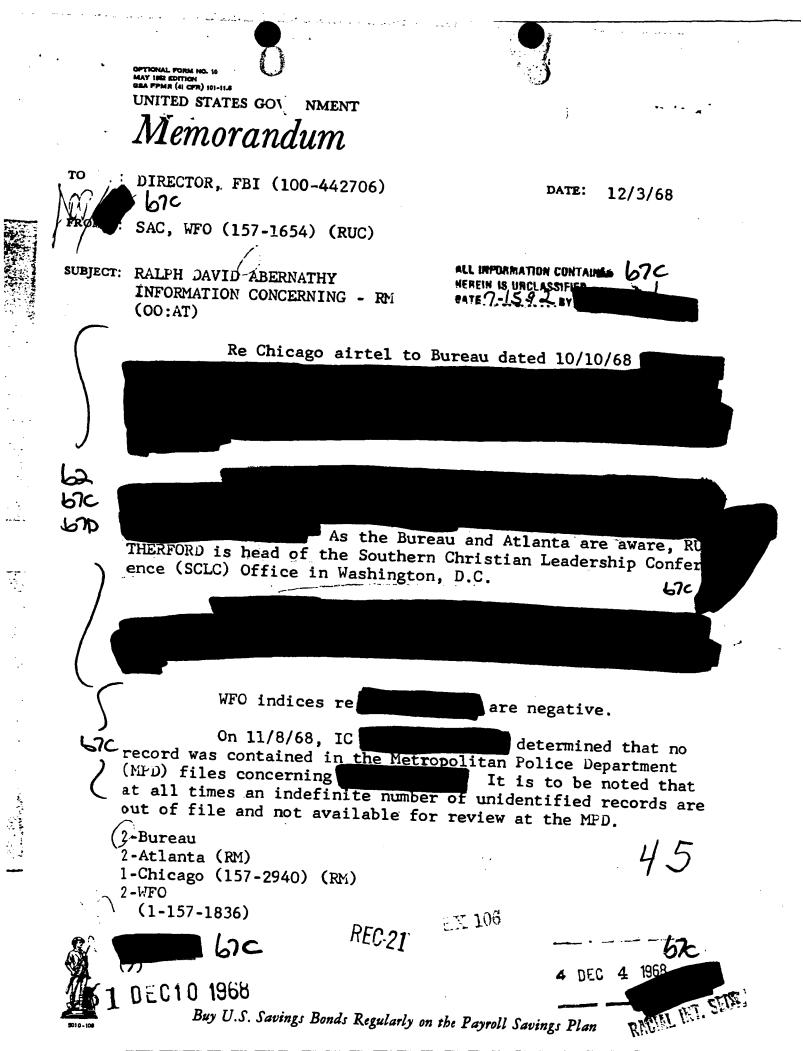
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On 11/8/68, IC , searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record was found concerning

SE SE caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, WDC, and was advised on 11/12/68 that

The above information is furnished the Bureau and Atlanta for their information. WFO case re ABERNATHY is being placed in RUC status. ABERNATHY activities in regard to the Poor Peoples' Campaign conducted by the SCLC in WDC during the past spring and summer has previously been reported by WFO. There is no indication that ABERNATHY is or plans to be active in the WDC area; however, this matter will be followed through logical sources, and any activities on his part in WDC in the future will be reported.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) FBI Date: 12/6/68 Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL Via (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P) FROM: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY SUBJECT: 67C RACIAL MATTERS Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 12/3/68 captioned "Desegregation of Hyde County, North Carolina Schools, RM." AL Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven copies of LHM and for Charlotte one copy of LHM. Source referred to in enclosed LHM is 2 information from whom must be classified Confidential. ちり AGENCY: ACSI, ###, OSI;SEC. SER: TT, CED, RAO FOR DATE FORW:\_\_\_\_\_\_ HOW FORW: \_\_\_\_\_ BY:\_\_\_\_ 14 ATTUANTO ENCLOSORE 06-41 rec- 4 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINS 25 DEC 7 1968 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIE PATE 7-15-92 1 3)-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) 1-Charlotte (Enc. 1) (RM) 3-Atlanta (1-157-257) (7) (1-100-5718)**CJ**<sup>1</sup> SK. Approved: Per . M Sent. ent in Charge





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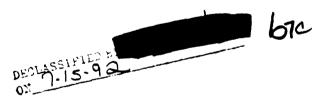
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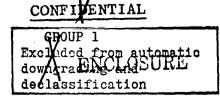
RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTERS

On December 2, 1968, a confidential source advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had recently contracted pneumonia and as of that date was confined to an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital under the care of his physician. Source said it was the understanding of the SCLC staff that Abernathy would remain in the hospital for several additional days.



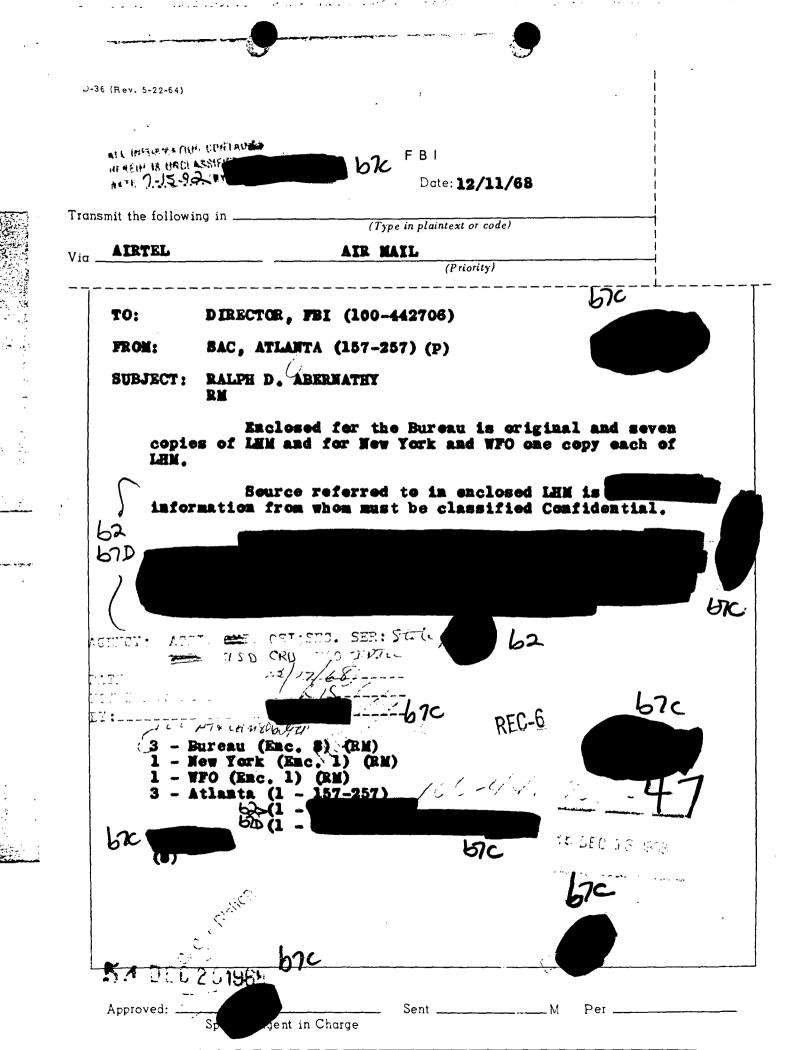
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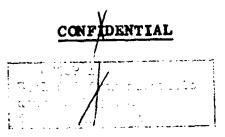
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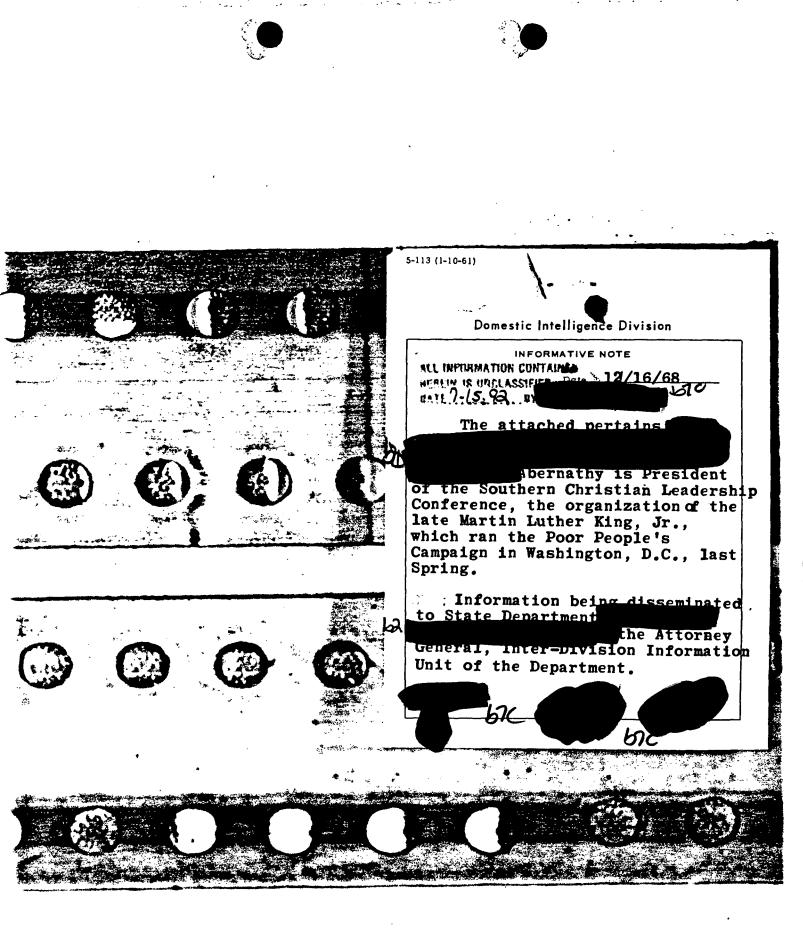
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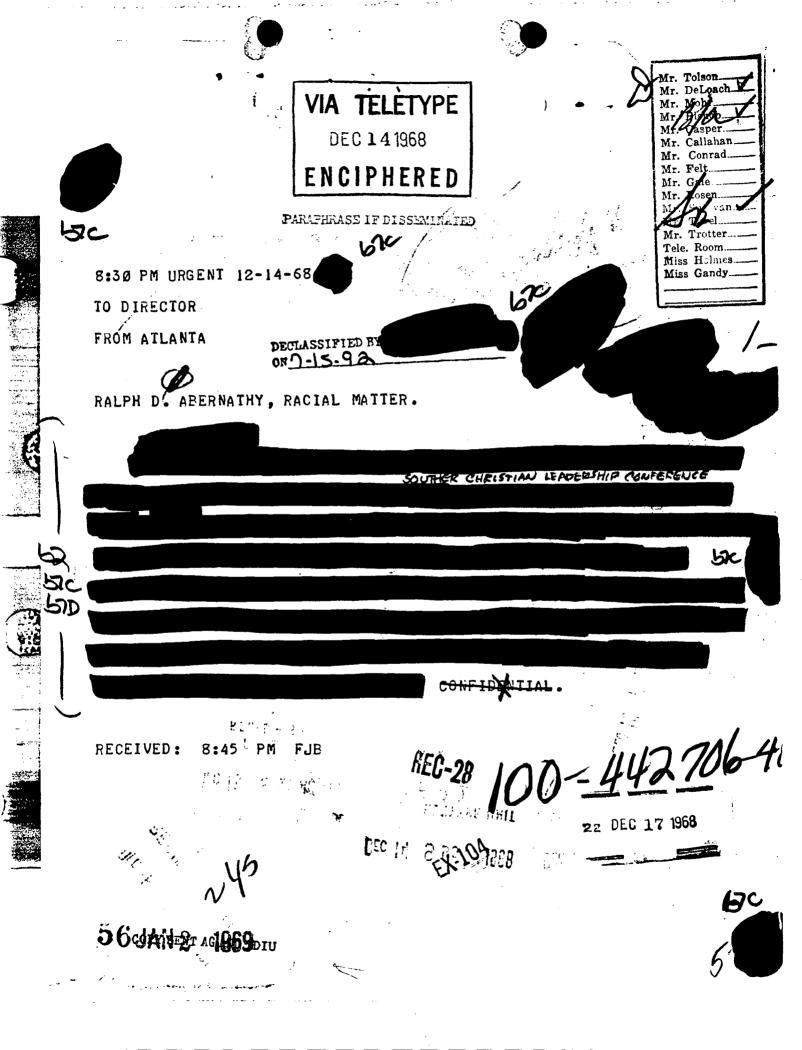


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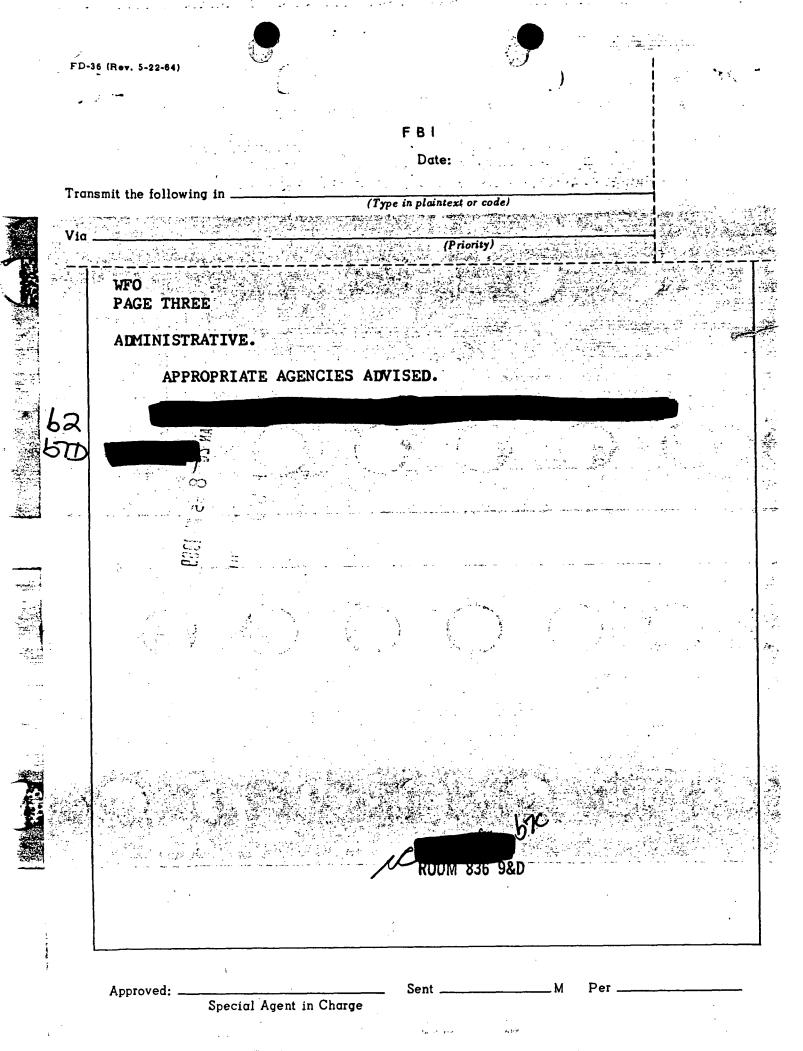
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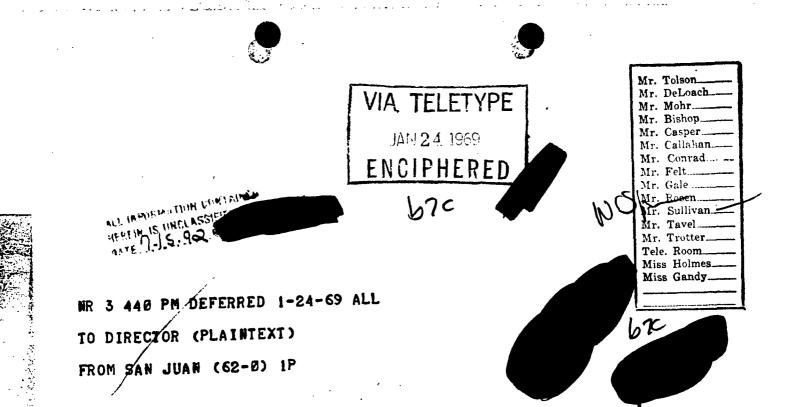
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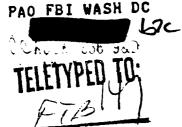


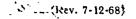
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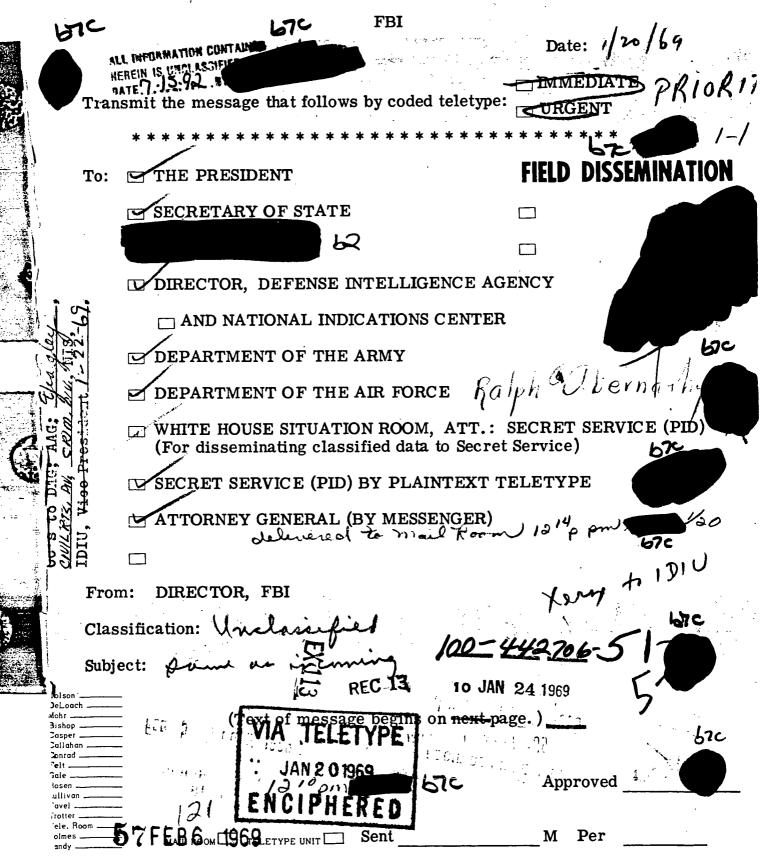
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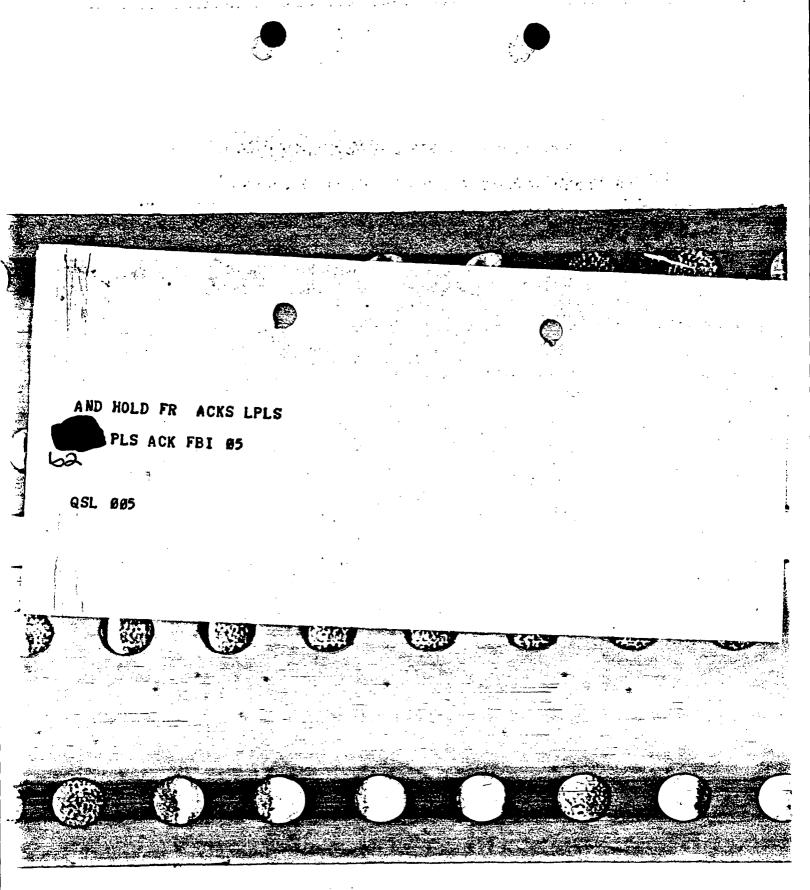
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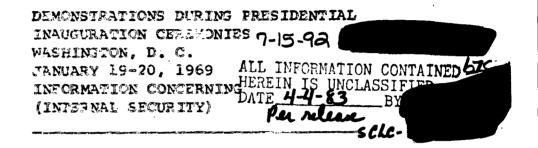




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Representatives of 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Secret Service, Charlotte, North Carolina, were advised of the above information.

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DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CEREMONIES, WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 19-20, 1969 INFORMATION CONCERNING -(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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> On December 11, 1963, source advised that neither Ealph D. Abernathy, as President of SCLC, nor SCLC, as an organization, contemplate participating in any disturbance relating to the forthcoming Presidential Inauguration Coremonies. In this connection, source pointed out that as of the present time, SCLC continues to be approhensive as to how it, as an organization, and the Civil Rights Hovement, as a whole, will fare under the Nixon Administration. As a consequence, it would be illogical for SCLC to consider activity relative to inauguration ceremonies which might alienate the incoming administration.

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CALL JANUARY NINETEEN INSTANT FROM UNKNOWN MALE WHO STATED QUOTE REVEREND ABERNATHY WILL BE KILLED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE. TEL PHONE OPERATOR ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE DATE AND MEANS OF KILLING BUT ONLY FURTHER INFORMATION CALLER WOULD NOT FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS. GIVEN WAS QUOTE I'M CALLING FROM CLARK STREET UNQUOTE, CHICAGO PD HAS FOR INEQUMATION REVEREND NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOR SUSPECTS. ABERNATHY IN CHICAGO JANUARY EIGHTEEN LAST AND SPOKE AT MEETING OF OPERATION BREADBASKET, ECONOMIC ARM OF SCLC WHEREIN HE ATTACKED PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON'S THEORIES ON BLACK CAPITALISM. APPEARANCE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. 12 JAN 28 1969  $\gamma c$ ADMINISTRATIVE

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REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSH CONFERENCE, THREAT AGAINST LIFE; RM.

RECGTEL TO BUREAU AND PHONE CALL TO ATLANTA JAN. NINETEEN SIXTYNINE CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL REGARDING THREAT AGAINST RALPH D. ABERNATHY FURNISHED ON RECEIPT TO EXTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION ATLANTA PD, SECRET SERVICE ATLANTA, AND ONE ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, FT. MCPHERSON, GA. BUREAU POLICY REGARDING MATTERS OF THIS NATURE CONCERNING SCLC PERSONNEL HAS BEEN THAT ATLANTA FURNISHES INFO TO APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) 4 **F**BI Date: 1/31/69 Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL Via (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) **TO:** SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) FROM: RALPH D. ABERNATHY SUBJECT: 1 RACIAL MATTER ЬX Enclosed for the Bureau is original and eight copies of an LHM, for Detroit one copy, for Los Angeles one copy, / for New York one copy and for WFO one copy of LHM. Source referred to in enclosed LHM 1 information from whom must be classified confidential. ALL INPORMATION CONTAINING 67C HEREIX IS, UTCLASSIFIED DATE Bureau (RM) (Encs. 9) EN JJRE - Detroit (RM) (Enc. 1) - Los Angeles (RM) (Enc. 1) - New York (RM) (Enc. 1) **b7c** 1 - WFO (RM) (Enc. 1) 4 - Atlanta (1 - 157-257) SD 100-57181 (SCLC) bic TEC 82 1 Key AT + 1 Yey LUM 8 06 910  $(\Pi)$ 142701 AGENCY: ACSI, CHI, OSI; SEQ, ARI State : ISD, CRN, AND TAL DATE FORW: ZO FEB 1 1969 HOW FORW: ----BY:\_\_\_\_ ICCATT 201 SHAM C. C. Bishop to ferd, KC **K**0 Appro Μ. Per. Sent nt in Charge







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Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

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Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

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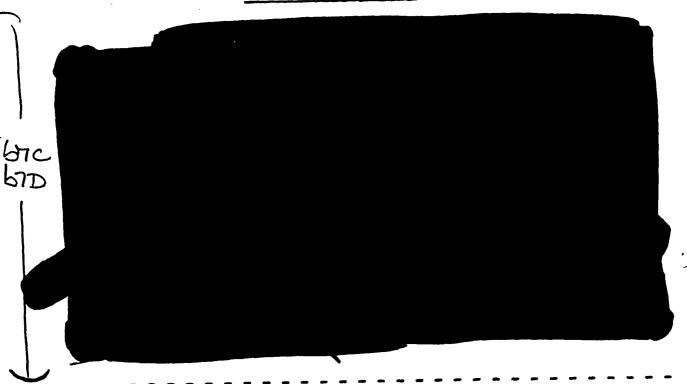
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FBI WASH DC 11:45 AM URGENT 1-30-69 TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA FROM HOUSTON (157-1490)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER.

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RE ATLANTA TEL TODAY.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT PRAIRIE VIEW A & M COLLEGE, PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY THAT ABERNATHY WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GENERAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY AT PRAIRIE VIEW TODAY, BUT HIS SPEECH HAS BEEN CANCELLED THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN VIEW BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. OF THE HEAVY SCHEDULE AT PRAIRIE VIEW ABERNATHY WILL NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR AGAIN DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

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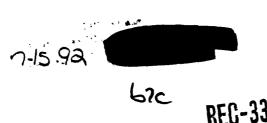
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VISED RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, PLANNED TO BE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, JAN. THIRTY, SIXTYNINE.

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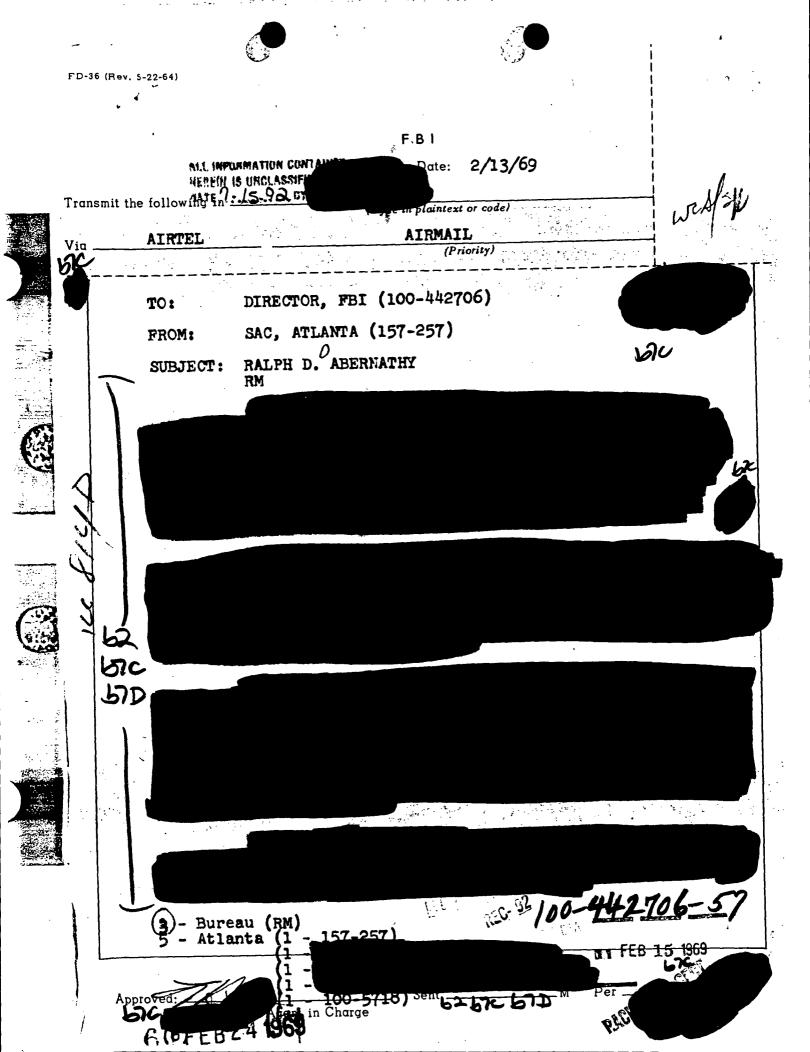
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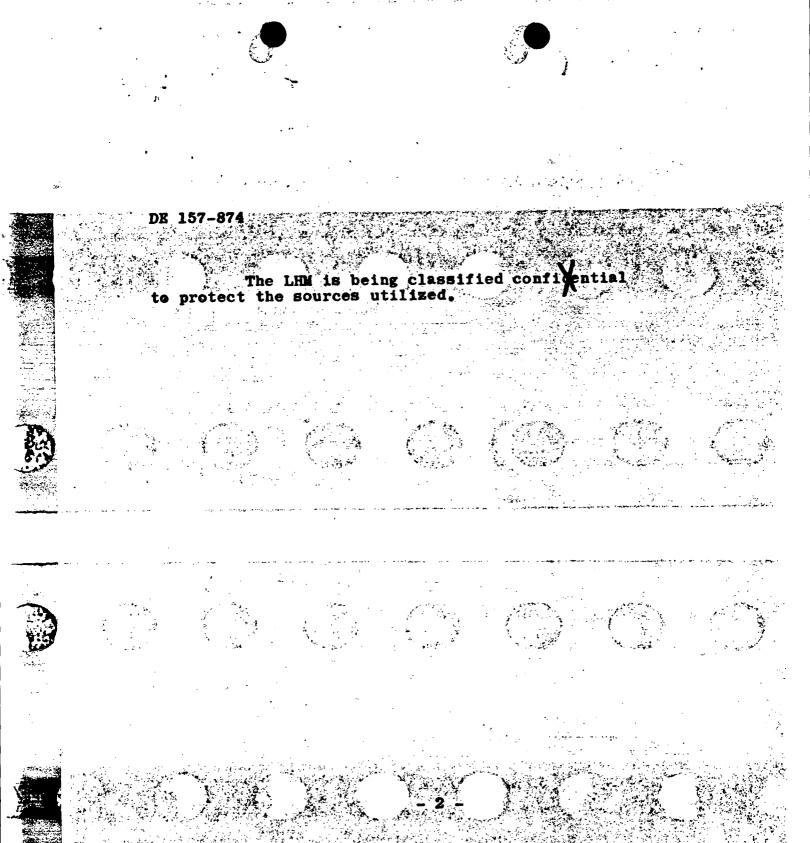
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At this time, the foregoing is submitted for information. Additional information, when developed, will be promptly forwarded. Consideration will be given to such recommendations as may subsequently appear appropriate.

FD-36 [R-3. 2-22-641 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINING FBI HEREIN IS UNCLASSIE NATE 1-15-99 2/10/69 Date: Sic Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL Via. (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) SAC, DETROIT (157-874) h20 • **N**OS RALPH D. ABERNATHY SUBJECT: RM br Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHN and for recipient offices copies as designated below, relating to captioned matter. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy of the LHM is being furnished USA, all Detroit, Michigan. The sources utilized in the LHM are 1-Jidentified as follows: 670 Source #1 is Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department. 62 Source #2 is ยาอ Sources were unable to furnish any information relating to the itinerary of subject. ST 102 37- Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM) - New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (2 <u>(o) (R¥)</u> 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM) 2 - Detroit ENCLOSURE 190 -442706 570 67c (9) FEB 13 1969 ACST, SEC. SER: AGENCY: 670 CRD, FAO IDAN TSD 2/17/29--DATE IS K15 HOW FOR LAM & 0.6 912 Sent . **M** Per. 55F2829196 Special Agent in Charge





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Detroit, Michigan February 10, 1969

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### Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

Source number one and source number two, both who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 10, 1969, that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, on February 9, 1969. Abernathy addressed a capacity crowd which was predominantly Negro and the purpose of his appearance in Detroit was to speak to the people on the opening day of National Negro History Week in Detroit, Michigan.

Both source number one and source number two advised that Abernathy commented that he does not trust President Richard Nixon any more than he did former President Lyndon Johnson. He described President Nixon as a man who "does not have the understanding or sensitivity to deal with the problems of the black and the poor".

Abernathy also stated that the Negro in America has been abused and deprived ever since the first Negro arrived in the United States. He further added, "America owes the black man a check". He stated, "They wrote us a check in 1863 (the Emancipation Proclamation) and we presented it to America and it bounced". Continuing he stated, "We came back to the bank today and we are determined to collect our check today plus interest".

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#### Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

Both sources stated that when Abernathy was questioned about the future of the civil rights movement in the United States he said "We're going to freedom's land". He said, while the audience murmered approval, "We're not gonna let anyone turn us around".

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Re New Haven letter, 10/10/68, with enclosed Law.

The referenced LHM sets forth a list of names of individuals who comprise the officers and Board of Directors of the Stamford, Conn., Chapter of the SCLC.

The indices of the NHO were reviewed and a memo prepared for the file. The indices indicated past interest in civil rights on behalf of several of the officers and members of the Board of Directors.

The Stamford Chapter of the SCLC is sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church and operates out of the church. They have no permanent headquarters in Stanford and no full time UK employees. The chapter is run as a church function.

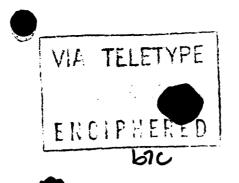
In view of the above, it is not felt that further investigation is warranted in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, BALTIMORE, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA BALTIMORE NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA VIA WASHINGTON FROM ATLANTA

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTER.

ON MARCH SIX, SIX NINE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED HE DETERMINED THAT ON MARCH FIVE, SIX NINE, RALPH D. ABERNATHY®, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TRAVELLED FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A SPEECH (SPECIFIC LOCATION

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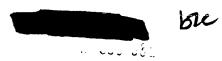
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LEADS:

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS AIRTEL are requested to contact logical racial informants and sources of information and ascertain plans of local SCLC groups or other organizations regarding their plans to take part in captioned memorial march. Sources should also be contacted regarding information concerning the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., scheduled to begin 4/4/69, also at Memphis, Tennessee.

## JACKSON AND LITTLE ROCK DIVISIONS

Will maintain contact with local transportation companies for any information re leasing or renting of buses to transport persons to Memphis, Tennessee, for local memorial march or to transport persons to Washington, D. C., for the proposed "Poor Peoples" march on Washington.

#### MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will maintain contact with logical sources and furnish all information available re proposed marches.



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Memphis, Tennessee March 14, 1969

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MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1969

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Memphis, Tennessee March 14, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

> Re: MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1969 RACIAL MATTERS

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On March 13, 1969, Jesse Epps, International Representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), and the Reverend James Lawson, Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, held a press conference at Memphis, Tennessee, at which press conference Jesse Epps announced that a memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, the first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Epps stated that the Memphis march will begin at the same time as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)-sponsored "Poor People's March" to Washington, D. C., which was announced in Miami, Florida, on March 12, 1969, by the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the SCLC.

Epps stated that <u>Coretta King</u>, widow of Dr. King, and the Reverend Abernathy are among those invited to attend the beginning of this march at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr.Epps // stated that when the marchers arrive at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. <u>King</u>, and observe a minute of silence.

Page one of the April 14, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a local daily newspaper at Memphis, Tennessee, reflected the following article entitled, "Good Friday March to Honor King":

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MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1969

"A memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis on April 4, first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. On the same day, another 'Poor Peoples' march to Washington will originate here.

"They are not related, said Jesse Epps, international representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), when he announced the local march yesterday.

"The Washington march had been announded Wednesday night in a Miami speech by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, successor to Dr. King as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"The announcements were made separately, but Memphis planners were looking for harmony. 'We will not try to stand in conflict,' said the Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church and a civil rights leader. 'It will be one single happening.'

"Mr. Epps and the Rev. Mr. Lawson were close-mouthed about details of the Memphis march, but in Washington, Jerry Wurf, president of the AFSCME, said it would begin at Clayborn Temple, go by the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, and proceed to City Hall.

"At City Hall, political, union, and church leaders are expected to speak. Mr. Epps said Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr King, and the Rev. Mr. Abernathy are among those invited.

"When the marchers arrive at the motel, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. King and observe a minute of silence.

"The Rev. Mr. Lawson said the march is not connected with the conviction Monday of James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing Dr. King and has started serving a 99-year sentence. 'This is just to bring about changes that Memphis and the nation must have.'





MENORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1969

"Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the Minimum Salary Department of the AME Church and vice chairman of Community on the Move for Equality (COME), conducted the Washington press conference with Mr. Wurf and said caravans from other cities, particularly those in which employees are organized, will move into Memphis for the march. Dr. Jackson added that COME will furnish 24 buses to bring marchers from Marks, Miss.; Fayette County, Tenn.; and areas in Arkansas.

"He will meet Monday, he said, with Frank Holloman, fire and police director, to secure the necessary permits.  $h \sim h$ 

"Bayard Rustin, who co-ordinated the Washington" who march in 1963, agreed last week to direct the Memphis march

"Mr. Wurf said he did not feel there would be a problem getting time off for city-employed union members, calling attention to April 4 being Good Friday which many consider a holiday. 'Let me assure you there will be no shutdown of critical public services,' he added.

"Announcing the national march, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he will personally lead it, calling it the second chapter of the 'Poor Peoples Campaign.' Without elaborating, he said the march will include a 'Black Easter' celebration enroute to Washington.

"'I do not anticipate the building of a Resurrection City as such,' the Rev. Mr. Abernathy told the Miami audience, 'but we do intend to use our First Amendment rights of orderly and peacefully petitioning the President as well as the Congress for redress of our grievances.'"

On March 13, 1969, a confidential source familiar with SCLC activities at Memphis, Tennessee, advised that no plans have been formulated by the local SCLC organization regarding either the memorial march commemorating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, or the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., which has been announced as beginning at Memphis, Tennessee, also on April 4, 1969.

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MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1969

A second confidential source advised on March 13, 1969, that no arrangements have been made at Memphis, Tennessee, to obtain buses to transport persons to Washington, D. C., on or about April 4, 1969.

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WFO contemplates no additional investigation in this matter at this time and enclosed LHM is furnished for the information of the Bureau and Atlanta.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D. C. 20535 March 11, 1969



COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On March 4, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, was scheduled to appear on the Georgetown University Campus, Washington, D. C., on March 5, 1969. The appearance was to be in connection with a symposium to be held on the Georgetown University Campus during which the Kerner Commission report was to be discussed.

The March 6, 1969, edition of "The Evening Star," a daily Washington, D. C. newspaper, reported as follows:

"The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy said yesterday that he is going to bring the Poor People's Campaign back to Washington for a dramatic confrontation with the government.

"In an interview before his speech at a symposium at Georgetown University on the Kerner Commission report of a year ago, Abernathy said he could not say what form the demonstrations would take but that the poor would come to Washington to place their demands before Congress.

"Last spring Abernathy and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he heads brought thousands of representatives of the poor to the District to camp beside the Reflecting Pool and to march and demonstrate.

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### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On March 7, 1969, the above confidential source advised that Abernathy had appeared at the Georgetown University Campus on March 5, 1969, as scheduled. His speech was made in Gaston Hall and was presented before between 800 and 1,000 individuals. According to the source Gaston Hall will accommodate 800 and the overflow were placed in the Hall of Nations building and Abernathy's speech was carried to them through the use of a boudspeaker system between the two buildings.

The above source indicated the symposium was opened to the public and those in attendance did not represent all students as there were several interested individuals from the community in attendance.

Abernathy arrived on the campus at approximately 1:00 p.m. and ended his speech at approximately 2:25 p.m. after which he went to the campus radio station for an interview. He left the campus at approximately 4:20 p.m. and was overheard to say he planned to leave Washington, D. C. on March 5, 1969, by air.

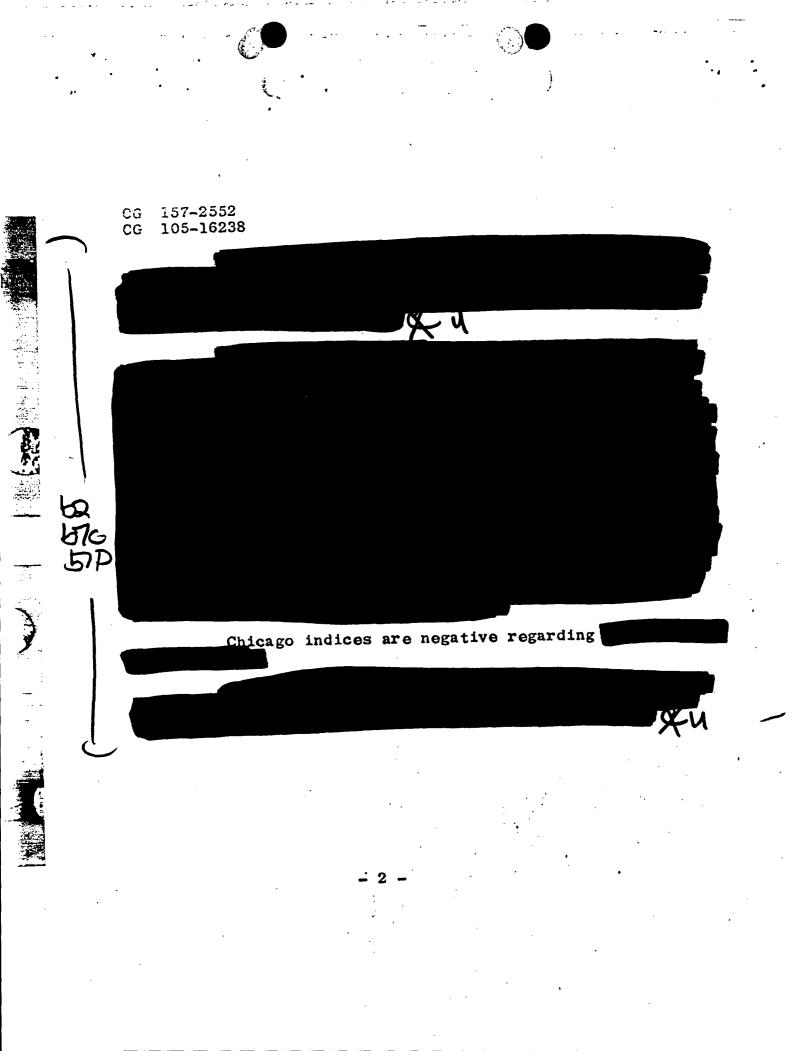
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94-2562 FBI 3/4/69 Date: (Type in plaintext or code) 7-15.90 DECLASSIFIED B 5 DIRECTOR, FBI 3-9-85 ON 10: M HA. SAC, CHICAGO s P. L FRCM: ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE SUBJECT: ALPH LICK NATRY PM - BNAT (00: CHICAGO) nc (Bufile 157-9364) (CGfile 157-2552) STER: 1.577. 7277, AGENCY: 171: 150 COMINFIL - SCLC IS - C(CO: ATLANTA) 2077 (Bufilo 100-438794) (CGfile 105-16238) Y 471 37 of the CL Inclosed for the Burcau are 11 copies of a letterhand memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. copy each has been furnished to the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Two copies also furnished to Atlanta. The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as 100-442 follows: CONTRO per request). (protect Second JSUKD Eureau (Encls.11) Atlanta (Encls.2) (Info) (RM) (COMINFIL - SCLC) (1 -(ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE) (1 -Chicago 17 MAR 6 1959 (Jessi Jackson) (1 137-953) 157-914) (CHESTER ROBINSON) 50 107 sect. MC Sent Agent in Charge



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The interview of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE on 9/19/68. and the results were reported previously in Chicago airter and LHEI dated 10/1/68, captioned "ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, also known as Barracuda".

In view of the instability and apparent unreliability of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, Chicago is conducting no further investigation concerning the contents of RICE's letter.

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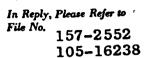




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### ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On February 27, 1969, a confidential source with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine with his reliability

WSO is a local civil rights organization active on Chicago's west side in organizing welfare unions and assisting welfare recipients who live in that area.

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#### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On September 19, 1968, Abraham Lincoln Rice appeared at the Chicago Office of the FBI and was interviewed by representatives of the FBI. At that time Rice alleged that seven attempts to assassinate him had occurred during the past month. Rice was unable to furnish the identities or details of the alleged attempts to assassinate him and he continually referred to his alleged assassins as "they". He expressed the opinion that among those wanting to kill him were Reverend James Orange of the SCLC, Reverend Jesse Jackson of the SCLC, William Darden and Bobby Joe Mason, both members of WSO. During the course of this interview, it was obvious that Rice was very disturbed emotionally. At one point he began to weep and required a period of time to regain control of himself.



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FBI DETROIT 2:20 PM URGENT 3-20-69 TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA FROM SAC. DETROIT (157-874) 1P Set frank and then burdlen

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SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WILL BE THE LENTEN SPEAKER FOR METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ON THURSDAY, MARCH IWENTY INSTANT. SOURCE STATES REVEREND ABERNATHY WILL SPEAK AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. DEARBORN. MICHIGAN. AT SEVEN THIRTY PM, THIS DATE. DEPARTURE TIME NOT KNOWN.

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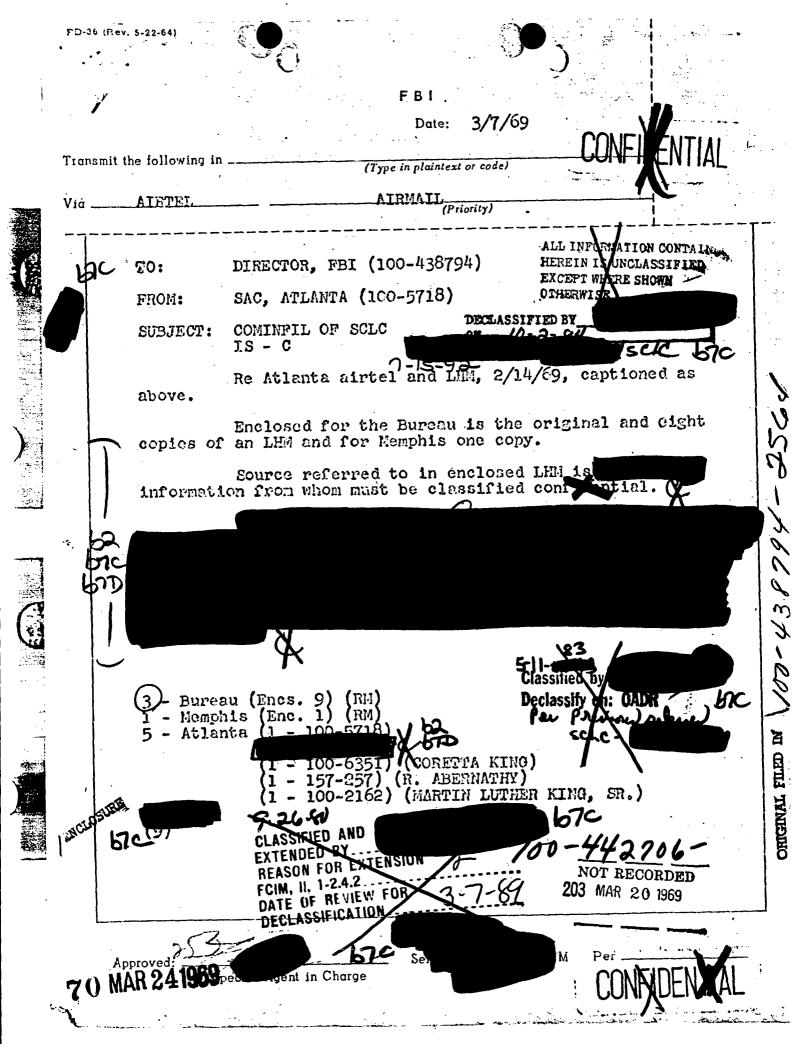
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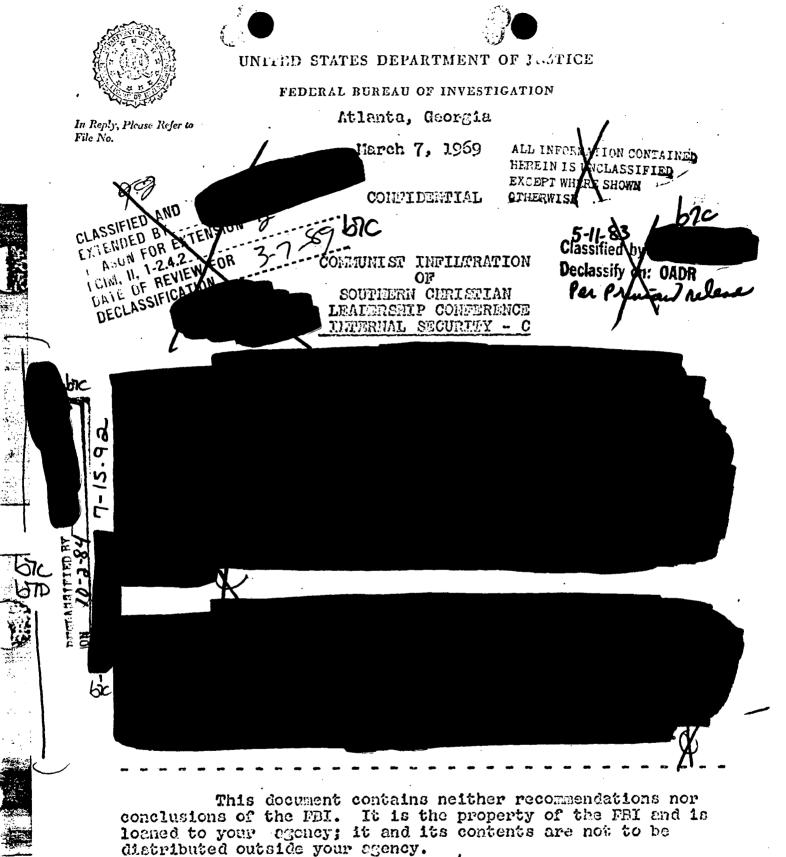
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Detroit, Michigan March 21, 1969

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Ralph D. Abernathy Re:

All sources mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source one on March 20, 1969, advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (3CLC) will be a lenten speaker for the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches on March 20, 1969. Source further advised that Abernathy would speak at the First United Methodist Church, Dearborn, Michigan, on the PM of March 20, 1969.

Source two on March 20, 1969, advised Reverend Ralph Abernathy spoke before a near capacity crowd of 200 persons at the Dearborn, Michigan, Rotary meeting held at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan, on the afternoon of March 20, 1969. Source further advised that Dearborn Mayor Orville Hubbard at the Rotary meeting invited Reverend Abernathy to move into his all-white suburb. In replying to Mayor Hubbard's invitation, Abernathy said that when he finished solving the problems of the South, the nation, and the problems of poverty, he would consider retiring in Dearborn, Michigan. The crowd at this affair gave Reverend Abernathy a standing ovation at the start and at the completion of his speech. During the course of his speech, Reverend Abernathy denounced separatism and violence and said that the old "eye for an eye" etcetera, was not the answer. Reverend Abernathy said that

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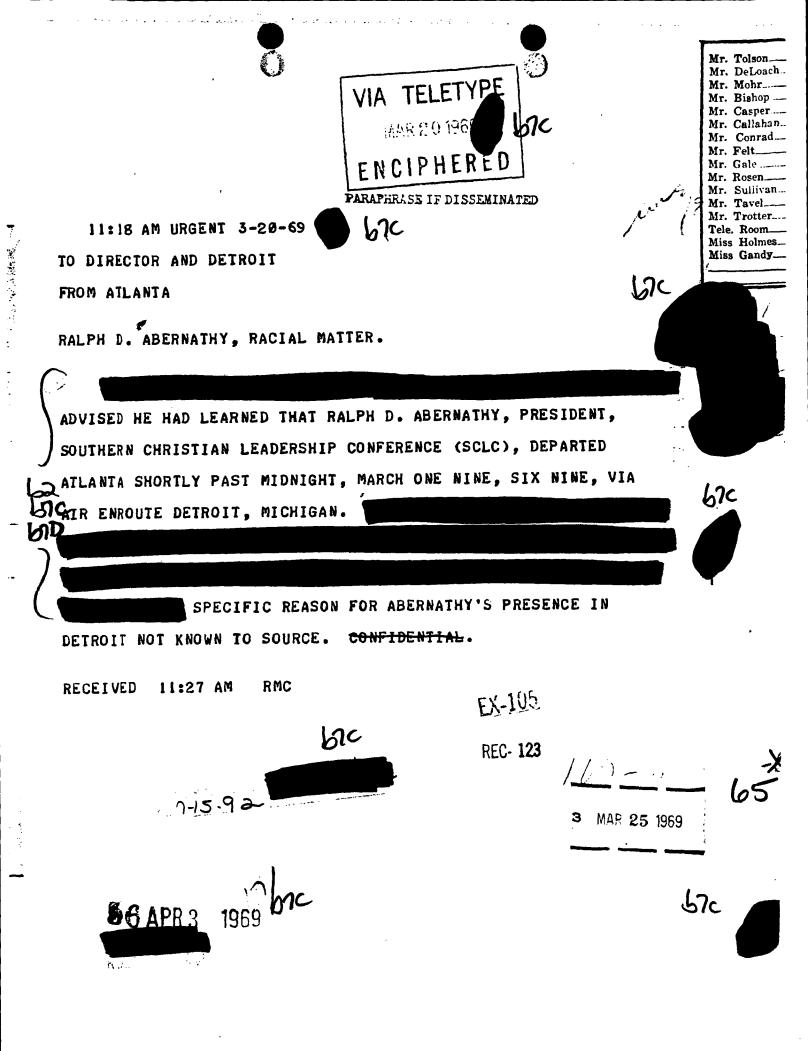
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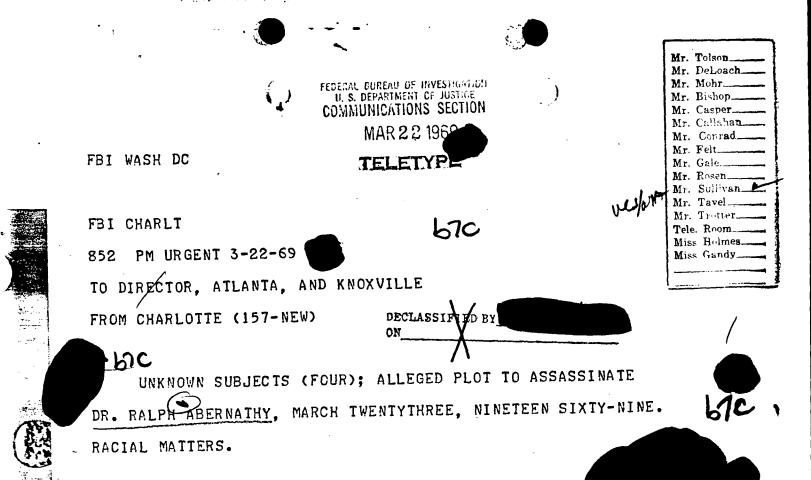
if we followed this quotation, we would end up with a blind society and a toothless generation. He then went on to state that the forces of evil know how to deal with violence.. Reverend Abernathy cited the use of fire hoses, police dogs, and clubs that met him and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the past civil rights protest.

Source two advised on March 21, 1969, that Reverend Abernathy spoke before a crowd of 800 people all of whom were white with the exception of approximately 75 Negroes, on March 20, 1969, at the First United Methodist Church, 21124 Garrison, Dearborn, Michigan. Source advised that Reverend Abernathy's sermon was of a strictly religious nature with no comment being made regarding civil rights. Source advised that Reverend Abernathy was very well received and that he observed no known black militants in attendance at this lenten service. Source further advised that Reverend Abernathy's appearance at this affair was without incident.

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THERE IS NO INDICATION FROM ANY SOURCES IN NORTH CAROLINA THAT ABERNATHY IS TO APPEAR FOR ANY SPEECHES OR ACTIVITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA IN THE FUTURE.

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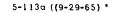
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 28, 1968, 1

Abernathy conducted a news conference on the same date, at which time he endorsed Hubert H. Humphrey for President of the United States.

At a mass rally at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m., Abernathy addressed approximately 300 persons, where he labeled George Wallace and Richard Nixon as racists. At approximately 1:30 a.m., October 29, 1968, Abernathy left Baltimore for Philadelphia, with Andrew Young of the SCLC National Staff.

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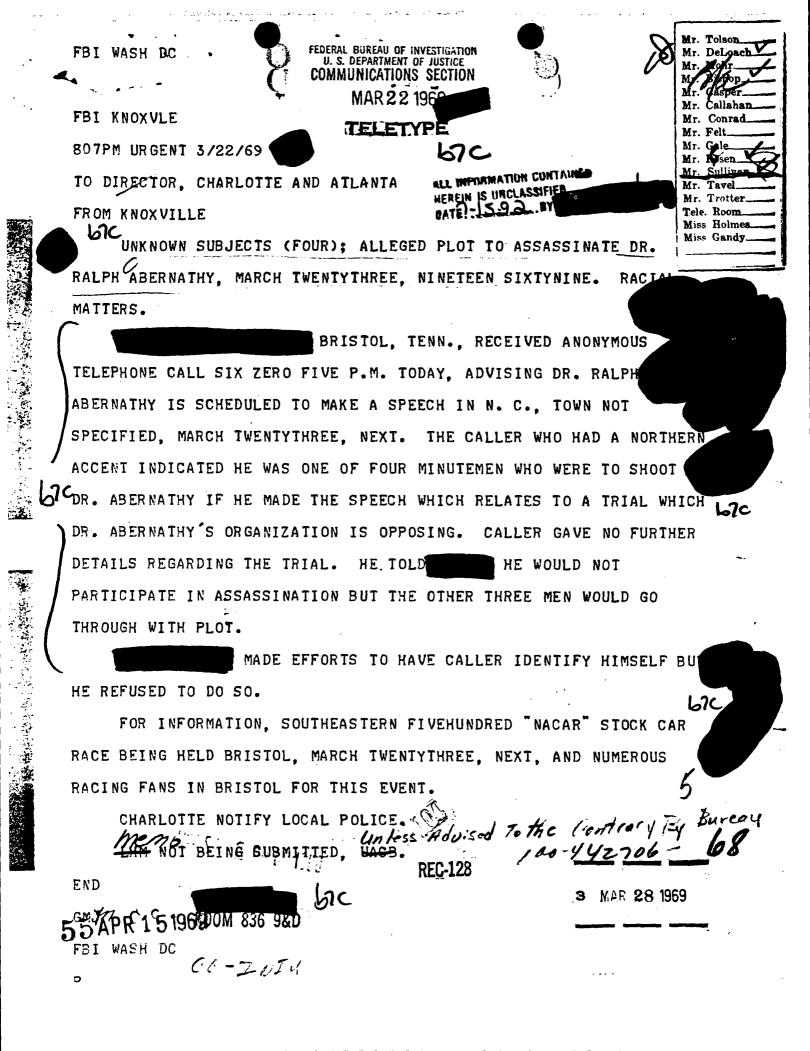
Attached relates to anonymous telephone call in Bristol, Tennessee, threatening to kill Ralph Abernathy if he makes speech in unknown North Carolina town 3/23/69. Caller identified self as one of four "Minutemen." Numerous racing fans in Bristol to attend stock car race 3/23/69.

Atlanta Police Department and North Carolina sources advise Abernathy has r plans to appear in North Carolina for any speeches in the future.

Copies of attached sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and local police advised.

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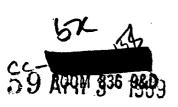
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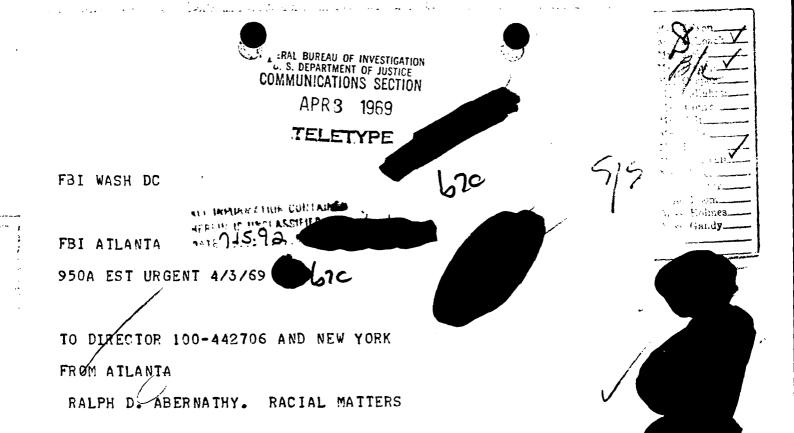
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RELIABLE INFO AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA ON NIGHT OF APR. TWO, "SIXTYNINE, INDICATED RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRES., SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), AND ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRES., SCLC, ON MARCH THIRTYONE, "SIXTYNINE, WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY, PARTICIPATED IN RECORDED INTERVIEWS WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST APRIL FOUR, "SIXTYNINE, ON THE "TODAY SHOW".

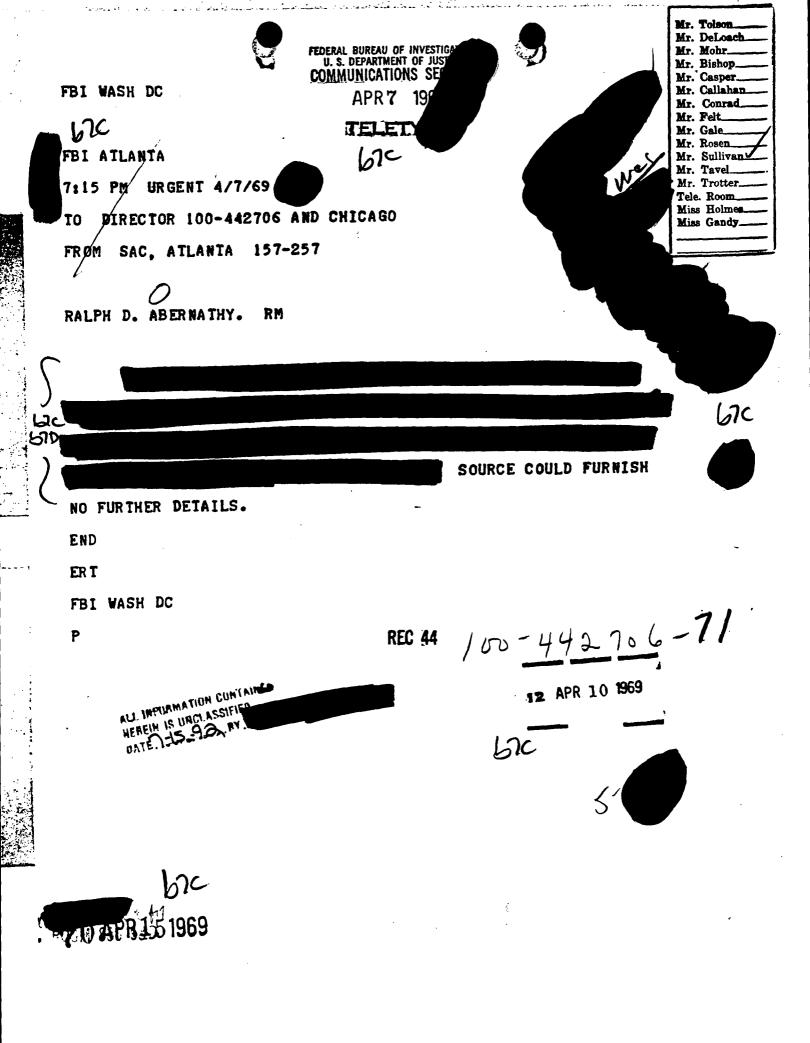
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On 3/20/69, WFO advised of receipt of information from an informant that JAMES BEVEL had recently asked RALPH D. CABERNATHY to step aside as President of SCLC and that ABERNATHY was increasingly fearful of assassination.

The 3/18/69, issue of The Atlanta Journal carried an article by JACK NELSON of the Los Angeles Times News Service referring to an interview with RALPH D. ABERNATHY. This article refers to ABERNATHY's position as President of SCLC being shaky and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. taking a more active role in the organization which implied that Mrs. KING would replace ABERNATHY.

In response to the above article, ABERNATHY sent a telegram to the Los Angeles Times News Service and at the same time sending a copy of the telegraphto the <u>Atlanta Journal</u>, which telegram was published in the <u>Atlanta Journal</u> on 3/21/69. In the telegram ABERNATHY refers to gross errors of fact and incorrect opinions in NELSON's article and emphatically denied saying anything to NELSON remotely suggesting his leadership as President of SCLC needed solidifying or that it was shaky. ABERNATHY further stated that reports of dissension in SCLC were malicious rumors and deliberate attempts to bring about division between him and Mrs. KING.

Bureau (RM) Atlanta (2 - 100-6670D) (1 - 157-257) (RALPH D. ABERNATHY) (1 - 100 - 6351) (CORETTA KING) (7)

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As the Bureau is aware, periodically various offices strike Atlanta of receipt of anonymous threats against the life of ABERNATHY. In the past Atlanta has not furnished such information directly to ABERNATHY, but has followed the policy of immediately passing the information on to an appropriate official of the Atlanta Police Department, who in turn advises ABERNATHY. This policy was established several years ago, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was President of SCLC, due to the fact KING was traveling extensively and was not cooperative when efforts were made to locate him in Atlanta for the purpose of advising him of threats against his life.

It now appears that some advantage may be gained by changing the existing policy of informing ABERNATHY regarding receipt of information relating to threats against his life. It is felt that by notifying ABERNATHY directly upon receipt of information relating to threats against his life, some rapport may be developed with him at this particular time when the possibility exists of him being concerned about his possible assassination as well as his position as President of SCLC being shaky and the possible taking over of his position by Mrs. CORRTTA KING.

Another strong factor of a counter intelligence nature to consider in changing the existing policy to notify ABERNATHY directly would be the disruptive effect of confusing and worrying him by reminding him of continuous threats against his life.

It is recommended that in the future upon receipt of such information, Atlanta notify ABERNATHY directly and in turn notify appropriate officials of the Atlanta Police Department.

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To recommend that Atlanta be authorized to personally advise Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, of threats to his life.

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DATE: April 9, 1969

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Because of the unsavory character, the arrogance, and the uncooperative attitude of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., the policy was established in connection with threats to King's life to advise the police department which in turn would advise King of information received from Bureau sources concerning threats to his life.

This policy has been continued with regard to Abernathy, King's successor.

Atlanta has recommended that this policy be altered and that Abernathy be told, as would any other intended victim in such a threat, concerning threats to his life. It feels that some rapport may be developed with Abernathy during such personal contacts. Abernathy's position as head of the SCLC is currently in some jeopardy and he is concerned over the possibility of his assassination, making the probability of his cooperating with the Bureau more likely. Even if this is not realized, there would be a disruptive effect upon his leadership by contacts with him by the Bureau concerning these threats. 100-442706-

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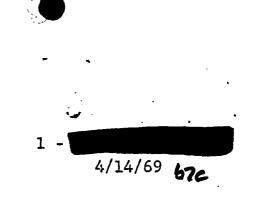
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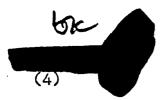
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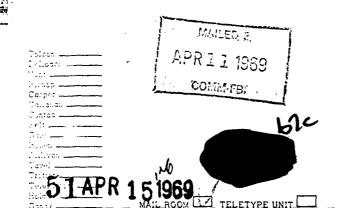


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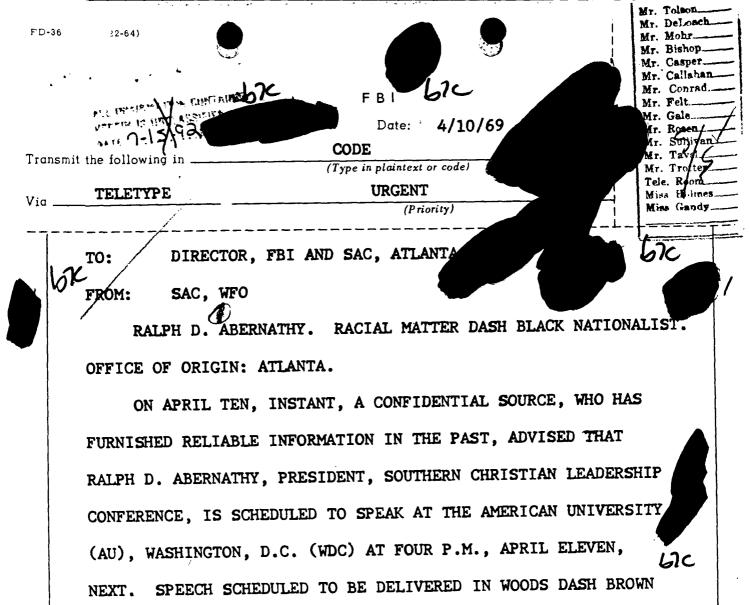
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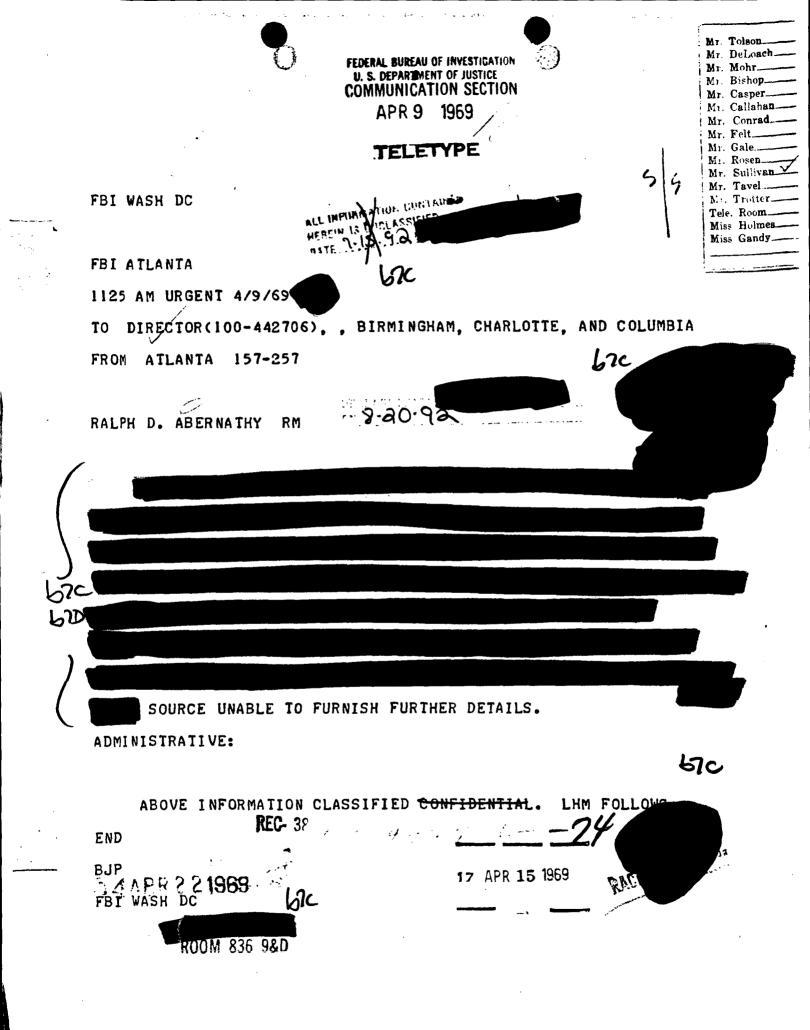
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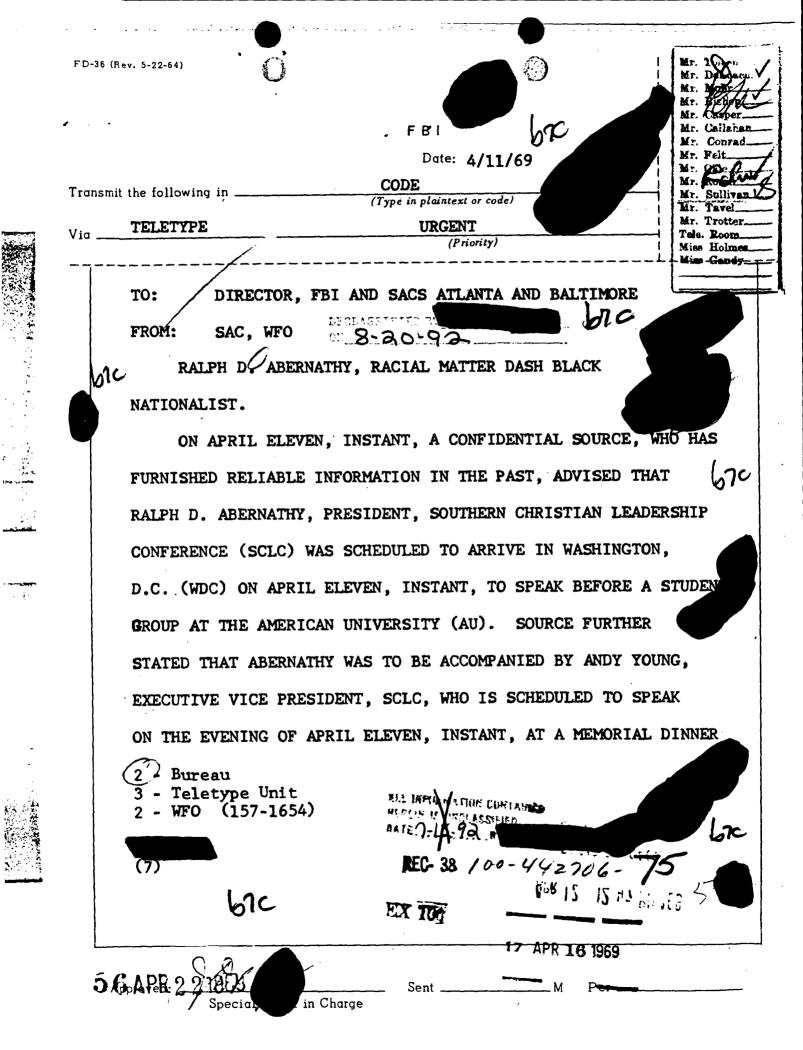
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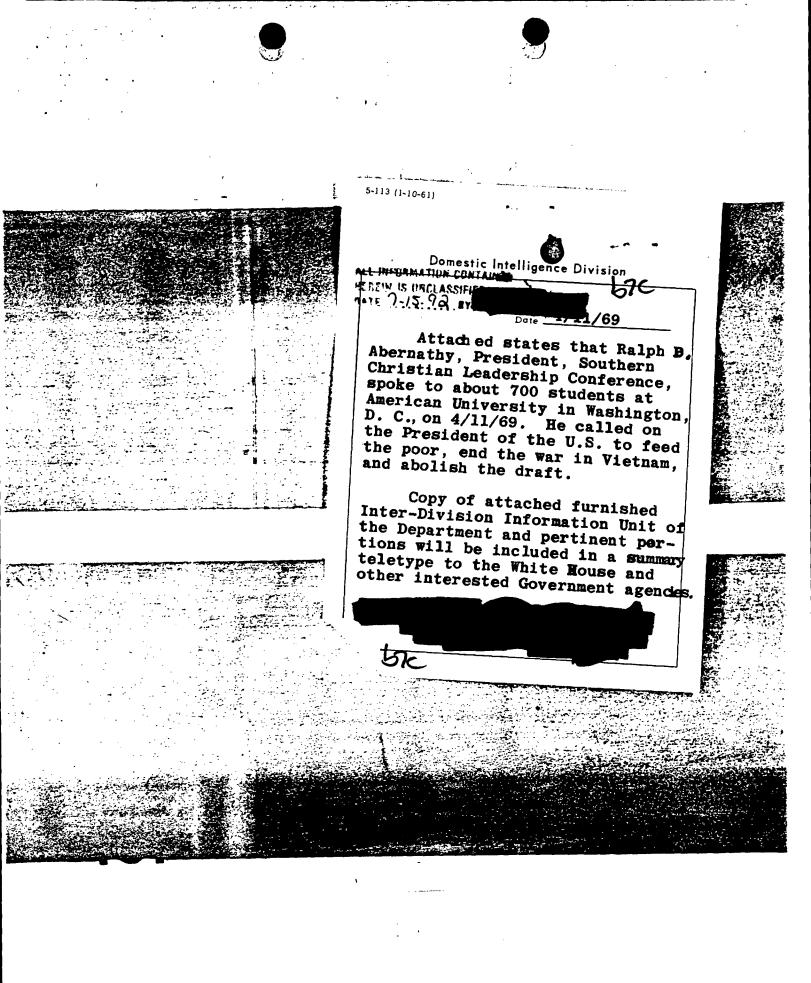
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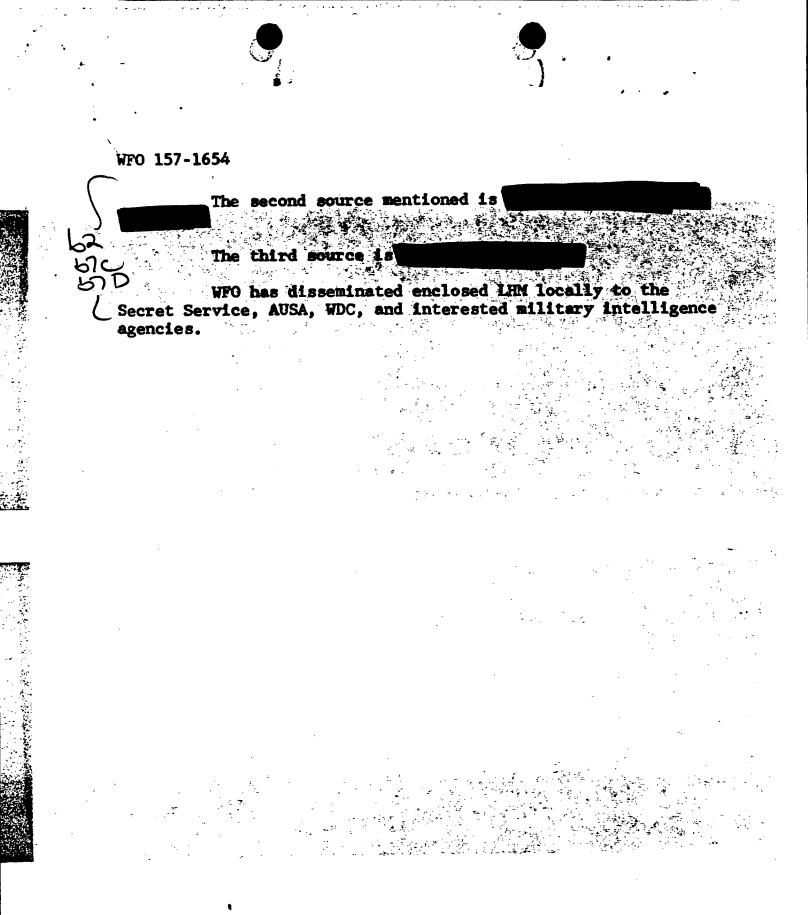
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## RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On April 10, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, was scheduled to speak at the American University (AU), Washington, D.C. (WDC), at 4:00 p.m., on April 11, 1969. The speech was scheduled to be given in the Woods-Brown Outdoor Theater and in the event of rain, in the "New Lecture Hall." According to the source, both locations are on the AU campus.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 11, 1969, that Abernathy appeared at AU as scheduled. The topic of his speech, which was delivered in the Woods-Brown Outdoor Theater, was "Racism." The arrangements for the program were made by Dr. Brady Tyson, an AU professor.

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The program started at approximately 4:00 p.m., upon the arrival of Abernathy; Walter Fauntroy, former Vice-Chairman of the District of Columbia City Council and WDC SCLC affiliate; Stony Cooks, who was introduced as SCLC campus organizer; and Tyson.

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A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abernathy began his talk by thanking the AU students and faculty for making it possible for him to be there to speak on recism. Abernathy stated that without students there could not have been any civil rights struggle. Abernathy continued that the Kerner Report accepted the fact that racism exists in this country and he stated a great danger in the United States lies in appointing commissions to study and analyze matters that have been studied and analysed already. Abernathy stated there are too many reports and analysis that waste time before action is taken. He indicated that unless young people get to work now, the nation will be bogged down with the paralysis' of analysis.

Abernathy then read an open letter to President Nixana Among the matters mentioned in the letter was the statement by Abernathy that he had launched the second chapter of the Poor People's Campaign. He stated he expects to return to WDC with the Poor People and that he will make a report on the first day of the anniversary of the Poer People's Campaign. He stated the report will be submitted to the President and other government agencies. He further stated "we" will start in Birmingham, Alabama, and move to different parts of the nation.

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#### RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

In the open letter to the President, Abernathy made the following demands:

- 1. Feed the poor who make less than \$3000 per year.
- 2. A more generous welfare system.
- 3. Control of prices on food and other necessities of life.

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- 4. Provide jobs and training for those in need.
- 5. An end of the war in Vietnam.
- 6. Abolishment of the current draft system.

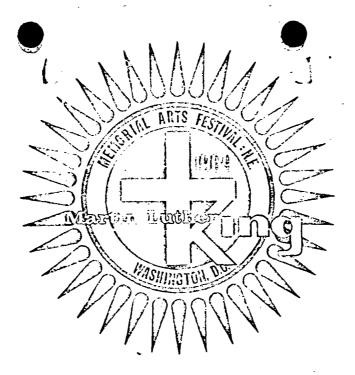
Abernathy concluded his open letter by stating that he hoped that, like Rome, you (the President) won't be fiddling while the nation burns.

According to the second confidential source mentioned above, Abernathy ended his speech by telling the audience he hoped to see them again this summer either on the battlegrounds of Alabama or in WDC.

The second source further stated that Abernathy's remarks were well received by the estimated 700 people in attendance and that the meeting ended without incident. Leaflets were distributed at the gathering one of which was captioned, "Memorial Arts Festival: N.E., Washington, D.C. MARTIN LUTHER KING". A copy of this leaflet is attached to this memorandum.

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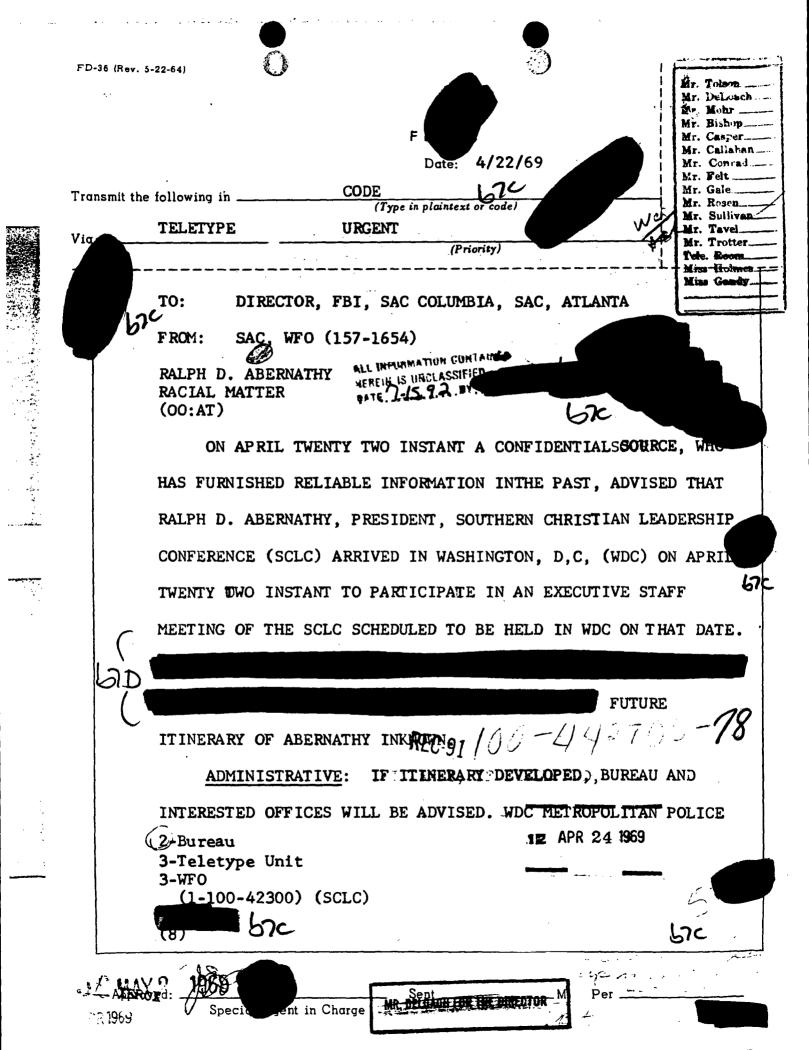
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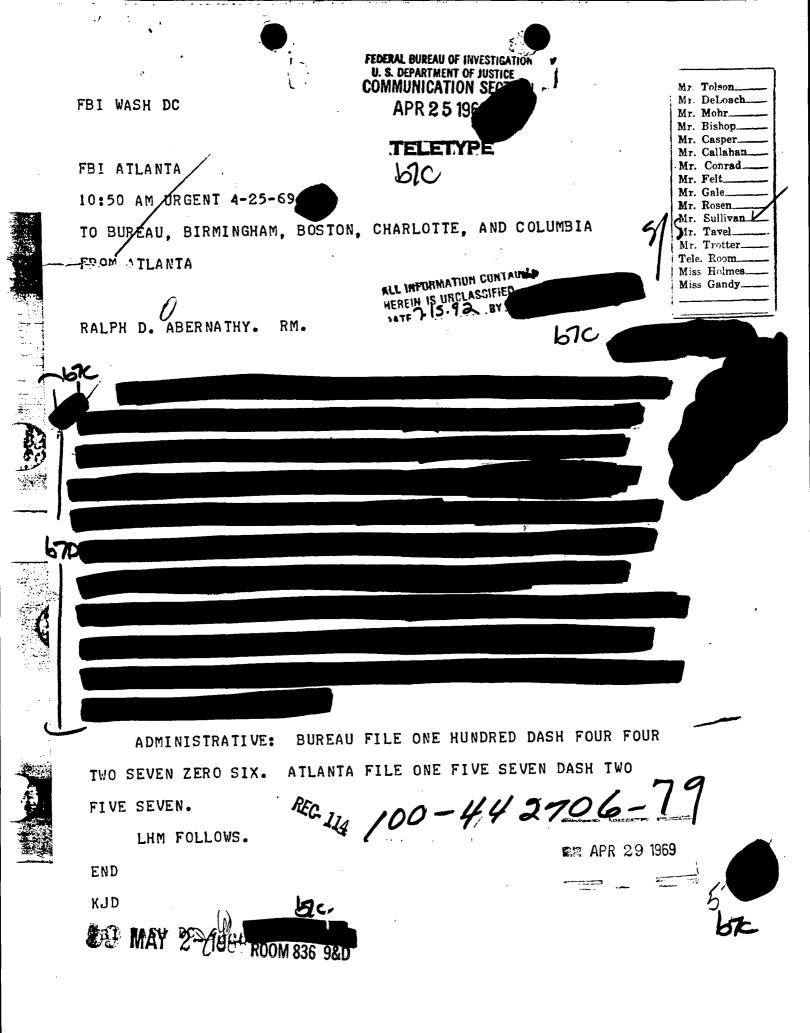
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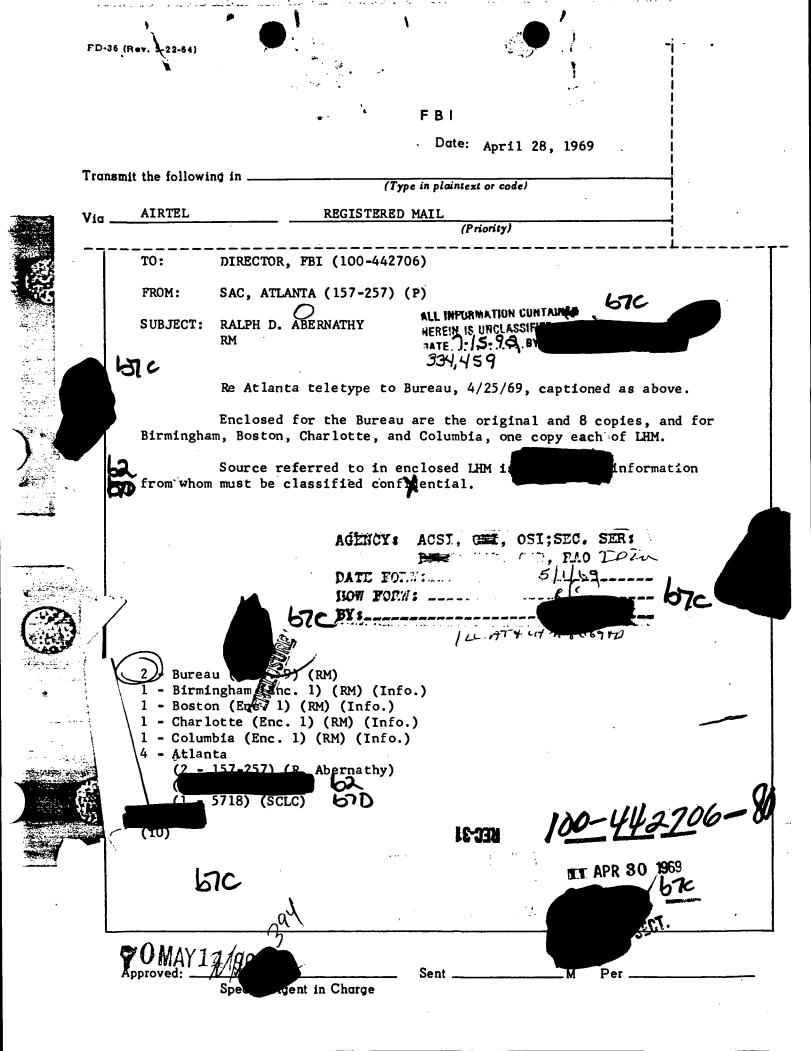


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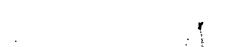




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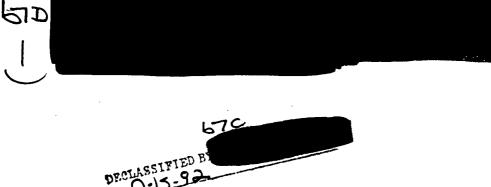
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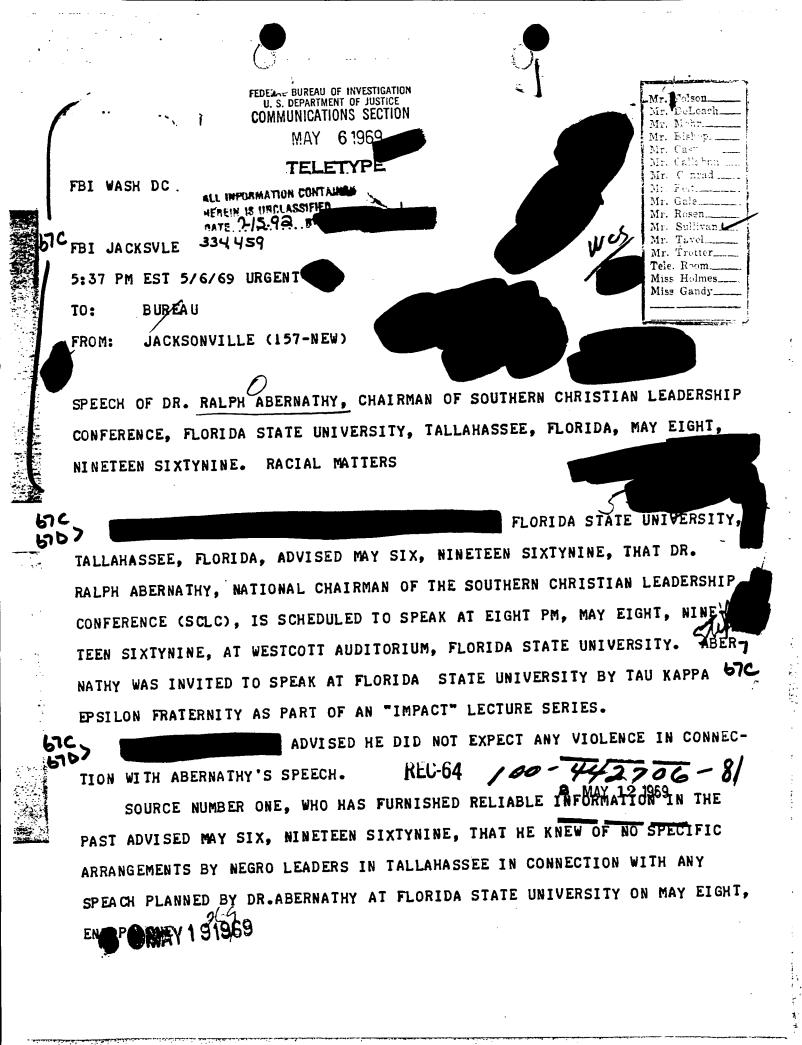
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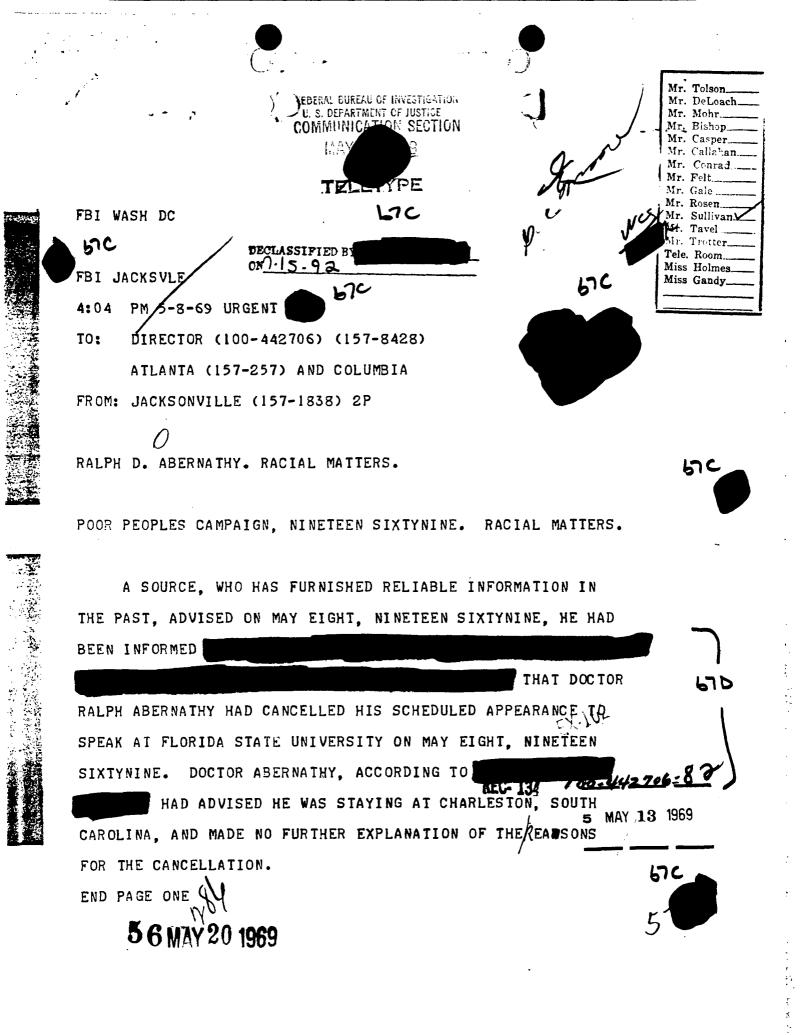
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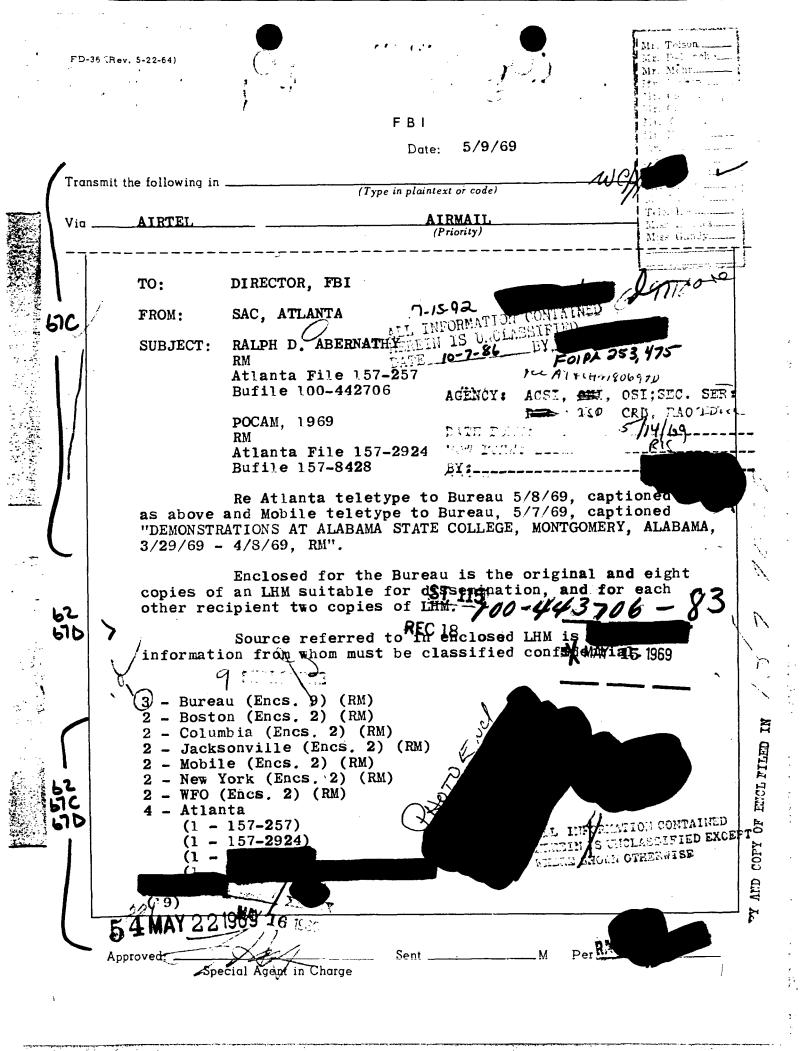


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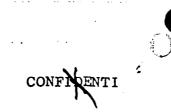
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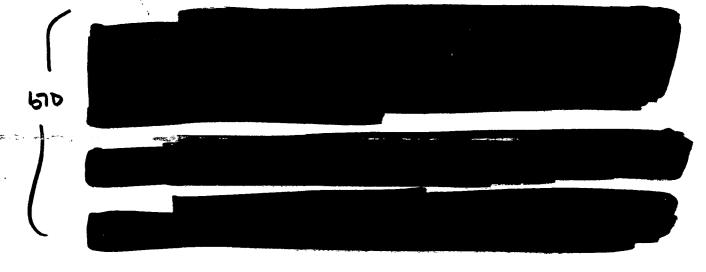
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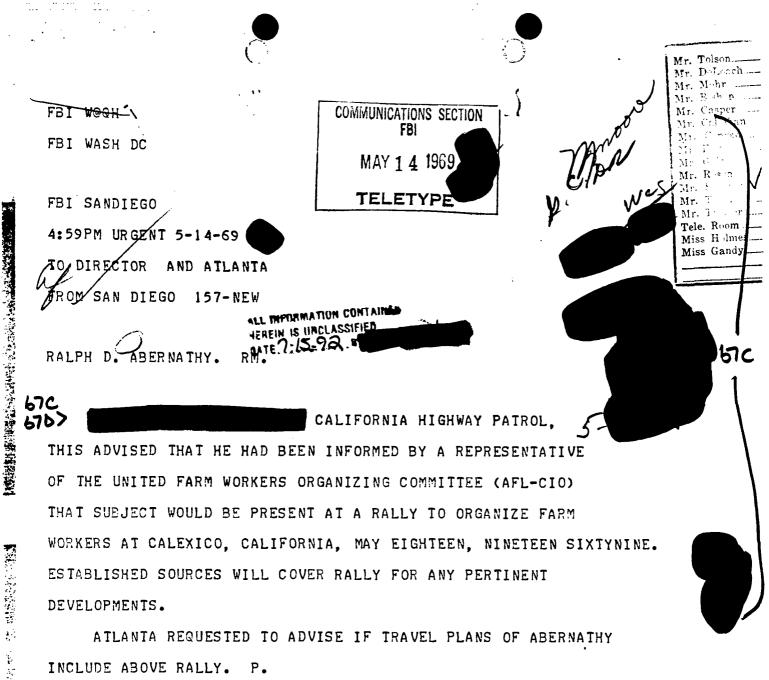
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Reference Boston memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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On May 15, 1969, a confidential source advised that Ralph D. Abernathy arrived at Theodore F. Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island, at approximately 6 p.m., May 15, 1969, and after a brief press conference at the airport traveled via rented automobile to the University of Rhode Island at Kingston, Rhode Island. He then appeared at the Keaney Gymnasium at 8 p.m. to address a gathering of approximately 500 people under the University of Rhode Island student lecture series. The substance of his remarks was a request for increased Federal funds to be appropriated for the poor.

Abernathy departed from Kingston, Rhode Island, and the Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island, following his lecture to return to Washington, D. C.

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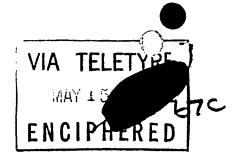
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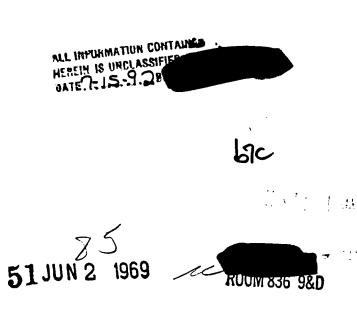
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### Re: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 29, 1969, that the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke at Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU), Ypsilanti, Michigan, April 17, 1969.

Abernathy said that the SCLC Board of Directors had unanimously agreed to launch what he called "Chapter Two" of the "Poor People's Campaign" next month. He said that involved would be a "Mother's Day" March, May 11, 1969, in Washington, D.C., and that he ancicipated simultaneous marches in selected communities throughout the country. On that occasion, he said he anticipates an address to the nation from a prominent pulpit in Washington, D.C.

He listed as the current demands of the SCLC the following:

Free food stamps for all families earning less than \$3,000.00 per annum.

a. The establishment of uniform national welfare standards.

b. Employment for all persons, with the Federal Government becoming the employer of "last resort".

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#### Re: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy

c. Government welfare payments tied to the changing cost of living.

d. The withholding of Federal contracts from any company which practices discrimination.

e. The withholding of Federal funds from any school district maintaining racially segregated schools.

f. An end to the "senseless, <u>unwinable</u> amd Godless" war in Vietnam.

Abernathy requested that youth help in demanding that the Kerner Report be implemented immediately. He spoke critically of the fact that it has not been implemented. He referred to the Kerner Report as one of the major documents of this century.

He described as his goal the maintenance of one million jobs in the public sector and another one million jobs in the private sector of the United States for presently unemployed Negroes. He added that another goal is the full implementation of existing antidiscrimination laws in the United States.

Referring to students and student problems, he said that the most serious problem in the United States was the "generation gap". He said that rather than "beating the heads of students, we ought to be teaching all people how to be young". He called on Americans to "come on home" from the "hog-pen" and the "muck and mire" of the Vietnam war. He also spoke critically of the waste of resources in the Outer Space Program.

Reverend Abernathy's speech at EMU was sponsored by the Religious Affairs Council of EMU, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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Director, FBI/00-442706-89 Mr. Mr.

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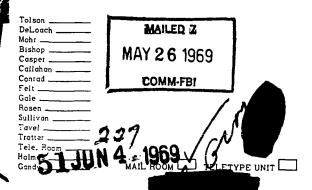
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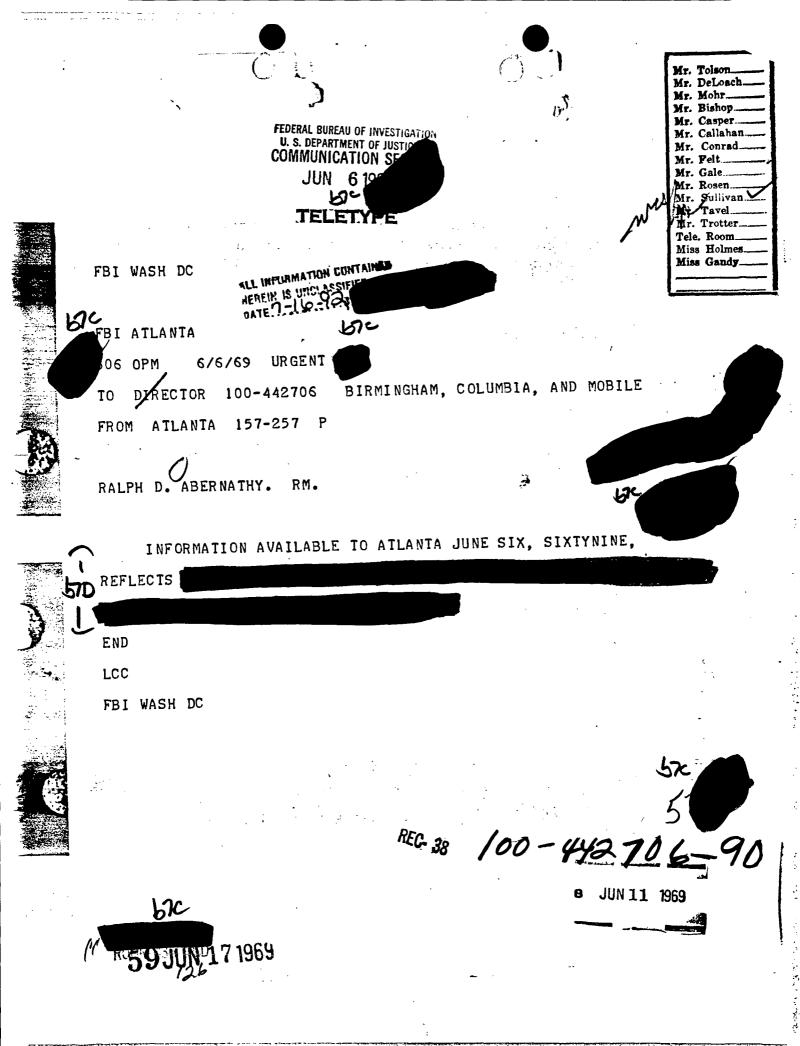
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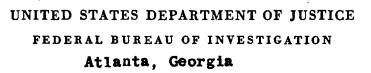
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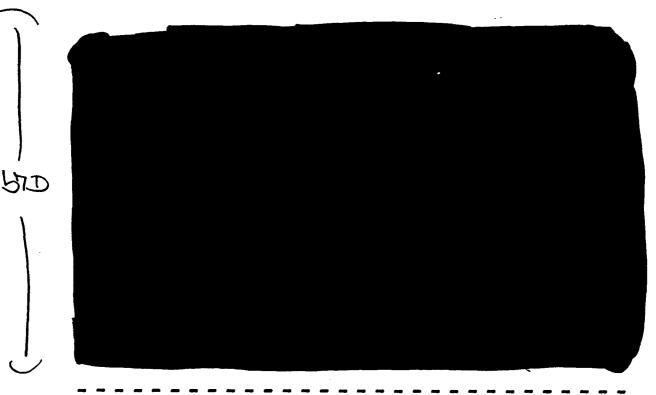
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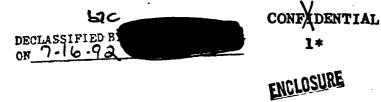
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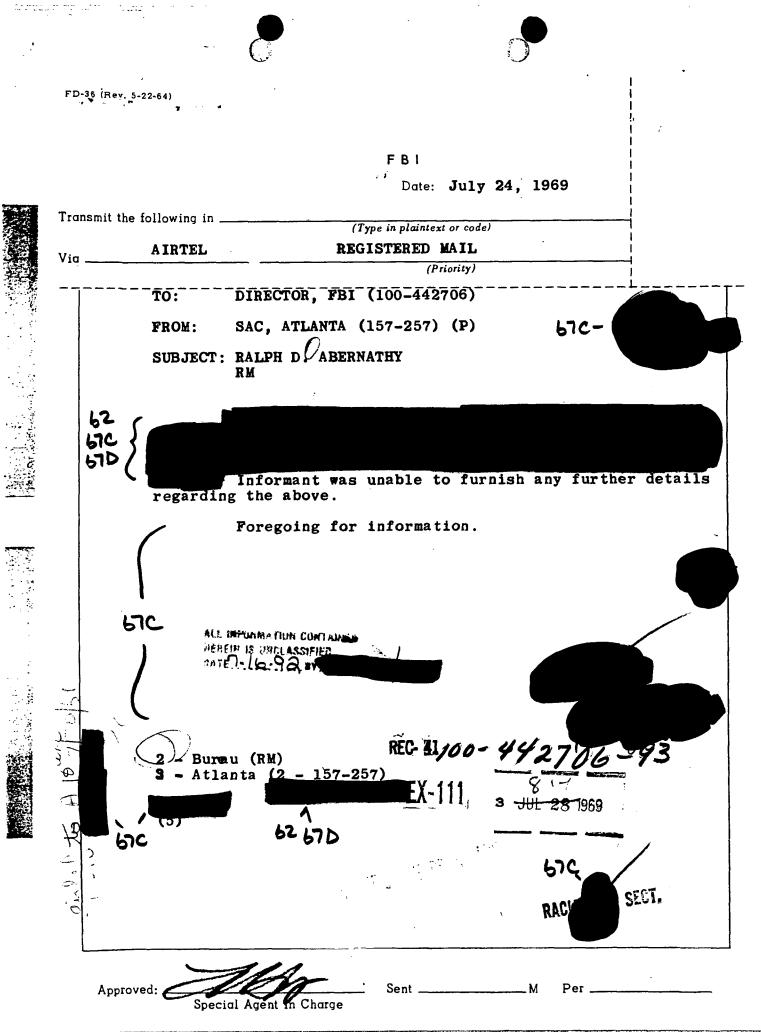


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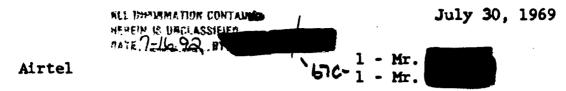
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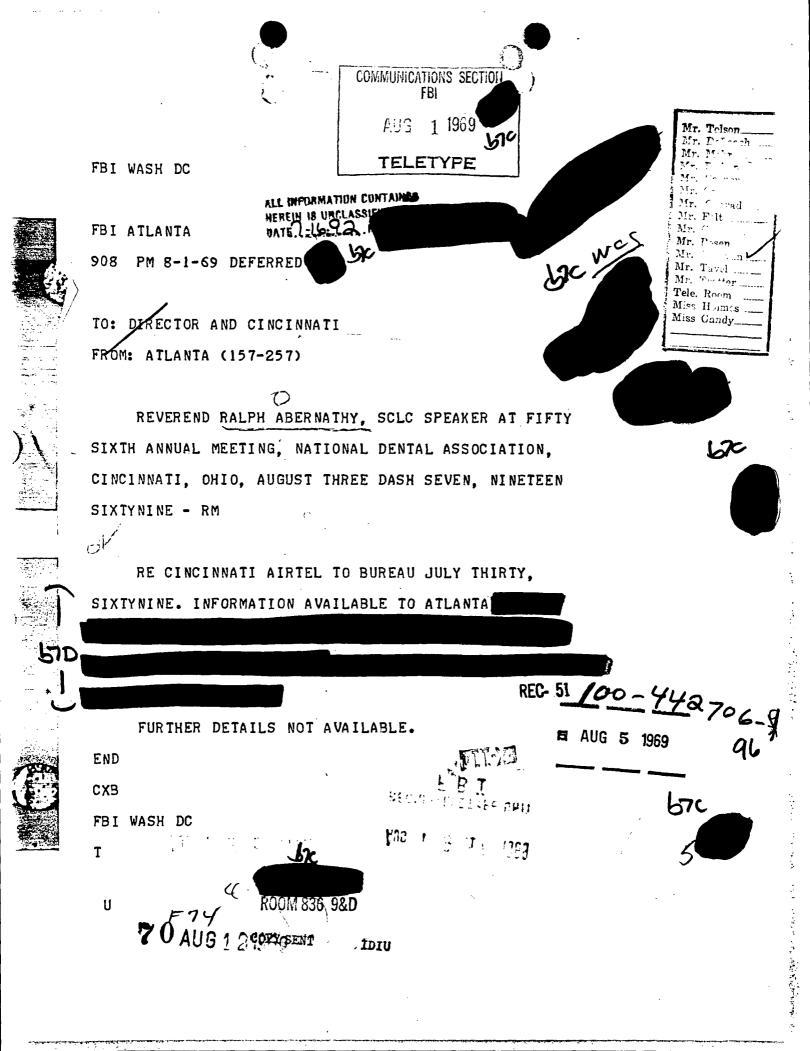
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Mr. Tolson. FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) Mr. DeLoach. Mr. Mohr .... Mr. Bishop . Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_ Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad FBI Mr. Felt..... Mr. Gale Date: 7/31/69 Mr. Losen .... Mr. Sullivan Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_ Mr. Tavel... (Type in plaintext or code) Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room... Via AIRTEL Miss Helmes ... (Priority) Miss Gandy. TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654) (P) RALPH D. OABERNATHY ALL INPURMATION CONTAINING HEBEIN IS UNCLASSIFIED RACIAL MATTERS BATE - 16.92 BY Re Bu AT to SACs Atlanta and WFO, 7/30/69. A review of the records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, by SA failed to disclose a 0 passport file for A review of the passport filesof reflects that There was no indication in the passport file of to indicate that Passport officials advised that there is surrestly ta 3 to 4 week delay between time of issuance and time of filing of passports due to heavy volume at this time of the year. WFO will place appropriate stops to facilitate review of passport application of when available. REC-23 100-442706-9 FTT-105 2-Bureau **B** AUG 4 1969 2-Atlanta (157-257) (RM) 1-WFO (5) OAUC 13136 Approved: \_ Sent\_ ~ M Per\_ Special Agent in Charge

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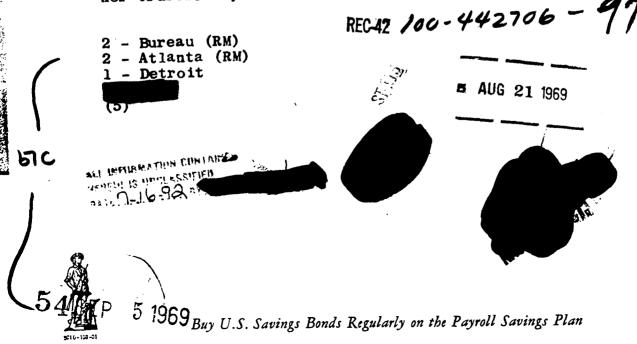
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Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, 5/7/69 and Bulet to Detroit, 5/26/69.

Detroit in referenced airtel enclosed an LHM reporting results of coverage of a speech made by the subject at Ypsilanti, Michigan, 4/67. It was noted that the source of that information advised that he might be able to make available a tape recording of subject's speech.

The Bureau in referenced Bureau letter requested Detroit to make efforts to secure such a tape if available and to handle same for possible evidentiary value.

Source identified in referenced Detroit airtel has advised that he has been unable to secure a copy of the tape made in conjunction with subject's appearance reported in referenced Detroit airtel. Because of technical difficulties he advised that the recording was not clear nor trustworthy.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Cincinnati, Ohio August 8, 1969

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The July 8, 1969 Cincinnati Enquirer, a local newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati area, contained an item that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, head of the SCLC, will speak at a civil rights luncheon during the 56th annual meeting of the National Dental Association August 3\_7, 1969 in Cincinnati.

On July 22, 30 and 31, 1969, advised that no confirmation had been developed that Reverend Abernathy would speak at the National Dental Association luncheon. On August 4, 1969, advised that it had been confirmed that Abernathy would be in the city today for a talk at noontime before the National Dental Association at the Hotel Sheraton Gibson. On August 5, 1969,

advised that Reverend Abernathy was leaving the morning of August 5, 1969 for Atlanta from where he was possibly going to Greene County, Alabama or Charleston, South Carolina.

This source stated that after the speech given by Reverend Abernathy before the dentists, Abernathy toured part of the city. He was also in the company of <u>Reverend</u> Otis Moss, Jr. and <u>Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth</u>, who are pastors of local churches in the Cincinnati area and who have been active in civil rights activities.

This source stated that about 9:30 P.M, August 4, 1969, there was a meeting at the Revelation Baptist Church

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attended by approximately 250 persons. Reverend Benneva gave a report on the local Operation Breadbasket, talking about the success this activity had had at the Hudephol Brewery and the Tastee Bread Company with demands that more Negroes be hired or that the companies be boycotted. Then Reverend Otto Moss introduced Reverend Abernathy who spoke on their slogan "Free At Last" and on unity among the Negro people. Abernathy said the Negro people are not going to take the same stuff or handouts as they have taken in the past; also that they have to rebell peacefully and that the communities must work together. He knocked Cincinnati for lack of progress toward the Negro. He also knocked the middle class Negroes for not helping their black brothers and said there is a lot of work to be done here in Cincinnati. He also commented on the amount spent on the Apollo space program.

This source noted that Willie Thomas of the local Republic of New Africa (RNA) was present with two other individuals in uniform who were attempting to sail RNA literature at the church. Uh, 0

A characterization of the RNA is contained in the appendix of this memorandum.

This same source stated that Reverence Abernathy left for the Greater Cincinnati Airport about 9:30 A.S. where he would take a plane for Atlanta with a possible destination of Greene County, Alabama or Charleston, South Carolina.

Attached are copies of three newspaper clippings covering comments and activities of Reverend Abertathy. One clipping is from the August 4, 1969 Cincinnati Post James Star. a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati area; one from the August 5, 1969 Cincinnati Post Times Star, and one from the August 5, 1969 Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sources who have furnished information in this matter have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Abernathy Assails Hunger in Nation

Dr. Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said here today that the SCLC is working on a program to eradicate what he called the nation's number one problem chunger.

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thunger. "We are concerned about a nation that will spend \$26 billion to put a man on the moon, but is not willing to spend \$56 to stand a man on his feet on earth," he said.

He said the U. S. government will pay \$13,000 a year to Sen. Eastland of Mississippi not to grow grain on his plantation but won't give \$9 a month to a starving child. Abernathy spoke at a press conference at the Sheraton Gibson Hote,

where he is luncheon speaker at the 56th annual convention of the National Dental Assn., a predominantly Negro association. Approximately 2000 dentists, their wives a n.d guests are here for the conxention.

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### SOCK IT TO AMERICA

### BY JAMES ADAMS

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy allpped out of his shoes, slumped into a 1 padded chair and began slowly sipping singer ale. He had just finished what several of his aides called one of the most elo-.quent - and longest speeches of his civil rights career before 2000 dentists, their wives and guests attending the predominantly Negro National Dental Assn. in the Sheraton-Gibson. Now he wanted to unwind with his friends.

A PUGNACIOUS modern-day prophet and abra-sive civil rights leader, Mr. Abernathy had held his middle class audience spellbound for 90 minutes as he thundered against a wealthy nation which permits the plagues of poverty. hunger and disease to spread unchecked. "I come as a prophet to

prophesy before the NDA," he told his audience, "to tell you what "thus saith the Lord."

"You have a role in this movement more than just practicing dentistry — sometimes your offices must serve as freedom offices and headquarters for

planning strategy. "Some of our white friends are afraid now in this era of black conscious-ness and black power and have left us and don't walk with us anymore.

"THE BLACK man must do more to support his own programs for freedom. "We often forget all

about our brothers we have left behind," he told the dentists. "But it may be the death angel will be knockdeath angel will be known ing at my door or your door. As long as your skin is black, they will beat the head of a Ph.D. as they will a JD (Doctor of Divinity). "We have to get together as black nearly and white

as black people and white people of good will and sock it to America and do our own thing." The crowd

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rose and interrupted his speech with an ovation.

He told his audience that full stomach and adeа quate medical and dental care should be a right not a privilege - of every citizen. He said it was a sin for a nation which has enough to feed two-thirds of the world's population to let its own citizens go hun-

To those who suggest that the disgruntled Negro go back to Africa, Dr. Abernathy retorted.

"I'VE GOT too much invested in this country. I fought for it during the war. And how in the hell can you go back where you've never been?"

Now, sitting in his hotel room, Dr. Abernathy talked so softly he could scarcely be heard across the room. His pugnacity had turned to gentieness. He good-naturedly accused his friend, the Rev. Otis Moss, of the Rev. Otis Moss, of "stealing" his congregation

while preaching last week at his (Abernathy's) West Hunter Screet Baptist Church in Atlanta.

thir. Moss is pastor of the Mt. Zion Reptist Church in Locitized and president of the Valley Christian Im-provement Assu, an affi-liate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which Dr. Abernathy heads).

He talked of political victorics in Green County, Ala., where blacks won four of five county commission scats. (He believes political power is more potent than hot summers.) He expressed his disappointment with the Nixon Administration and for its failure to understand the difference between segregation in the South and North. "A black man in the South can't even ask for information at his own courthcuse without being insulted." he says. "At least in the North you can find out where the clerk's office is."

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AROUND 3:45 P.M. he and Dr. Moss and the Rev. B. W. Smith. pastor of the Lincoln Heights Baptist Church and director of the SCLC Operation Breadbasket. decided to make a quick tour of the city's black communities before dinner and the rally at Revelation Baptist Church where Dr. Abernathy which fire his second Speech of the day.

In the car, Dr. Abernathy continued talking about the Movement — the black man's struggle for equality — and its shape of the future:

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"The black man's contribution to the total community is too great for him to settle for any segment or any part of society. I wouldn't even settle for Texas," he laughed.

"Black s e p a r a t i s m is healthy in one sense — my people have to find their own identity — and dangerous in another. I don't think its necessary — but it's understandable.

"We have to keep the channels open between the races and we have to have more non-violent victories." (IIe is going to Charleston, S. C. today to celebrate the "victory" there of the wage increase won by non-professional workers in the state hospitals).

DR. MOSS interrupted to explain that the homes in Avondale "were bought by our people after the whites had lived in them 30 or 40 years. Then when the blacks moved in the whites said look how the community has deteriorated."

As we drove into Lincoln Heights with its small homes, Dr. Abernathy commented: "You have poverty in all-black towns just like you have it in white towns."

He made two stops in

Lincoin Heights — at Shepherd land and McIntyre lane where at B8-year-old woman and her three merried daughters formerly of Atlanta gathered around him like a long lost friend and began taking pictures.

The second stop was at the Magic Moment tavern. About a dozen men sat around a baz in a dimly-Fichted room. "From tre you, my brothers?" Dr. Abernathy asked, going from stool to stool shaking hands.

One man, probably in his cups, half-cried, "Pray for me. Pray for me."

"I WILL, my brother. I will," Dr. Abernathy intoned in his ministerial voice.

He also ended up buying a beer for another man.

The party then drove to Dr. Moss' elegant new home in Glendale. The graclous hostess. Mrs. Moss, served dinner by candlelight and Dr. Aberna'by reminisced over prime roast beef, baked potators and green beans with his colleague, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth.

Mr. Shuttlesworth, now, pastor of the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Avondale, was one of the shock troops of the early civil Rights movement. He was bombed, beaten and literally blown out of his bed in Birmingham as he tangled with Birmingham's tough police chief, Bull Connor.

"OLD BULL has lost all political power and is now picking cotton," Dr. Abernathy said — almost as if he were a little saddened at the fall of his protagonist.

Dr. Abernathy and Mr. Shuttlesworth talked of the days when their fallen leader — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — was at the helm of the Movement.

"Dr. King never got in a hurry," Mr. Shufflesworth recalled. "We would miss more planes because he talked too long on the telephone. Then he would say, "Remember if you miss one plane there is always another one."

Dr. Abernathy recalled one of Dr. King's most oftrongetted but of advice was. "Some day, Balph, you will rearn that hereity is not life's greatest virtue."

THEY TALKED of being gassed by police in churches, of sharing cells, of rallies in remote Mississippi towns — Philadelphia, Canton and others. In the retelling, the incidents always evoked uproarious laughter.

It dawned on me these men were not war veterans swapping combat stories but were ministers talking about risking their lives for rights guaranteed to every men her our Constitution.

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# Abernathy Urges Dentists To Action

#### BY BETSY BLISS Enquirer Reporter

With revival-meeting rhetoric that brought ovations from his audience, Rev. Ralph David Abernathy called Monday on the predominantiy black National Dental 4 Association to commit itself to ald- luncheon of the NDA's 56th annual ing poor and black people. 1. . . . . **.** . "Black people who have made their way out of the muddy streams . . . . . . 

and are blessed to live in the suburbs, who get a little money and learn to use big words, often forget about their brothers left behind," Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told the dentists.

HE ADDRESSED the civil rights meeting, held through Thursday the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson.

"You have a role in the mov ment that is more than just practifing dentistry," he said.

The successor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. pointed to hunger in the nation and insufficient medical and dental care for millions of poor people despite transplants and other medical advances.

"We stand before America, the richest and most powerful country. in the world, and demand a more equal distribution of wealth," he. said, calling on the Negro dentists to give support to "freedom pro-grams" and to "make your offices freedom offices."

DESPITE THE Kerner Report, subsequent reports and analyses, "not a single Kerner recommendaimplemented," has becn tion Abernathy said.

"I'm getting sick and tired of having documents filling our li-braries, collecting dust. We are getting bogged down in a paralysis of analysis.

The SCLC leader paraphrased 17th century English poet John Donne's "No Man is an Island," warning "the rich black man" and : "the learned black woman" that the, "bell that tolls in the ghetto marks the hour of your burial."

"In this nation, as long as your skin is black, it doesn't matter about your wealth, or the section of. city where you live, or the number of degrees you have," Abernathy

"We have to get together as black folk and white , eople of good will and sock it to / 1 terico. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, ally and state.)

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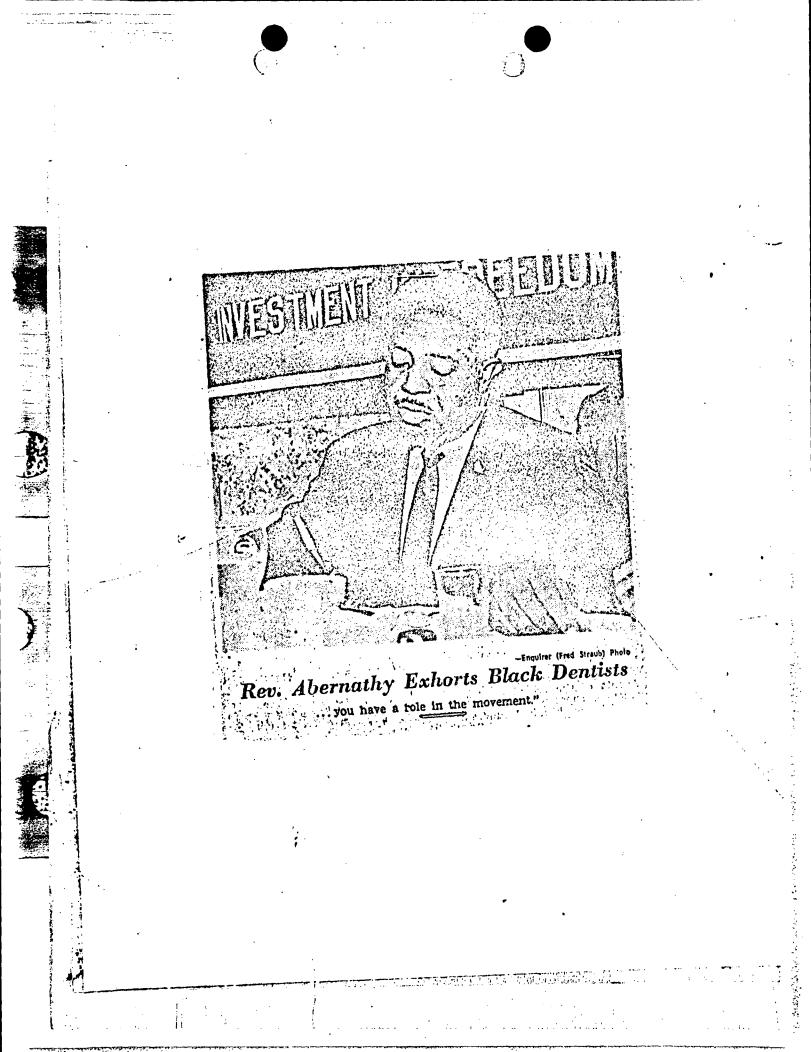
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### APPENDIX

### REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (BNA)

Confidential source #1 advised the Republic of New Africa (RNA) is a militant Negro separatist organization which was founded March 30-31, 1968, at a Black Government Conference held at the Central United Church of Christ, 7625. Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan (The Shrine of the Black Madonna).

Confidential source #2 advised this conference was sponsored by the Malcolm X Society, an organization utilized by MILTON ROBINSON HENRY (Brother Gaidi), an attorney at law, from Pontiac, Michigan, who is regarded as one of the leaders of the Black Nationalist movement in the Detroit area; his of the Black Nationalist movement in the Detroit area; his brother, RICHARD BULLOCK HENRY (Brother Imari), Detroit, brother, an employee of the Army Tank Automotive Command, Michigan, an employee of the Army Tank Automotive Command, Warren, Michigan, also a Black Nationalist leader and the Warren ALBERT BUFORD CLEAGE, JR., Pastor of the Central Reverend ALBERT BUFORD CLEAGE, JR., Pastor of the Central united Church of Christ, Detroit, as a vehicle to promote various Black Nationalist activities.

Confidential source #2 advised the HENRY brothers and CLEAGE adopted the name MALCOLM X for their society since MALCOLM X, also known as MALCOLM X LITTLE, now deceased, was a former leader in the Nation of Islam (NOI), and after his break with the NOI organized the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated break with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU). (MMI) and the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU). MALCOLM X was known nationally as an advocate of black power, MALCOLM X was known nationally as an advocate of black power, ind since his assassination February 21, 1965, at New York and since his assassination tuilizing this name receives City, any meeting or organization utilizing this name receives

The Malcolm X Society, prior to its dissolution, and incorporation into the RNA, maintained no headquarters, had no formal membership, and did not hold any meetings.

Confidential source #1 advised the purpose of the RNA, which is to be revolutionary in nature, is to make efforts

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### REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)

for international recognition with assistance from other black nations of the world. The RNA proposes to make ittention is obtain an island or a plot of land in one of the Southern States, establish a government in exile, petition for a seat in the United Nations, and demand reparations from the United States Government for ancestral slave labor. These reparations are to be \$10,000.00 for every black person in the United States and the States of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi States Government. The officers of the RNA by the united States Government. The officers of the RNA also propose the establishment of a standing armed force, to be known as the Black Legion, which is to be financed through an income tax imposed on willing black persons in the United States.

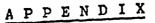
In the furtherance of the purposes of the RNA, several executive officers have presented the Republic's credentials and an offer to negotiate for reparations to the United States Secretary of State.

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS was elected President of the RNA: MILTON HENRY was elected First Vice-President; BETTY SHABAZZ, widow of the late MALCOLM X, was elected Second Vice-President, and RICHARD HENRY was elected Minister of Information.

On August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued for the arrest of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled to Cuba where he published a monthly Black Nationalist newsletter entitled "The Crusader." WILLIAMS subsequently newsletter Havana, Cuba to Peking, China, where he has continued to publish "The Crusader."

Characterizations of the NOI, MMI, and OAAU are attached hereto.

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### NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on May 3, 1968, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is an All-Negro organization originating in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's. Elijah Muhammad is the leader of the NOI and self-styled "Messenger of Allah" in that he claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out an independent black nation within the United States. Headan independent black nation within the United States. Headquarters of the NOI is located at Muhammad's Temple ( or Mosque) Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Muhammad teaches there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negro, will be destroyed by Allah in an approaching "War of Armageddon," a war between God and the devil.

Officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to comply with provisions of the Selective Service Act. stating that they respect laws of the United States as long as they do not conflict with the laws of the NOI, but do not believe the government should force them to participate in wars from which they have nothing to gain.

In the late 1950's, Muhammad, acting on legal advice, tempered NOI teachings against the white man and the goverment to avoid possible prosecution; however, basic tenets remain the same. He de-emphasized religious teachings in the NOI and emphasized economic benefits derived by so-called Negroes who join the NOI. Muhammad believed this would create more interest in his programs and, of course, new followers.

### MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI file on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reveal that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles".

The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORA', J (MMI)

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where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organisation of Afro-American Unity (CAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

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### ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INC. (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, Malcolm X Little, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Inc., (MMII), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with the rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Streets, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by Malcolm X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of Malcolm X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Megroes so they can work together for "Human rights," while the initial objective is to "inter-nationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. Little condemned the nonviolent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes in education, politics, culture, economics and social reform.

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name would be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

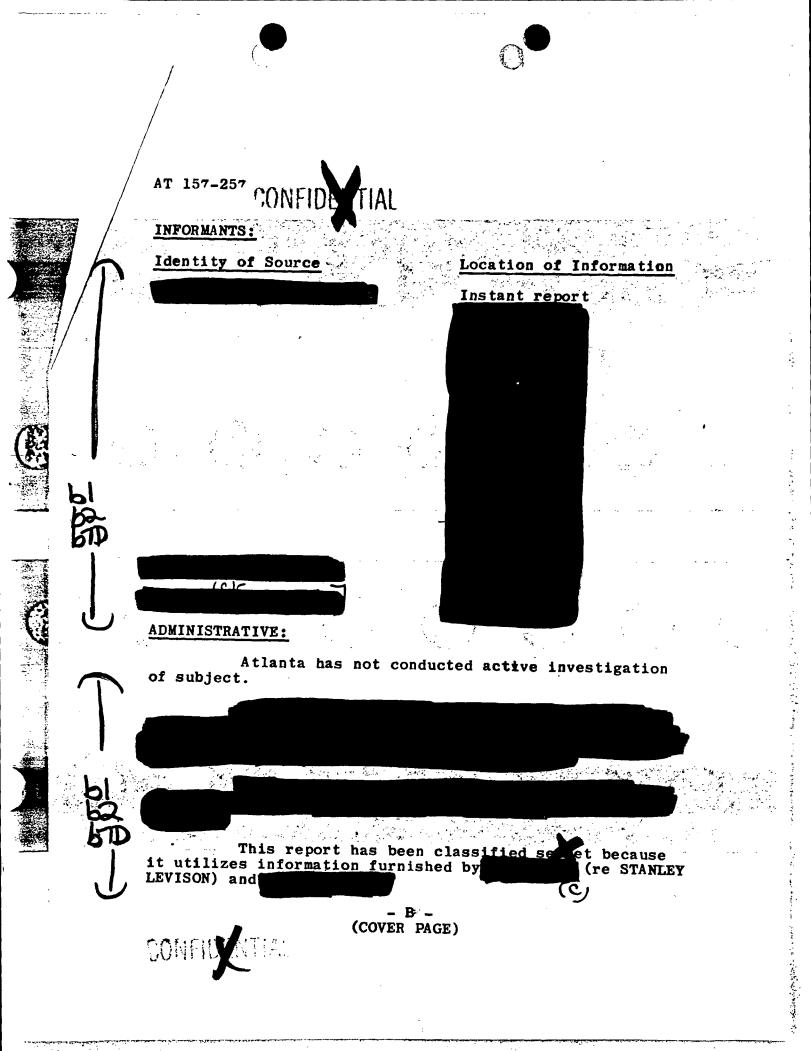
On February 28, 1966, a second source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is Ella Collins, a half-sister of the late Malcolm X who resides in the Harlem Section of New York City.

On May 8, 1967, the first source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU is located at 224 West 139th Street, New York, New York, which is the residence of Ella Collins.

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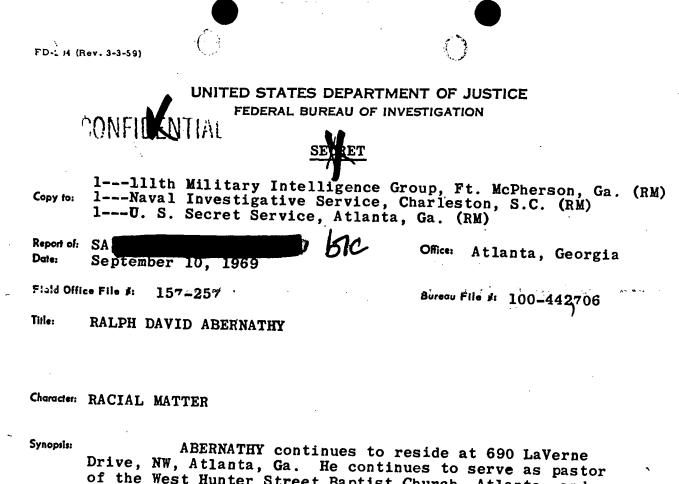
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Dear Sir:

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  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. 
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- 3. 
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Drive, NW, Atlanta, Ga. He continues to reside at 690 LaVerne Drive, NW, Atlanta, Ga. He continues to serve as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, and as President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta. SCLC activity set forth indicating ABERNATHY continues to be of interest to individuals having prior CP membership and/or affiliations. Information received

some officers of SCLC expressed concern ABERNATHY might require assistance from a psychiatrist.

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### DETAILS:

Characterizations of individuals and organizations where available are set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

#### Residence

ABERNATHY, as of September 1, 1969, continued to reside with his wife and family at 690 LaVerne Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

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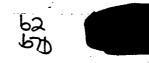
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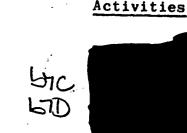
### Employment :

As of September 1, 1969, ABERNATHY continued to serve as the pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, Northwest, Atlanta. He also continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), whose headquarters are located at 334 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

Regarding ABERNATHY's position as President, SCLC, the SCLC Executive Board during the organization's twelfth annual convention August 13 through 16, 1969, Charleston, South Carolina, gave a vote of confidence to ABERNATHY continuing as President of SCLC.



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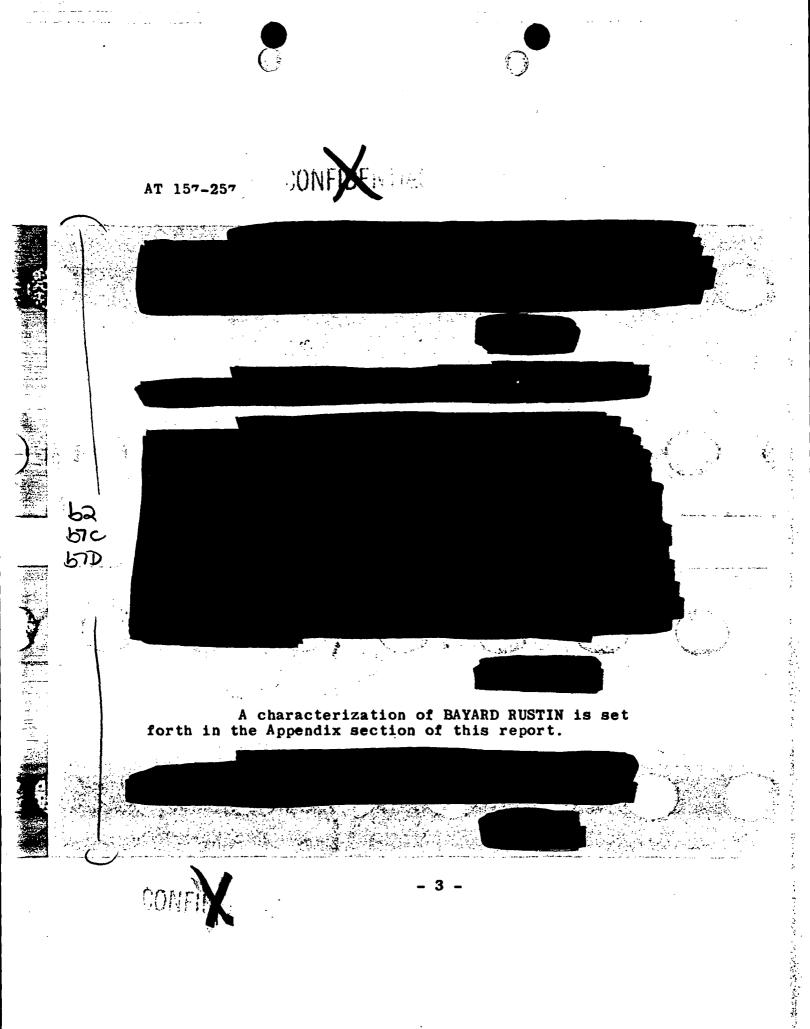


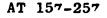


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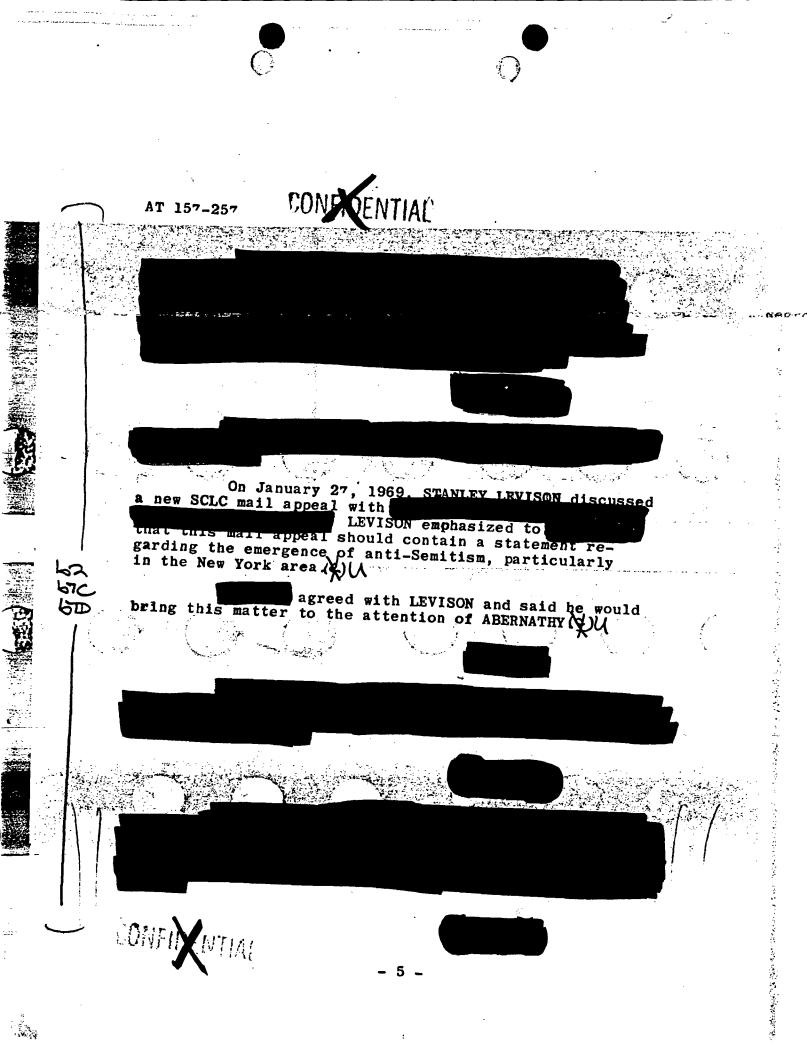
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A characterization of CLARENCE JONES is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

On January 23, 1969, The Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 9A of its Blue Streak edition, published an article captioned "ABERNATHY Backs Defender of RAY", by-lined HARMON PERRY. This article referred to a position recently taken by JAMES BEVEL, Director of Nonviolent Education, SCLC, regarding JAMES EARL RAY, accused of killing Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., former President, SCLC. The article quoted ABERNATHY as stating BEVEL was an "outstanding strategist and organizer in the nonviolent movement". He said "I have absolute confidence in his judgement and integrity".

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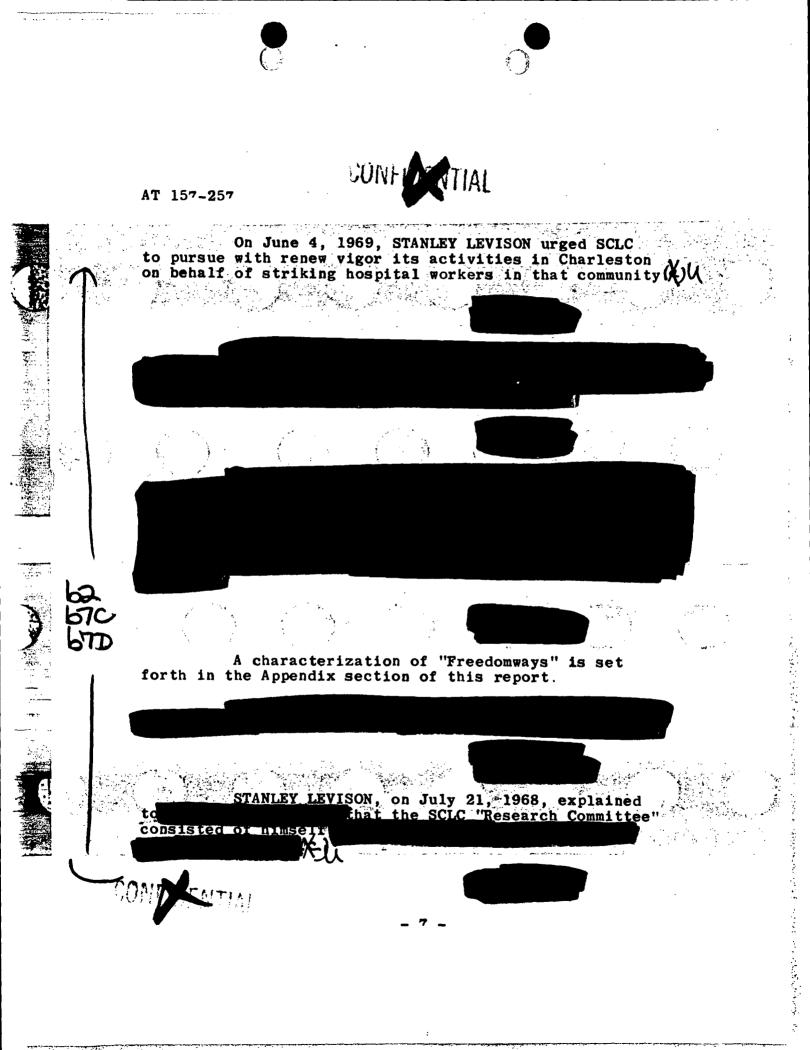
The third paragraph of the above letter read in part as follows:

"---In some urban cities, Anti-Semitism has been employed to pit Negroes against Jews. Anti-Semitism is intolerable and immoral. We will fight it, as we always have -- as contemptable opportunism -- as harmful to black people as to Jews -- because it fosters the poison of racism generally."

On May 2, 4969, STANLEY LEVISON discussed SCLC's activities in Charleston, South Carolina. LEVISON strongly recommended that CORETTA SCOTT KING, widow of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., return to Charleston, South Carolina, on behalf of SCLC and also that Congressman JOHN CONYERS from Detroit, Michigan, be requested to appear in Charleston.

On May 6, 1969, ABERNATHY held a press conference in Charleston, South Carolina, at which time he announced that CORETTA SCOTT KING and Congressman CONYERS had been invited to participate in SCLC activity in Charleston on May 11, 1969.





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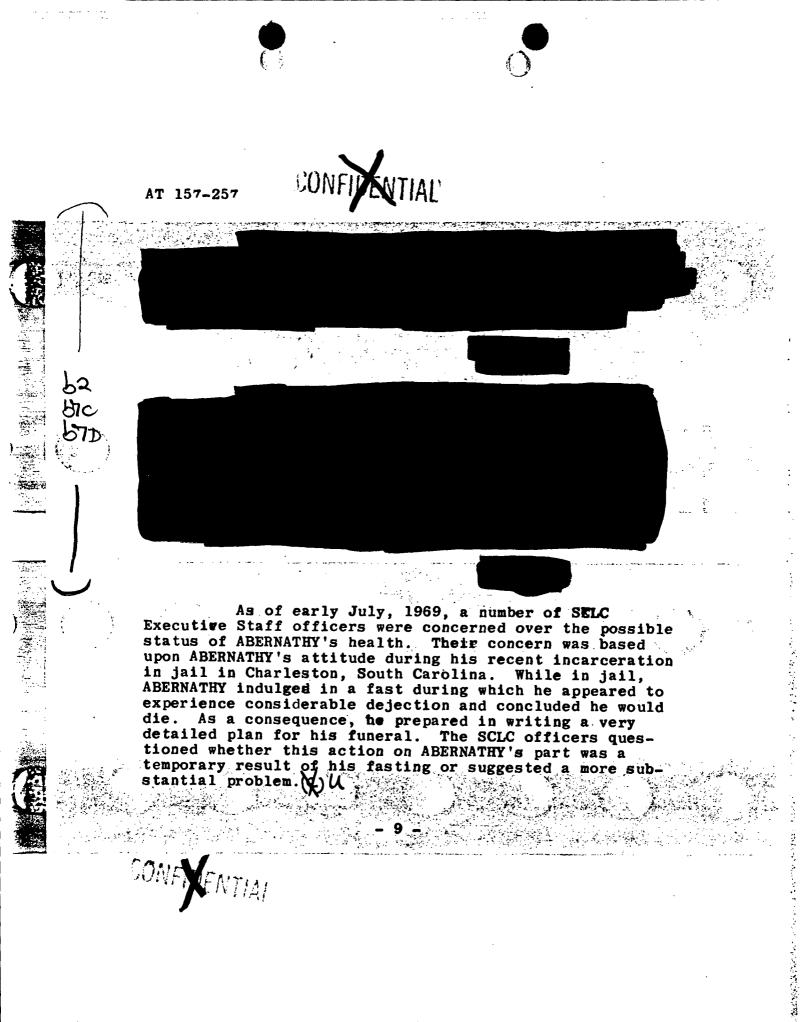
On August 14, 1969, The Atlanta Consitituion, daily Atlanta newspaper, published on Page 7A, an article captioned "SCLC Okays Anti-Draft Plan", by-lined PHIL GAILEY. This article referred to a speech on August 13, 1969, by Rev. THOMAS E. HILGORE, described as President of American Baptist Convention (also Parliamentarian of SCLC) from Los Angeles, California. This speech was made at the recently concluded twelfth SCLC annual convention held in Charleston, South Carolina. The article indicated that KILGORE proposed SCLC create a "department for peace" in order that it can give effective draft evasion counselling to young men. The article quoted KILGORE as stating "The war in Vietnam is our number one enemy."

This article also attributed to ABERNATHY approval of KILGORE's proposal and a statement that he would counsel young men to avoid the draft. It quoted ABERNATHY as saying "It's the only way to put an end to the war and violence."

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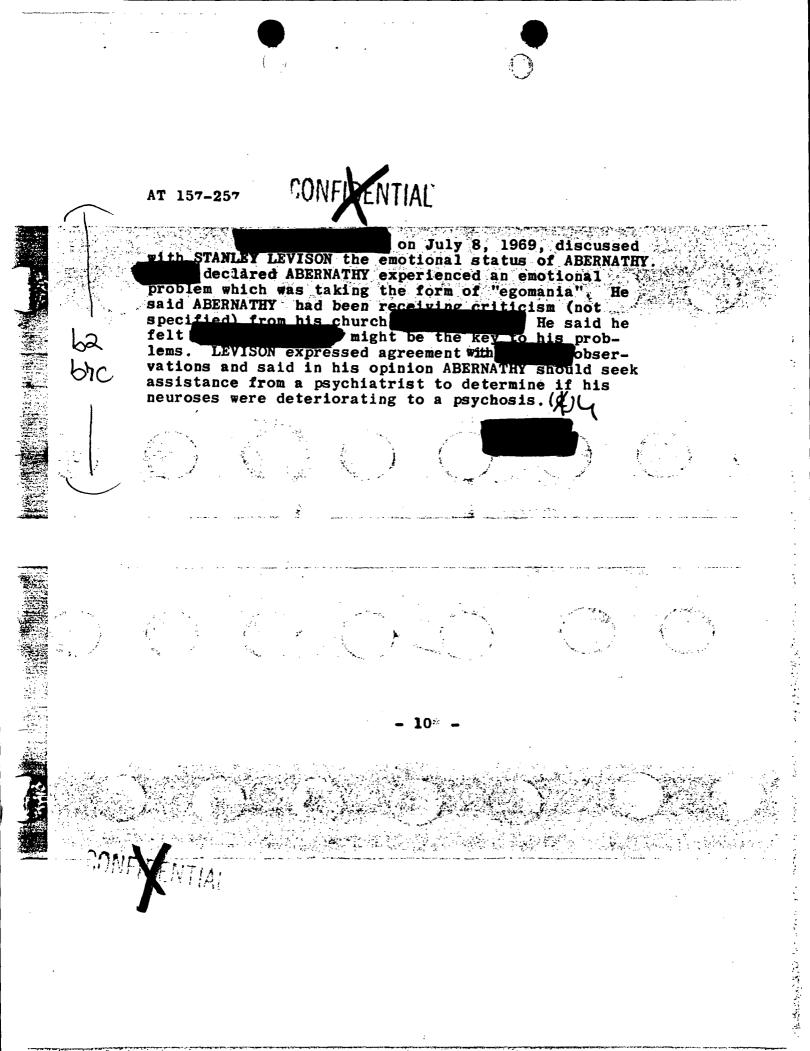
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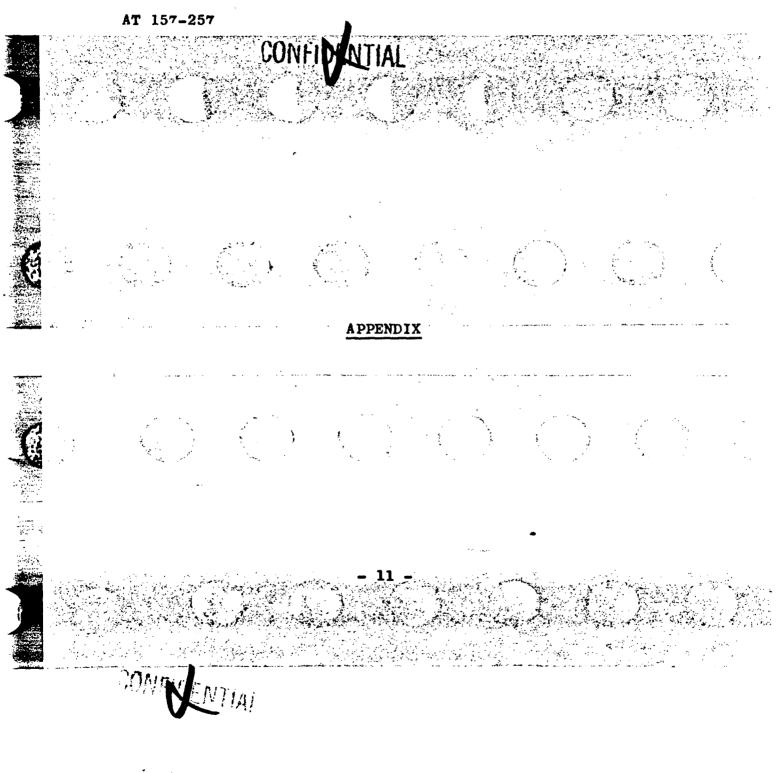
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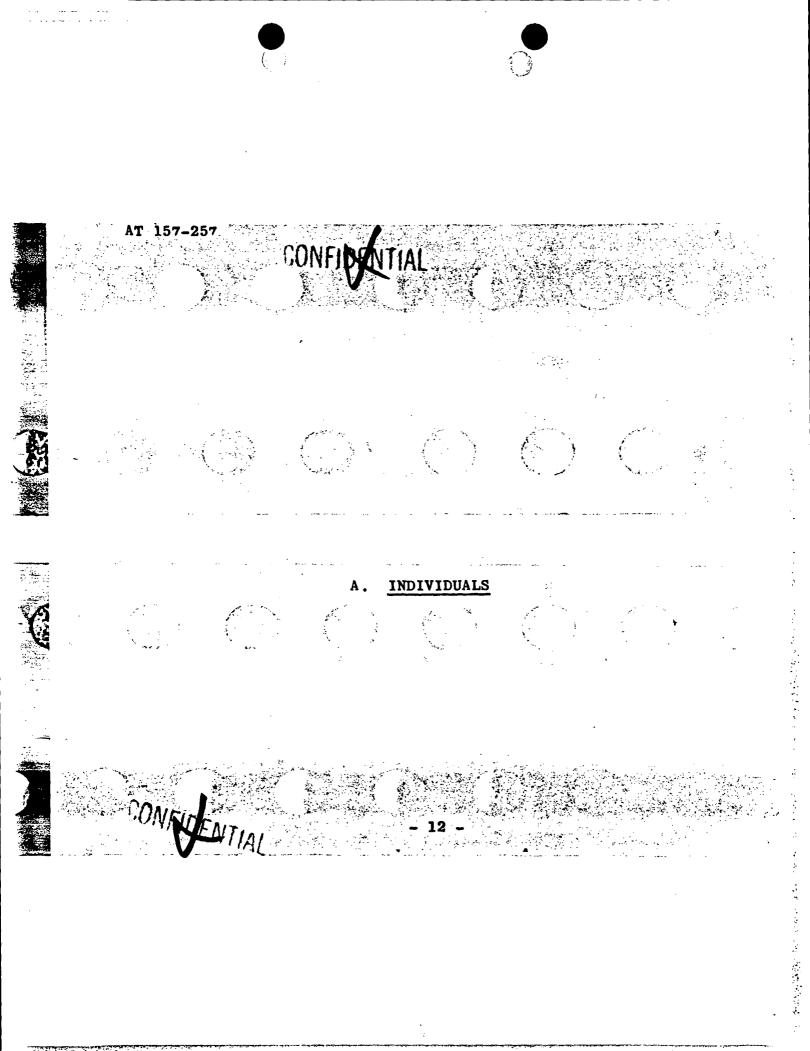




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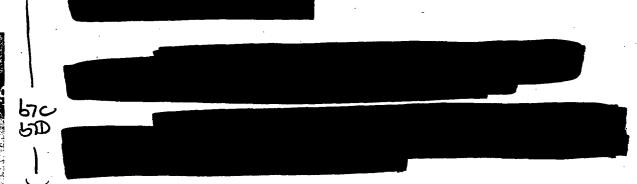
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### BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

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A confidential source advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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#### MIKE HARRINGTON

A.confidential source advised in June, 1958, that MICHAEL HARRINGTON held the position of National Chairman of the Young Socialist League (YSL).

A characterization of the YSL is attached hereto.

In September, 1958, the same confidential source advised that MICHAEL HARRINGTON was a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) following the merger of the YSL with the YPSL.

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CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source 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.

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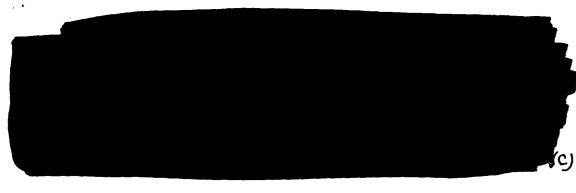
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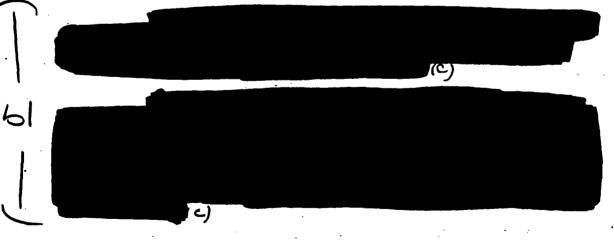
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In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, BAYAND RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, Page 1, Column 2, reported that EAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convetion of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Cost Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1953.



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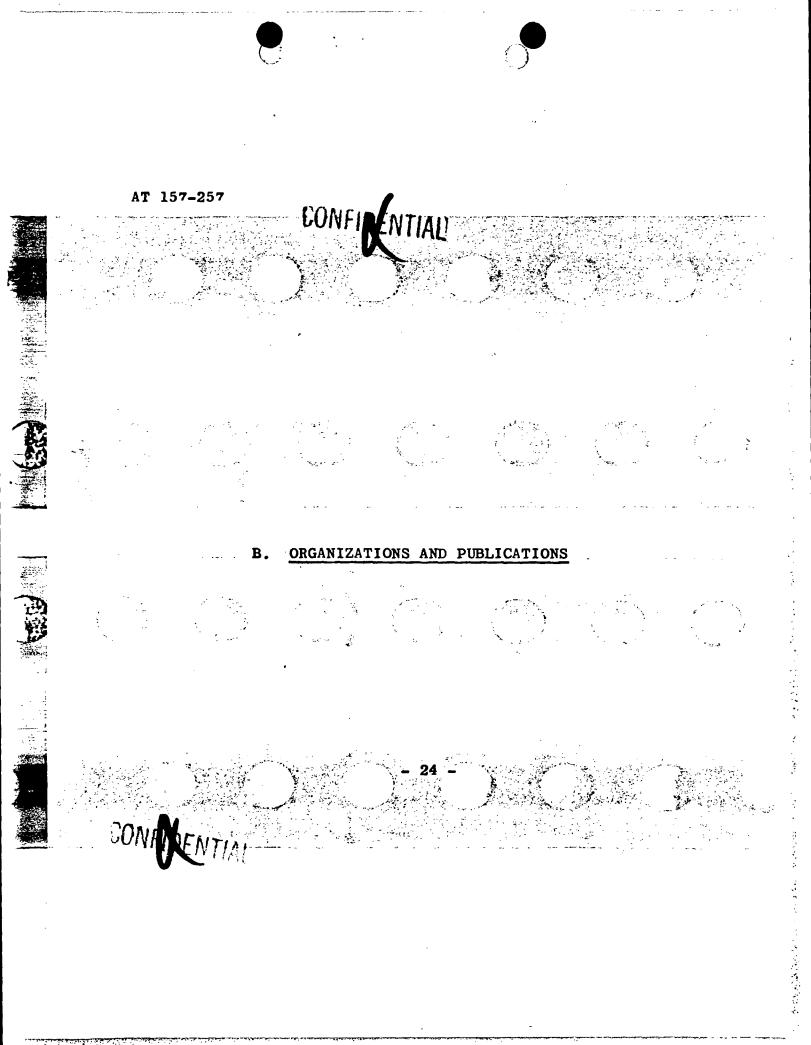
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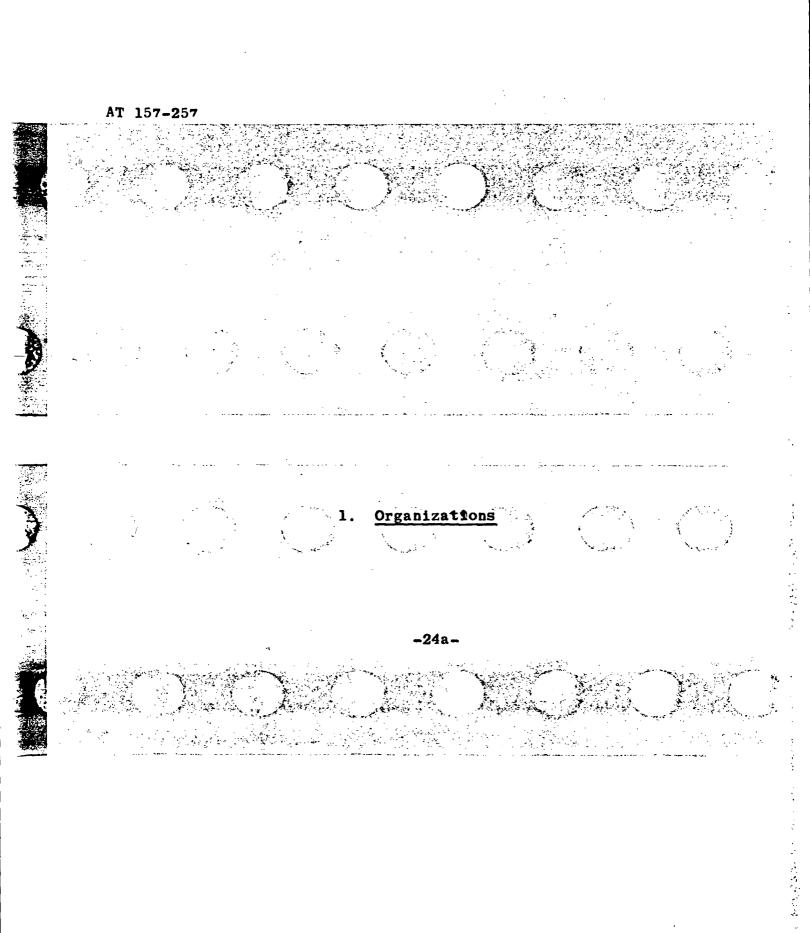
HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

> 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.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.





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# W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

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A source has advised that on <sup>O</sup>ctober 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxistoriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

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A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from thoughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American denocracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the bol of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1935, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

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however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

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As of Mzy, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF CHICAGO DCC

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On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

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A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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#### GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a nonaction organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

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Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \*\*\* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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#### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

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A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy," the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. Michael Klonsky, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

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#### YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), which contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

On April 9, 1956, a second confidential source advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances, YSL members are also members of the ISL. The YSL and the ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action". Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

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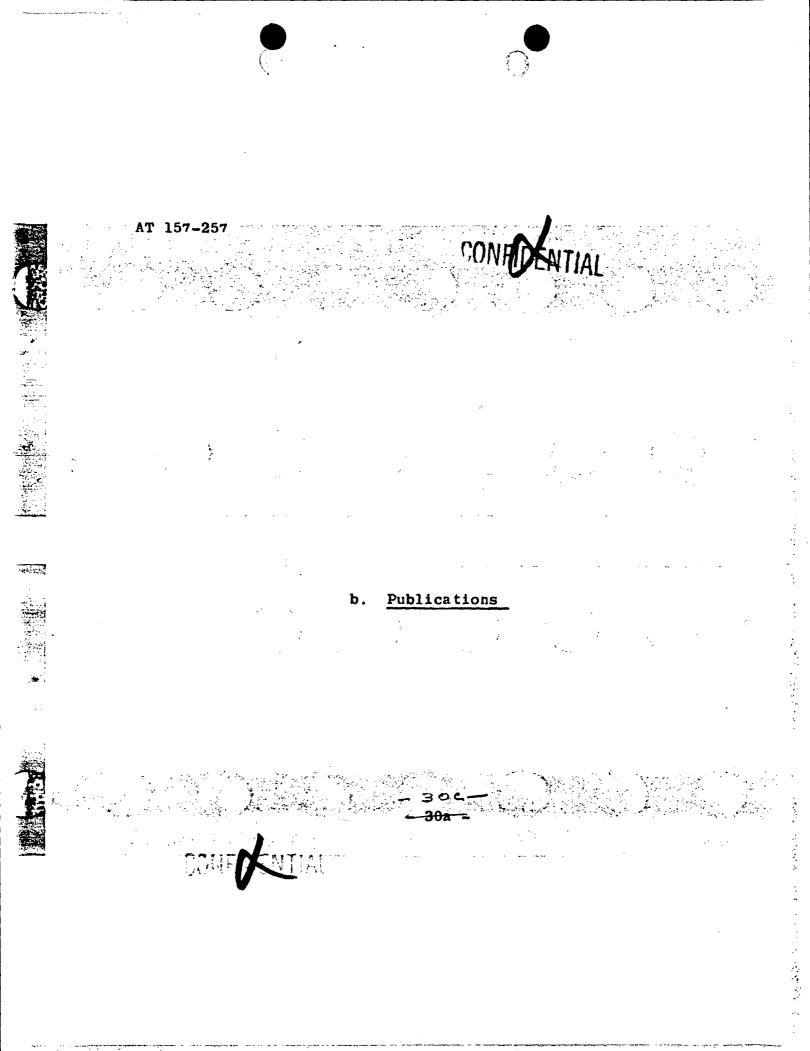
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The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the young affiliate of the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

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#### FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

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

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

The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

> JOHN HENRIK CLARKE ESTHER JACKSON J. H. O'DELL JOHN L. DEVINE

Associate Editor Managing Editor Associate Managing Editor Art Editor

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"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

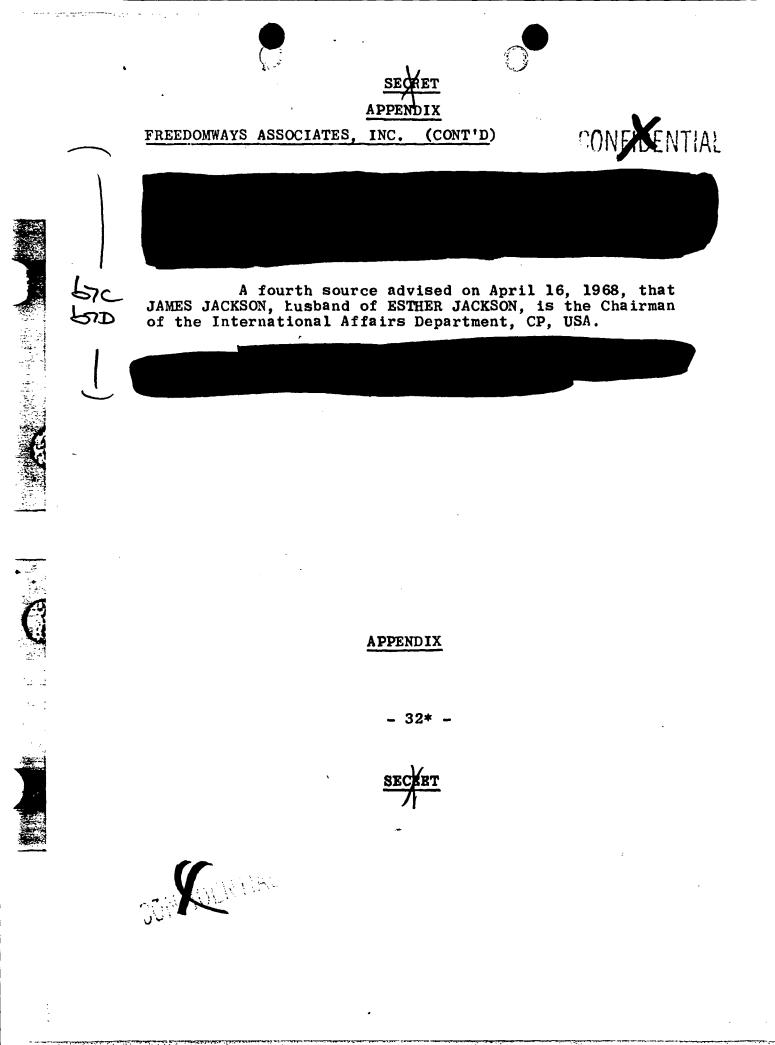
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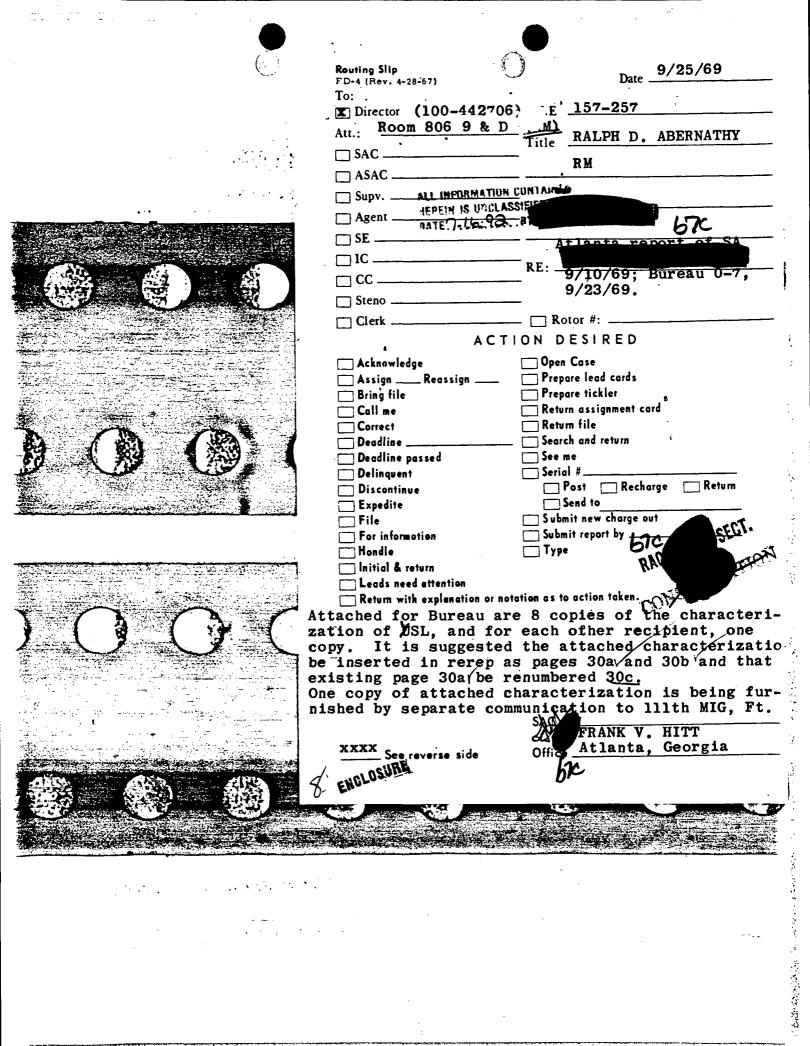
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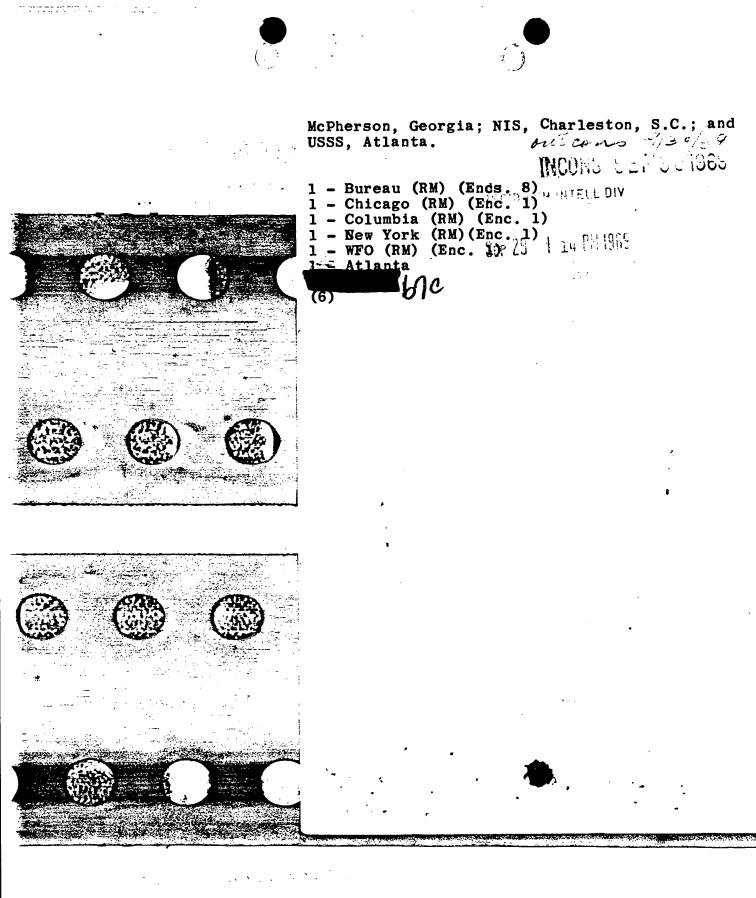
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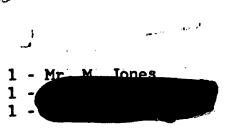
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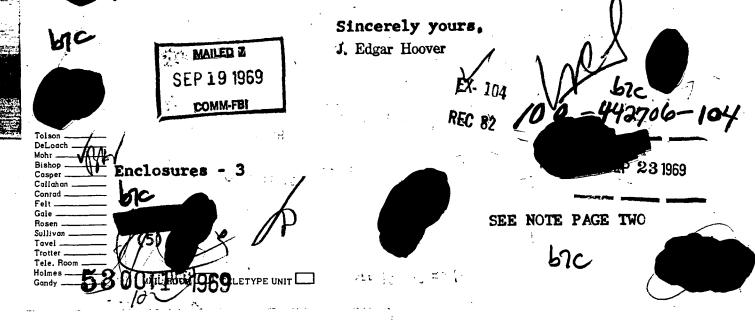
Honorable Joel T. Broyhill House of Representatives Washington, D. C. / 20515

My dear Congressman:

On September 18, 1969, I received your communication enclosing correspondence between you and Congressman Richard H. Ichord regarding a statement by Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In response to your inquiry, we have furnished voluminous data concerning the activities of Abernathy, including the statement mentioned in the material you furnished, to the Department of Justice for its consideration with regard to violations of Federal law. You may desire to direct your inquiry in this matter to the Attorney General.

I am enclosing the material you furnished with your communication.



### Honorable Joel T. Broyhill House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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a statement by Abernathy which appeared to be seditious in nature. The constituent is American Legion, Post 176. The statement endorsed a plan to counsel young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. Congressman Broyhill is not on the mailing list. We have had good relations with him.

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Congressman Broyhill referred to us, at the

Security Committee, an inquiry from a constituent regarding

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### CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 15, 1969

Honorable Joel T. Breyhill 2109 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Joel:

You have requested information which would assist you in answering the attached letter and enclosure from your constituent, Kenneth P. Hanson, who has requested that this Cormittee investigate alleged seditious statements made by Reverend Ralph David Abernathy.

The concern which prompted your constituent's communication is understandable. As you are aware, this Committee, which is presently engaged in a series of investigations and hearings on the subject of revolutionary violence, functions as an arm of the legislative branch of the Government and has no low enforcement powers. In view of the allegation by your constituent that Reverend Abernathy has made statements which appear to be sediticus in nature, I would suggest that you may desire to bring this matter to the attention of the Director of the Federal Dureau of Investigation who has the responsibility for the enforcement of Federal legislation relating to sedition.

I might add that Federal officers responsible for the enforcement and prosecution under applicable sedition statutes have not brought to my attention any claim that legislation on the subject of sedition is inadequate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincoroly yours.

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PHONE 451-1769

THE AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176 6538 BACKLICK ROAD SPRINGFIELD, VA. 22150



25 August 1969

Congressman Joel T. Broyhill House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

The American Legion Post 176 wishes to bring to your attention an article which appeared in the Washington Post on 14 August 1969.

You will note that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, indorsed a plan for couseling young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. When asked by newsmen if he planned to urge draft resistance, an act that under certain circumstances could be construed as a criminal violation, he replied that he favored preparing them to tell their draft boards "No I will not go."

Since the statements made by Reverend Ralph David Abernathy appear to be seditious in nature, an investigation by the House <u>Internal Security</u> Committee of this individual would seem to be in order.

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By Jack Nelson Los Angeles Times ship Conference.

Mr. Abernathy, SCLC presi- pcace.

whether he planned to urge Mr. Kilgore, 58, a native of areas, including Baltimore-draft resistance, an act that Woodruff, S.C., who last May Washington. under certain circumstances became the first Negro presi-could be construed as a crimi-dent of the predominantly start of a movement that nal violation. Finally. Mr. Abernathy fold vention also called for "a new American churches to provide

newsmen that he favored pre-peaceful, non-violent mobiliza- as much as \$15 million to \$20 paring them to tell their draft tion of students against war in million for civil rights and this nation." ~ hoards, "No, I will not go."

posed for the first time this enthusiastically applauded Mr. CHARLESTON, S.C., Aug. afternoon by the Rev. Thomas Kilgore's antidraft proposals. 13 - A plan for counseling Kilgore of Los Angeles, Later, Mr. Abernathy told the young men to refuse to be SCLC's West Coast director. press conference he endorsed drafted into military service Addressing the opening ses the speech "very strongly." was endorsed today by the sion of SCLC's 12th annual Mr. Kilgore, who opposes Rev. Ralph David Abernathy convention here, he attacked James Foreman's black maniand another official of the the nation's "military-indus-festo demanding churches pay

Southern Christian Leader- trial complex" and urged that millions of dollars in repara-SCLC create a department of tions to Negroes, made a proposal of his own for church dent, emphatically embraced "That department ought to financial participation in the

the plan, which calls for cre-pull together the best minds fight against racism and part ating a draft-resistance coun-in this country to do draft seling service within the civil rights organization. However, he scemed to be der," he said. "We ought to tion, to seek \$1.2 million from in this country to do draft erty. He urged that St LC who are coming up and are challenge him, as president of going to be made cannon fod- the American Baptist Conven-ion to seek \$1.2 million from annoyed by persistent ques prepare them when the time the convention for creatin-tions from newsmen as to comes to say 'no.'" SCLC offices in 12 urban ŧ.

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REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINER

334 459 57C Re Minneapolis airtels to the Bureau dated 9/9/69 and 9/12/69.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta are eleven copies and one copy respectively of an LHM concerning captioned individual.

One copy of this letter and enclosed LHM is being sent to Atlanta for information, inasmuch as captioned individual resides in the Atlanta Division.

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REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

On September 9, 1969,

on Evangelism was being held September 8-13, 1969, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, featuring several religious speakers.

President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was scheduled to speak at this Congress at 2:30 p.m. on September 12, 1969, at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Minneapolis were aware of Reverend Abernathy's scheduled appearance, and there was no indication of any problems in connection with his appearance.

On September 12, 1969, advised that Reverend Abernathy arrived in Minneapolis the evening of September 11, 1969, stopping overnight at the Sheraton Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, and that he attended a luncheon with Reverend Billy Graham on September 12, 1969, prior to his scheduled speaking engagement.

U. S. Congress on Evangelism at 3:30 p.m., September 12, 1969, at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He advised that following the speech, Reverend Abernathy held a press conference in the Auditorium and departed Minneapolis on Northwest Airlines Flight 722 at 6:40 p.m., September 12, 1969, en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

He advised there were no incidents, arrests, or any problems in connection with Reverend Abernathy's appearance at Minneapolis.

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#### REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

A newspaper article dated September 13, 1969, appearing in the "Minneapolis Star", a newspaper of general circulation in Minnesota, published daily at Minneapolis, Minnesota, is set forth in part as follows:

The Reverend Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlants, Georgia, addressed the U. S. Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis on September 12, 1969. In this article Dr. Abernathy criticized the church for allowing slavery in this land for 240 years and said "If the church had been the church, Hitler never would have exterminated six million Jews." He urged the Congress participants to work for a better distribution of the nation's wealth, indicating that 90 per cent of the wealth is controlled by only 10 per cent of the population. He also challenged the Congress participants to work for the end of the "godless and senseless" war in Vietnam and to work for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations "so the problems of the world can be solved around the conference table."

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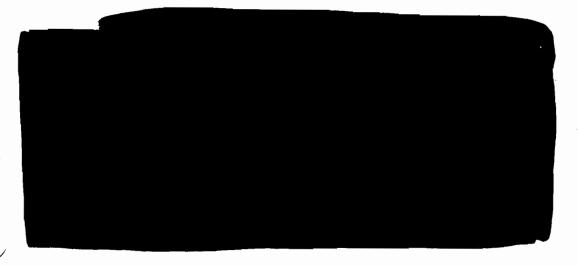
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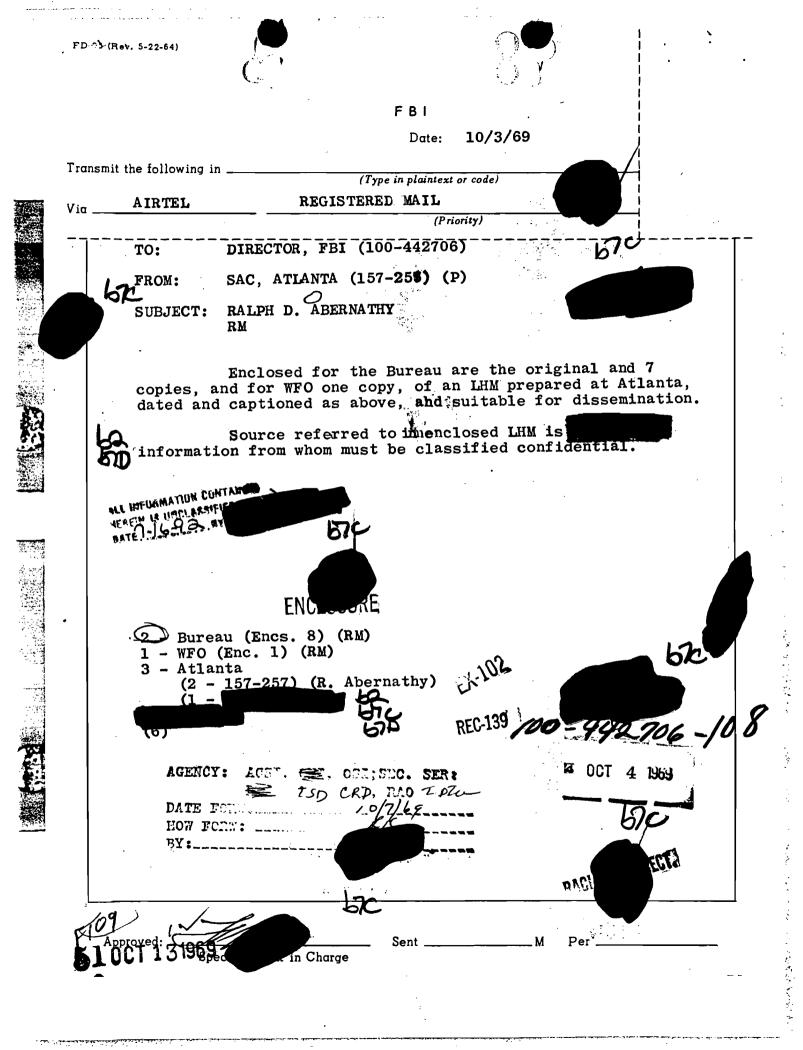
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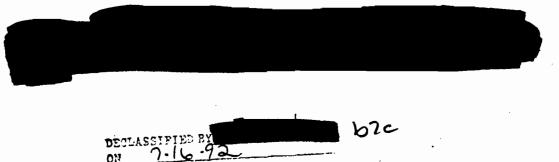
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On October 16, 1969, a confidential source advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, participated on October 15, 1969, in Moratorium Vietnam activity in Los Angeles, California.



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On October 15, 1969, a confidential source advised that for several days during the preceding week, Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had undergone tests and examination in an Atlanta hospital. Source advised it was his understanding that for some time prior to this hospitalization, Abernathy had complained of pain in his legs. Source was unable to furnish any further details.



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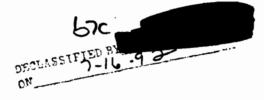
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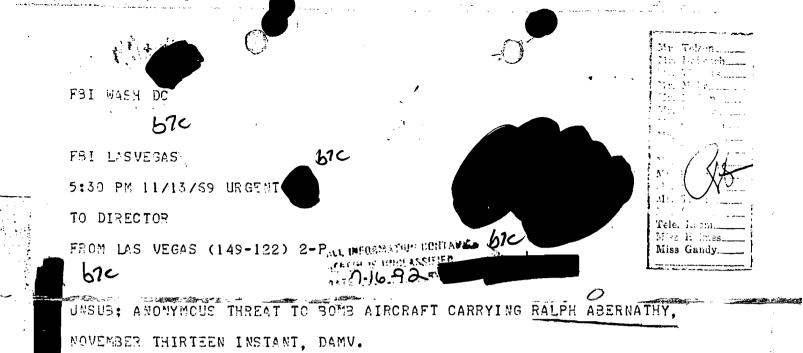
RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LAS VEGAS, NOV. TWELVE, LAST.

ABERNATHY ARRIVED MC CARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, NEV., VIA DELTA FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT ONE ONE AT TWO P.M., NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST. A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ABERNATHY SPOKE AT EIGHT P.M., NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST, ON CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY ON NEVADA, LAS VEGAS, BEFORE CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED WHEREIN HE CRITICIZED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND THE SMALL PERCENT OF THE POPULATION WHO CONTROL THE NATION'S WEALTH. THE CROWD WAS PEACEFUL AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURED. ABERNATHY DEPARTED LAS VEGAS FOR LOS AUCELES VIA TWA FLIGHT TWO TWO MINE AT TEN FORTY FIVE P.M. ON NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST.

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RE LAS VEGAS TELCALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

AT ONE FORTY-TWO PM REPRESENTATIVE OF TWA, MC CARRAN FIELD, LAS VEWAS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT AT ONE TWENTY-FIVE PM TWA RESERVA-TIONS OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES STATED THEY HAD RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM AM UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE WHO SAID "ABERNATHY IS COMING IN TO-DAY. WE'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THAT PLANE HE IS ON. WE ARE GOING TO BLOW UP THE WHOLE AIRPORT." INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING CALL AT TWA RESER-VATIONS OFFICE IDENTIFIED AS **CONTACTIONS** ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLER NAD NO ACCENT AND HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING ABOVE STATE-MENT. NO IMFO RECEIVED INDICATING THE AIRLINE OR FLIGHT NUMBER OF THE PLANE OF WHICH ABERNATHY WAS FLYING. FOR INFO, ANY CALLS FOR TWA RESERVATIONS IN LAS VEGAS ARE AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHED TO TWA RESERVA-

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ABERNATHY ARRIVED MC CARRAN AIRPORT LAS VIGAS VIA DELTA FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT ONE ONE AT TWO PM THIS DATE.

DELTA OFFICIALS HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING BOMB THREAT ABOARD THIS FLIGHT. DELTA OFFICIAL ADVISES ABERNATHY HOLDS SPACE ON TWA FLIGHT TWO TWO NINE LEAVING LAS VEBAS TEN FORTY-FIVE AM NOVEMBER FIFTEEN MENT. DILTA FLIGHT OF WHICH ABERNATHY ARBIVED CONTINUED ON WITHOUT DELAY TO DALLAS, TEXAS AS PER SCHEDULE. NO SEARCH OF PLANE WAS CONDUCTED. CLARK COUNTY SO AND FAA ADVISED. LAS VEGAS WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES REGARDING ABERNATHY'S RETURN FLIGHT.

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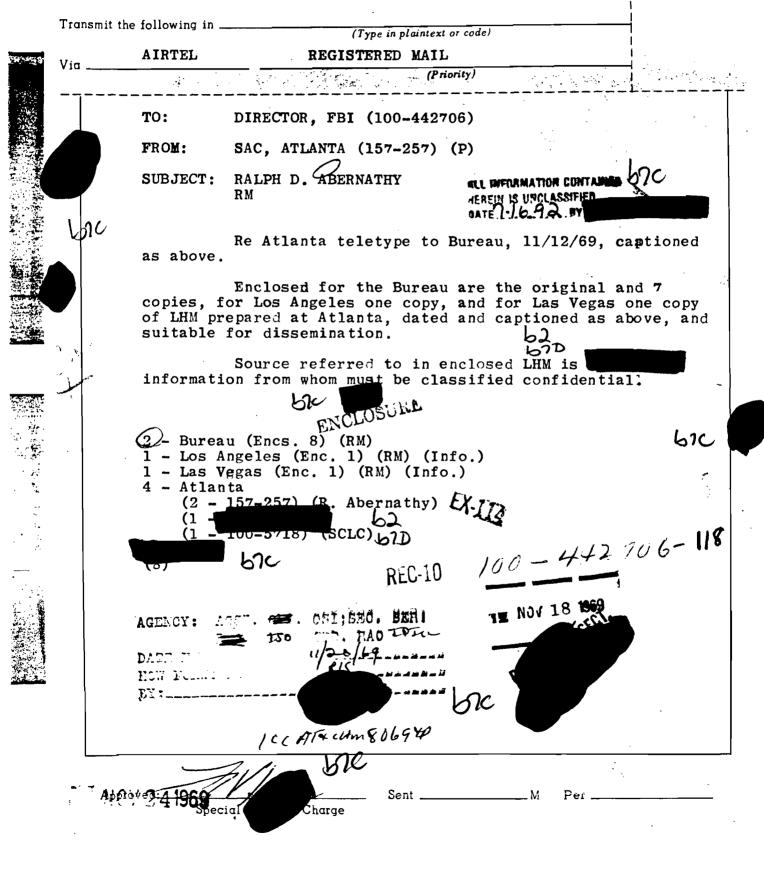
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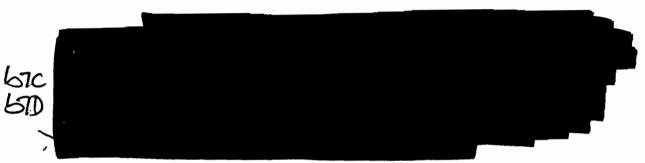
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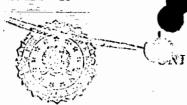
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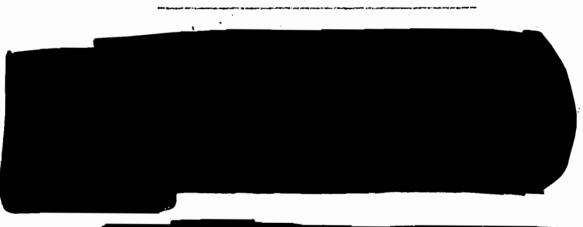
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During September, 1969, advised that the Black Panther Party (BPP) contemplated requesting Abernathy to appear at a BFP benefit program in San Francisco about the middle of November, 1969.

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Abernathy does not oppose the BPP per sc. It is Abernathy's opinion that provided the BPP accomplishes some good, the organization is entitled to a place in the civil rights movement. Source noted Abernathy expressed this opinion when interviewed during the last week of October, 1969, in Los Angeles, California, on the Joey Bishop television program.



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# BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

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According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Farty (BP?) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Scale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla testics in its revoluntionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"Ins Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains en'editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Maron Murray, which ands with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of American, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth kaeping is a revoluntionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BBP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Eranches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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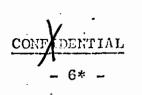
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# STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRAFIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the loft and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the var in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, doscribed the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist provise was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "Now Loft Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spenesran stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are volcome. The mational headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1963, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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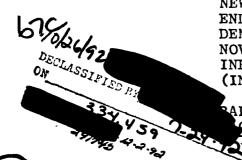
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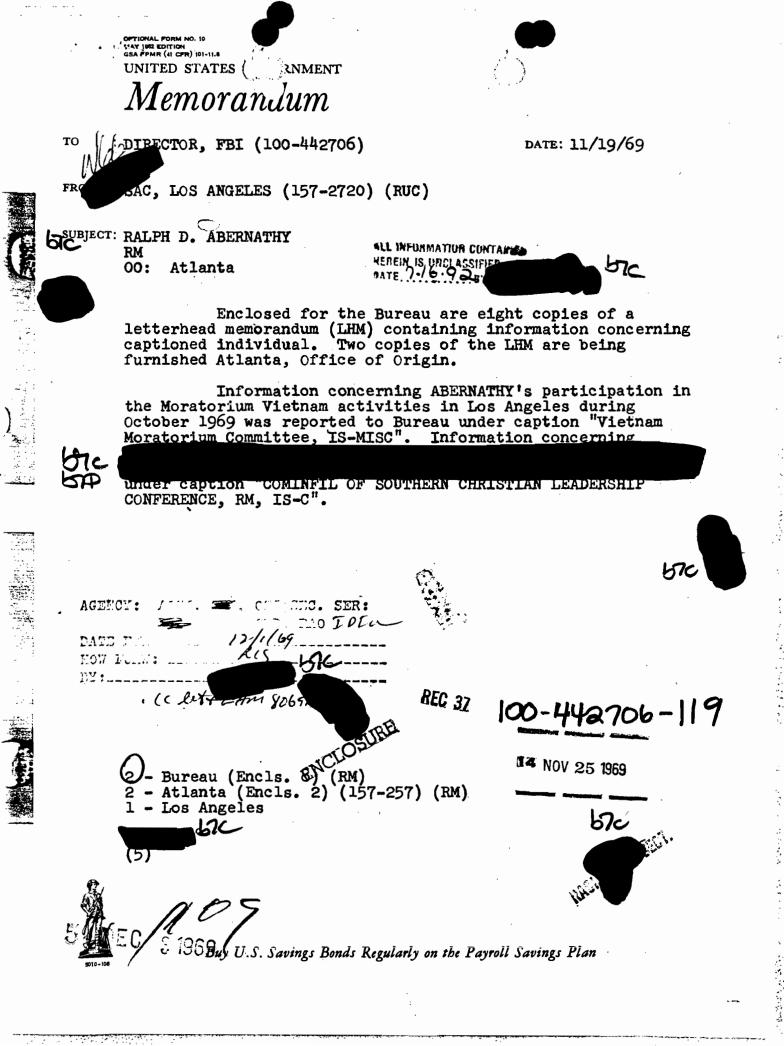
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## RALPH D. ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTER

An article appeared in the November 15, 1969 issue of the "Los Angeles Times", page II-1, which reflected that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, attended a rally on November 14, 1969, at the Victory Baptist Church, 4802 South McKinley, Los Angeles, which was sponsored by the Community Council for Justice in Construction, an assembly of community organizations fighting to get black workers jobs in the construction industry.

Abernathy stated that he was in Los Angeles to help in the fight for survival of the black community against the construction industry which has a policy of discriminating against black people. When asked what strategy had been formulated to end this discrimination, Abernathy stated that the plans would be worked out with the local leadership.

Abernathy stated that he had not lost his faith in nonviolence and that he felt that it is necessary to give people legitimate channels through which to express their legitimate frustrations. He added that if they do not have the legitimate chance, they are going to turn to the illegitimate.

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# RALPH D. ABERNATHY; RACIAL MATTERS

On November 13, 1969, a confidential source advised Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy spoke at 8:00 P.M. on that date in the Student Union of the University of Nevada before a crowd of approximately three hundred people. During his talk, Abernathy assailed the "Greedy American" saying that 10 per cent of the people in the United States control 90 per cent of the wealth. Abernathy stated that the war in Viet Nam is "draining on our resources" and that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is protesting the war in Viet Nam nationally in communities through hunger strikes. The source concluded that the crowd attending Abernathy's speech were entirely peaceful.

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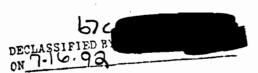
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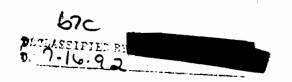
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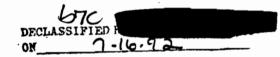
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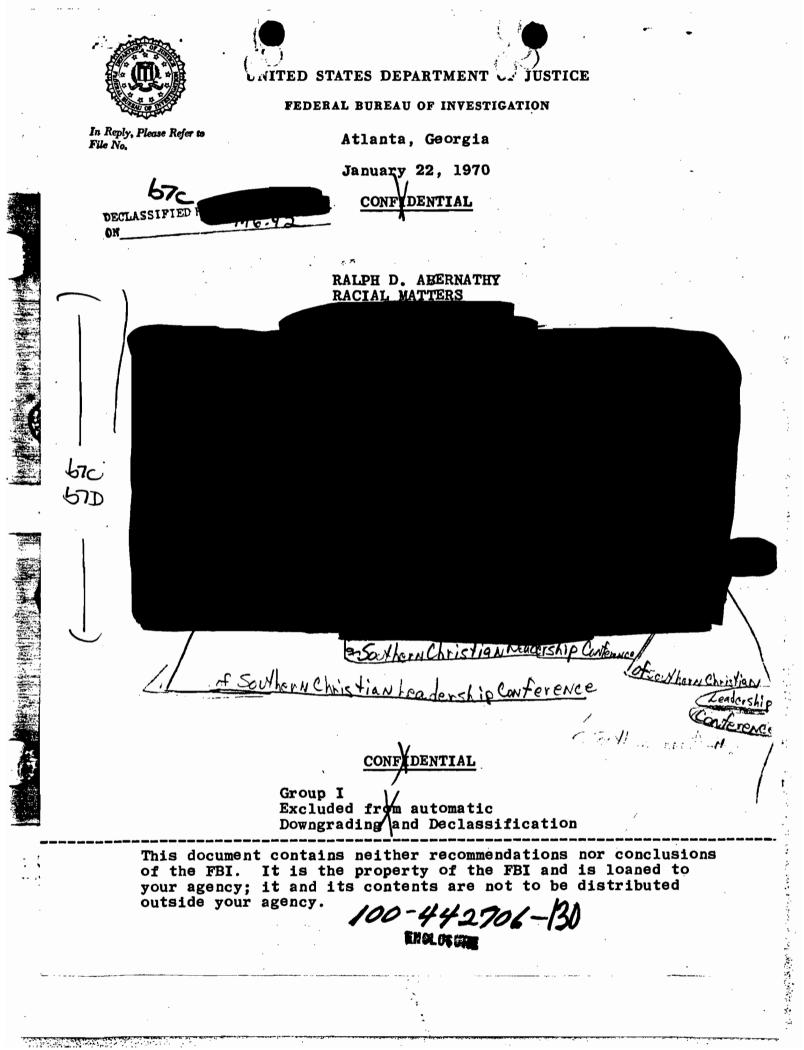
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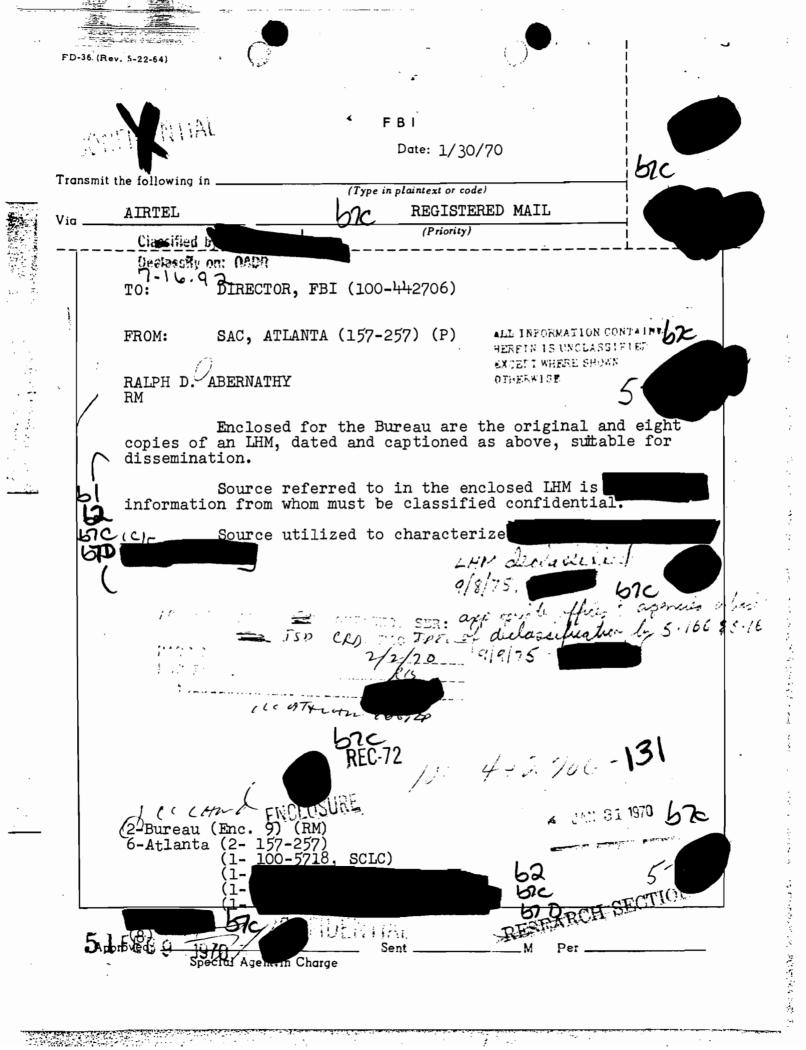
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On January 28, 1970, a confidential source advised he understood that at the present time most of the speeches delivered publically by Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), are primarily prepared by Tom/Offenburger, Director, Public Relations, SCLC. On occasions, Offenburger is assisted in the preparation of these speeches by Thomas E. Houck, Jr., SCLC Field Representative.

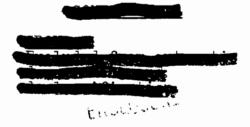
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A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a breader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

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A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.



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"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Lenimism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousnes of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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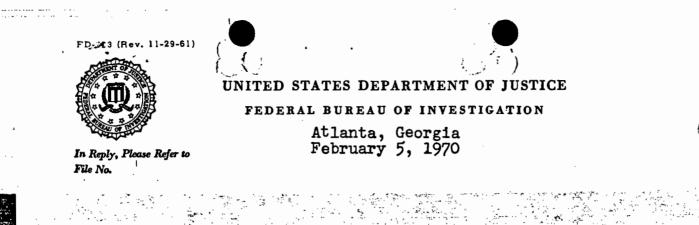


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## RALPH D. ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTERS -SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On February 5, 1970, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would speak at Cramton Auditorium, Howard University, Washington, D.C., on the night of February 6, 1970. Source stated the appearance was in connection with raising funds for the "Mississippi Project" which is a program sponsored by Howard University students to provide health services for Quitman County, Mississippi.

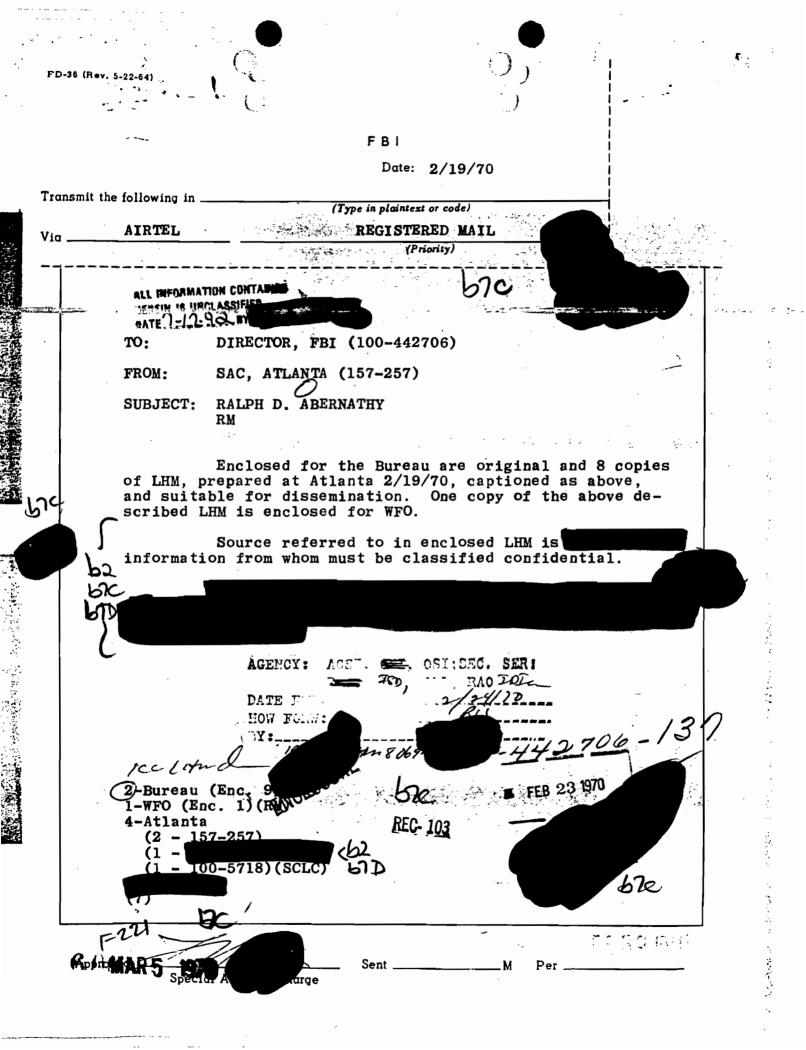
> The SCLC, mentioned above, is a nationally known civil rights organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

On February 9, 1970, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abernathy appeared at Howard University as scheduled.

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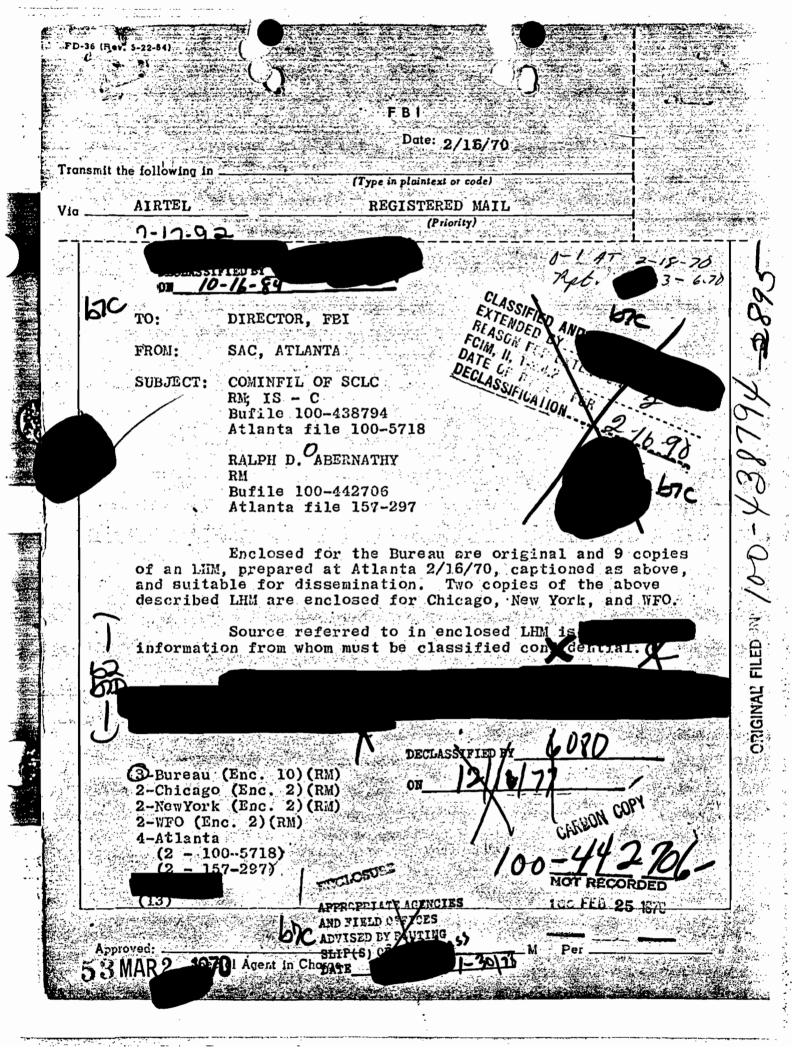
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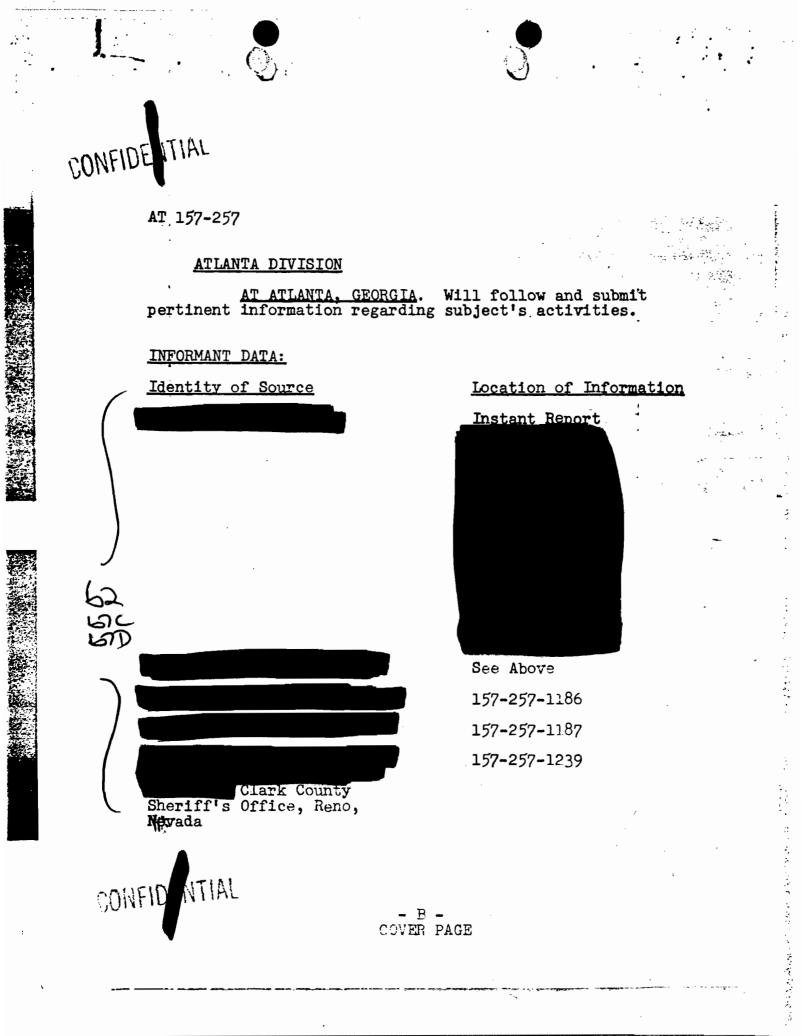
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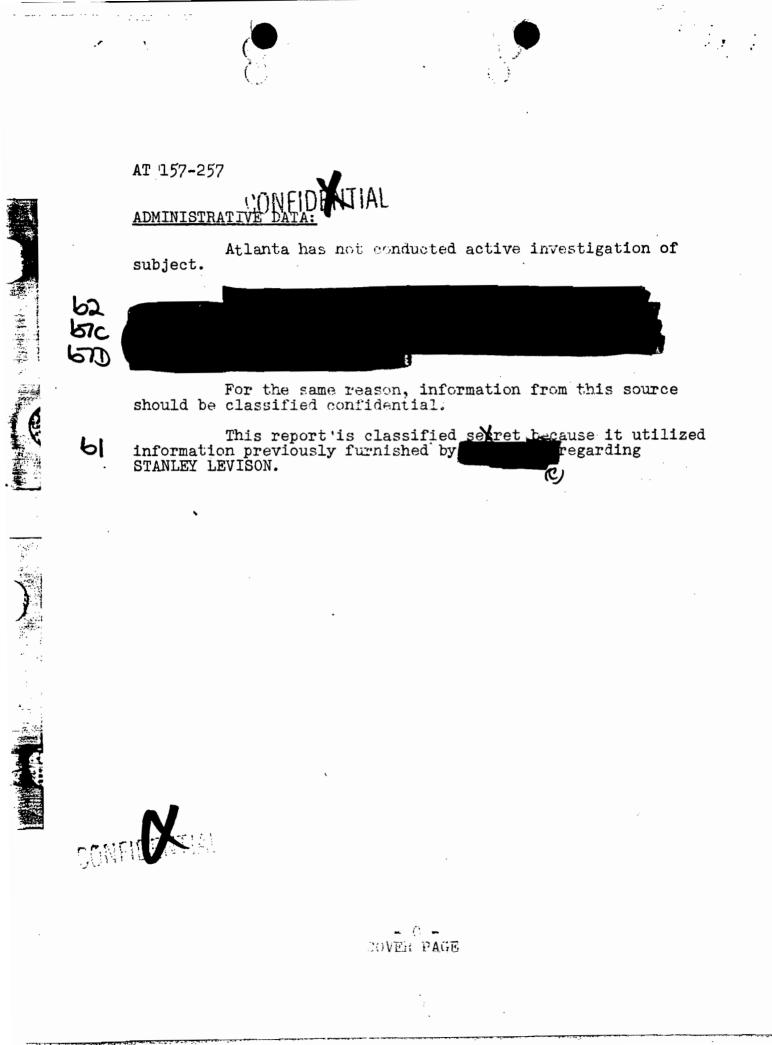
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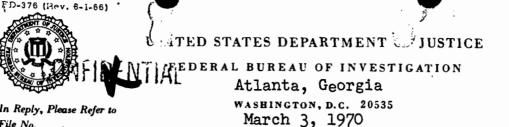
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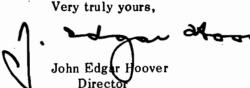
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- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5. X Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
  - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
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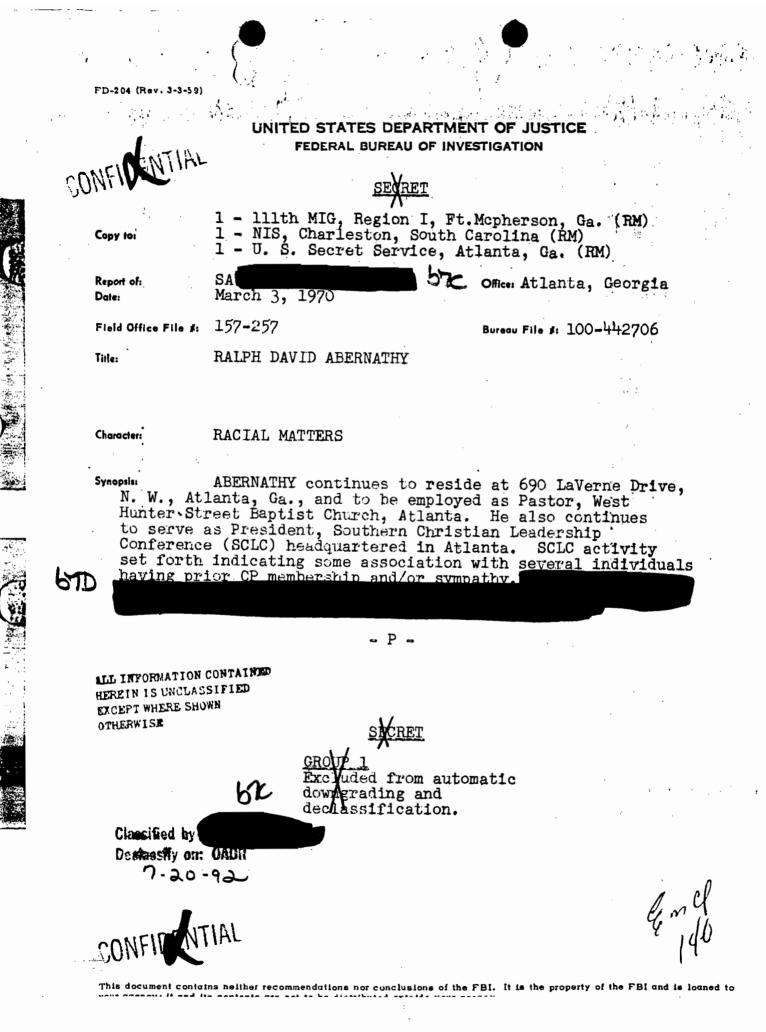
6. 📺 Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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As of February 27, 1970, ABERNATHY continued to reside with his wife and family at 690 LaVerne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.



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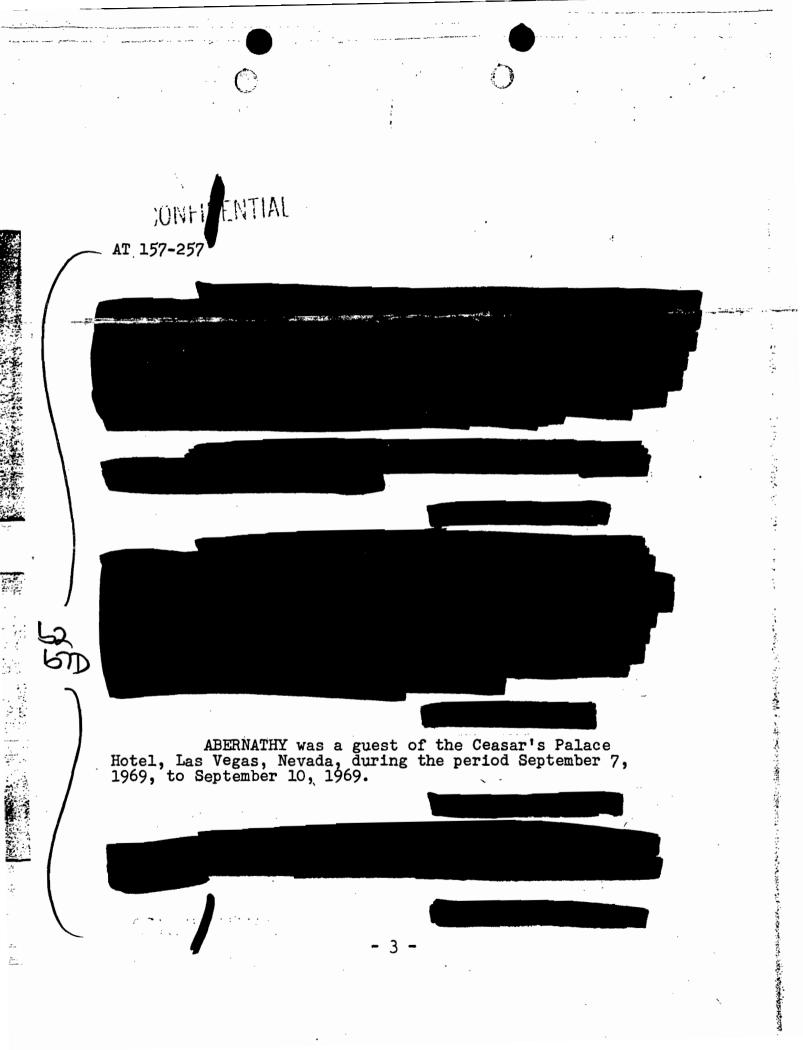
ABERNATHY as of February 27, 1970, continued to be employed as Pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta. In addition, he continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the headquarters of which is located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

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The November, 1969, issue (Volume 2, No. 4) of "Soul Force," self-identified as the "Official Bournal of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference," on page two indicated HARRY BELAFONTE to be a member of the SCLC Board of Directors.



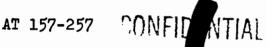
The September 13, 1969, issue of the "Minneapolis Star," daily Minneapolis, Minnesota, newspaper, published an article reflecting that on September 12, 1969, ABERNATHY addressed the United States Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis. This article in part stated that ABERNATHY challenged participants in this congress to work for the end of the "Godless and senseless" war in Vietnam and to work for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations "--so the problems of the world can be solved around the conference table."

The SCLC Executive Staff held a retreat September 15, 1969, through September 19, 1969, at the In The Oakes Episcopal Diocese Center, Black Mountain. North Carolina, which was chaired by ABERNATHY.

On October 15, 1969, ABERNATHY was in Los Angeles, California, and participated in Moratorium Vietnam activity in that city.

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the SCLC Board of Directors and the SCLC Executive Staff was held in Atlanta on October 31, 1969. ABERNATHY presided over this meeting: and among those in attendance were 'JAMES BEVEL and STANLEY LEVISON.

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In October, 1969, JAMES BEVEL was Director of Nonviglent Education, SCLC.



The November, 1969, issue of "Soul Force," supra., reflects STANLEY LEVISON to be a member of the SCLC Board of Directors.

A characterization of LEVISON is set forth in the Appendix Section of this report.

Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on November 10, 1969, that on the evening of that date ABERNATHY led a march of approximately 1,500 individuals in Memphis. Individuals participating in this march represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Local 1733 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. By making this march, these individuals defied an earlier ruling of the Memphis Police Department that such marches could not be conducted after 3:30 P.M. On November 10, 1969, ABERNATHY was one of many participants in this march arrested by the Memphis Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct.

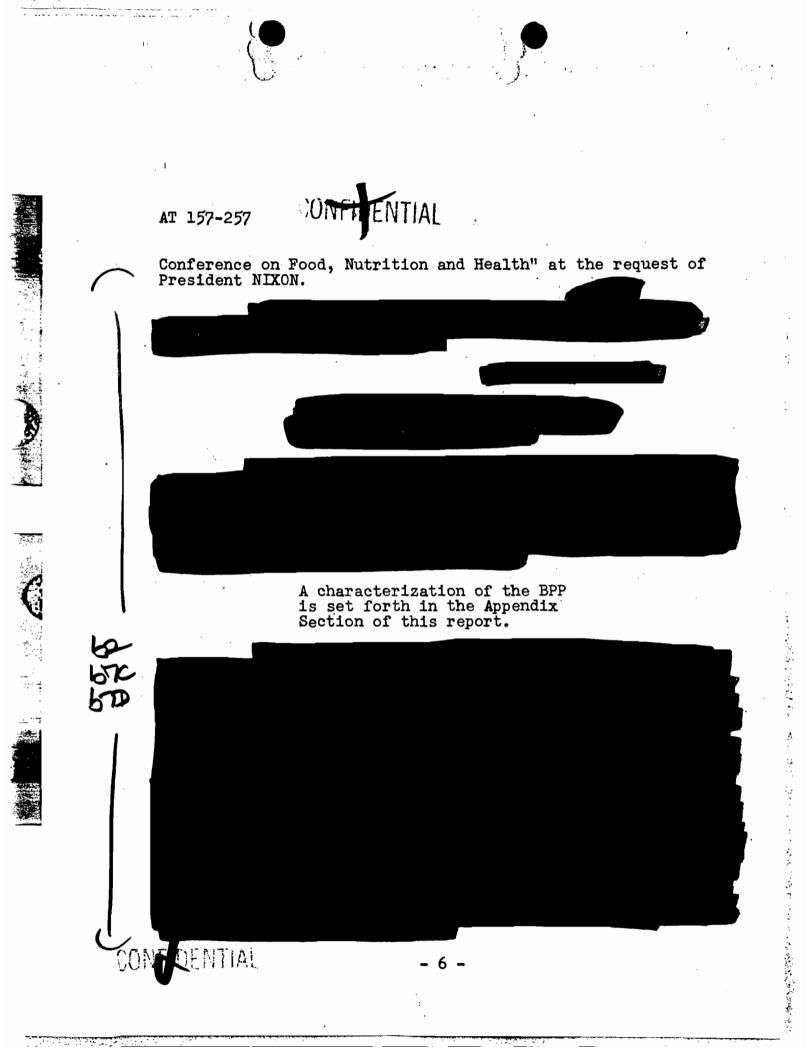
ABERNATHY spoke November 13, 1969, at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. During his speech he stated the war in Vietnam is "draining on our resources" and that SCLC was protesting this war through hunger strikes.

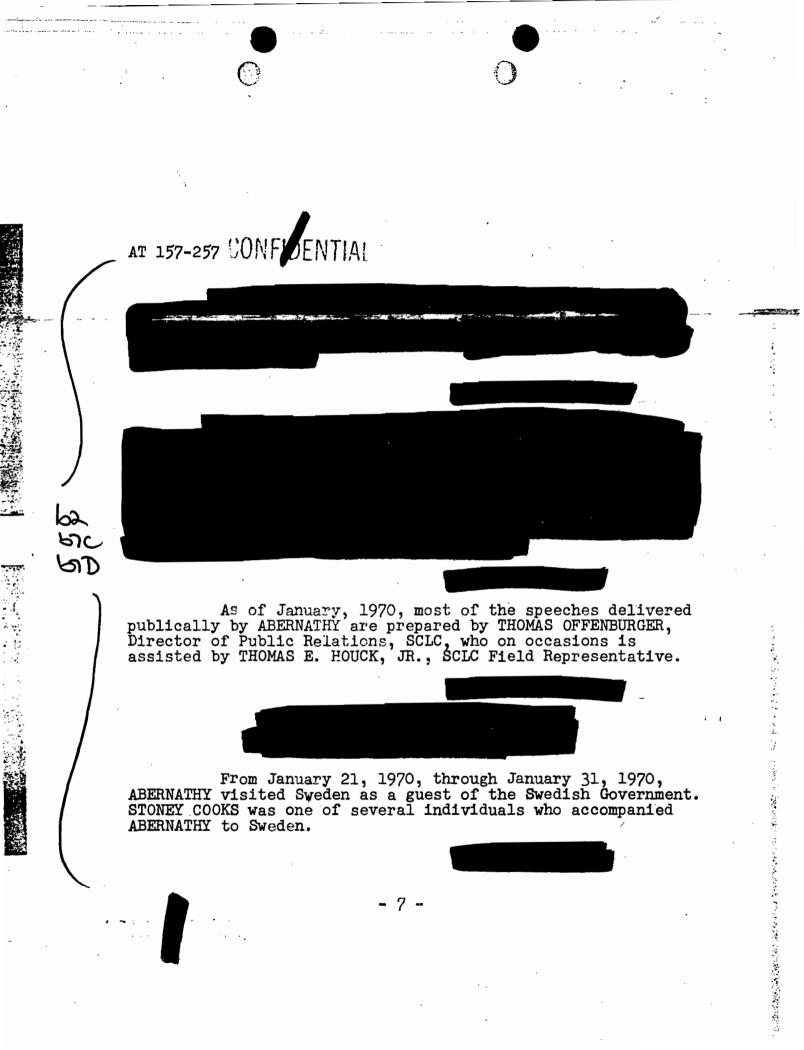
The December 4, 1969, issue of the "Washington Post," daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, published an article reflecting that on that date ABERNATHY was attending a "Whitehouse

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The SCLC mail appeal is a program of soliciting financial contributions to SCLC via mail from selected donors. This program is handled by the New York City office of SCLC under the general supervision of STANLEY LEVISON.

The February 4, 1970, "Blue Streak" edition of the "Atlanta Journal," daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 12A published an article captioned "Abernathy Lashes at Nixon on Slow School Integration," bylined HARMON PERRY. This article concerned ABERNATHY's press conference that date during which he referred to a recent week-long visit to Sweden. ABERNATHY stated he had attended a banquet while in Sweden at which he was presented a \$50,000.00 check by Prime Minister OLOF PALME for SCLC "to carry on the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. --," (former President, SCLC).

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The aforementioned news article also reflected that ABERNATHY, during the press conference February 4, 1970, was critical of the Federal Government for not taking more forceful action regarding school desegregation in the South. The article stated "Abernathy said President Richard Nixon fails to uphold the Constitution and his oath of office when he does not see that action is taken when laws are violated."

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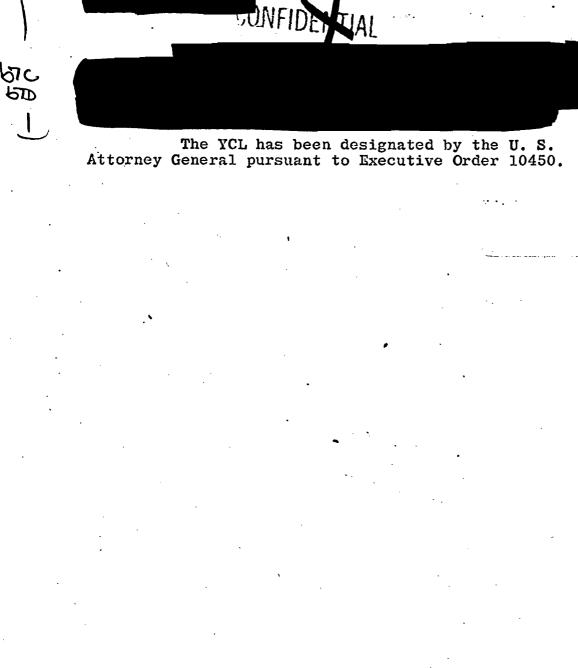
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According to its official newspaper, the Black Fanther Party (BFF) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve two to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Fanther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, Georgia Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appraring in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Fanther" is the statement "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of Chine and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."



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CONFIDENTIAL national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Earkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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CONNSENTIAL A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), including mational functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that 500 delegates attended the founding convention for the new youth organization which was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted.

A third source advised in January, 1959, that the future course of the DCA was discussed at the National Committee (NC) meeting of the CRUSA held January 4-6, 1969, in New York City. The discussion included a history of the development of the DOA, namely, that it was founded as a sceinlist-oriented youth organization but to the CP it meant a Marxist-Ieninist organizatio, which would provide the CP with flexibility in its approach to radicalized youth and maximum possibilities for the legality of the organization. The CP leaders at the MC meeting were considering ways of bringing new life into the organization so they can reach a greater number of people.

The second source advised on April 28, 1959, that Jarvis Tyner is the National Chairman of the DCA and is also on the NC of the CPUSA.

A fourth source advised on June 3, 1959, that the DOA moved to new quasters on June 2, 1959, located at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York.

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#### W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB OF WEST LOS ANGELES

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On April 23, 1964, a source advised that the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of West Los Angeles, was organized by RUTH GREENBAUM with the assistance of MARVIN TREIGER in February, 1964.

The first source above stated that the Du Bois Club was organized mainly to meet the needs of Marxist - Orientated students at the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA), but that the club eventually hoped to spread its influence into other areas in West Los Angeles.

The records of the Office of Dean of Student Activities at UCLA, reveal that in February, 1964, the Du Bois Club filed for permission to hold meetings and other special functions on the UCLA campus and that permission was granted. The chairman of the Du Bois Club was listed as RUTH GREENDAUM. In making this application, the club listed a statement of purpose which states Cin part, "We the members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of West Los Angeles, join together to help further the development of a socialist system, free from ignorance, poverty, fear and the economic power exercised by the few over the many.

"Although we view socialism as the likely solution to the ills of the present society, we do not make this an a priori commitment for any honest person to join with us in fighting for a better America and a more rational world."

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A fourth source advised on March 25, 1965, that since its inception, the activities of the Du Bois Club have been mainly limited to participation in protests against alleged racial discrimination, participation in Marxist classes, participation in conferences which led to the creation of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America in the summer of 1964 and participation in demonstrations protesting U. S. intervention in Viet Nam. This source advised that the W. E. B. DuBois Club of West Los Angeles is now affiliated with the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America and is operating as a chapter of that organization.

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#### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution Although disclaiming control and domination by the depends. Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Lenihist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.



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which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1985, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialise" was formally founded on April 18, 1985, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Hovement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1963, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousnes of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Boosn was usenimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the part conventior.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "Norld Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working nen and women control their own house and factories; where they thenselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.





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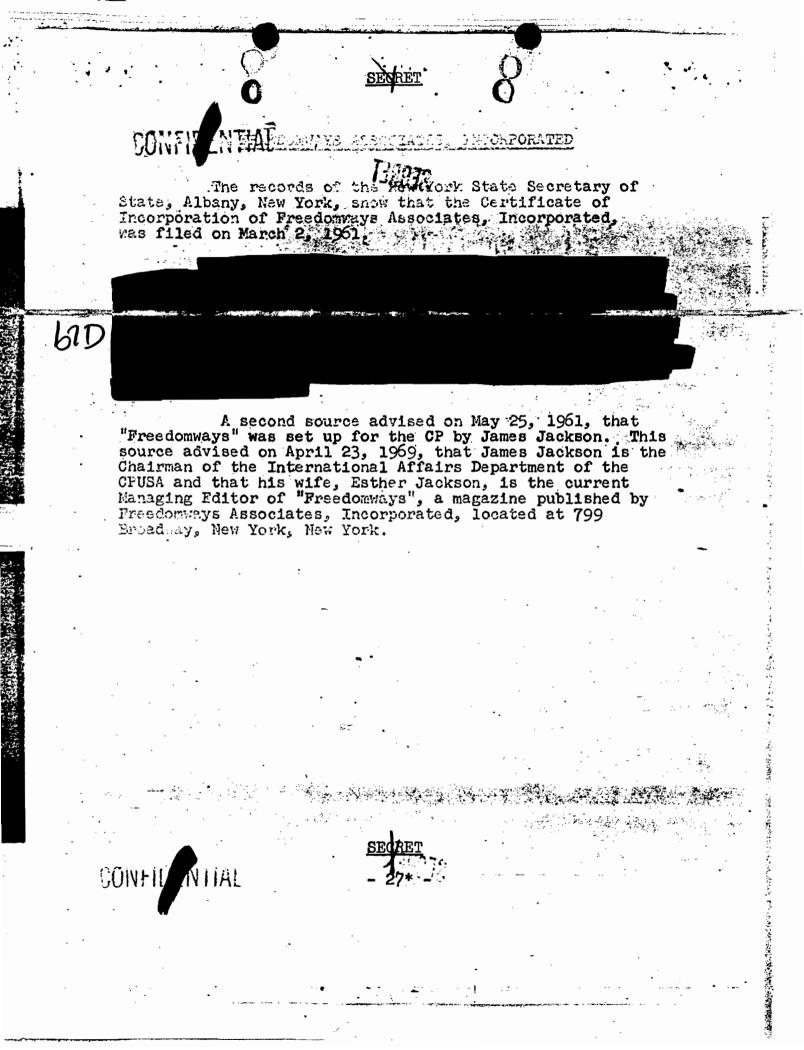
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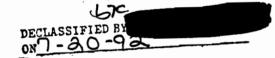
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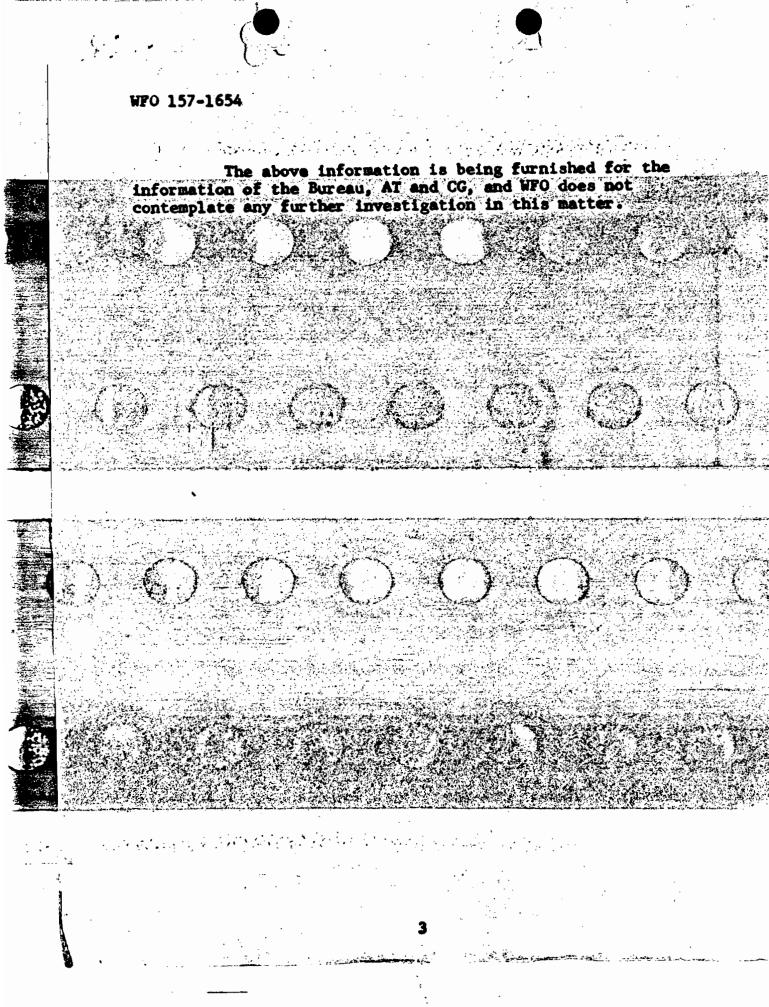
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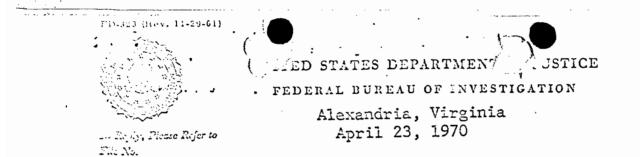
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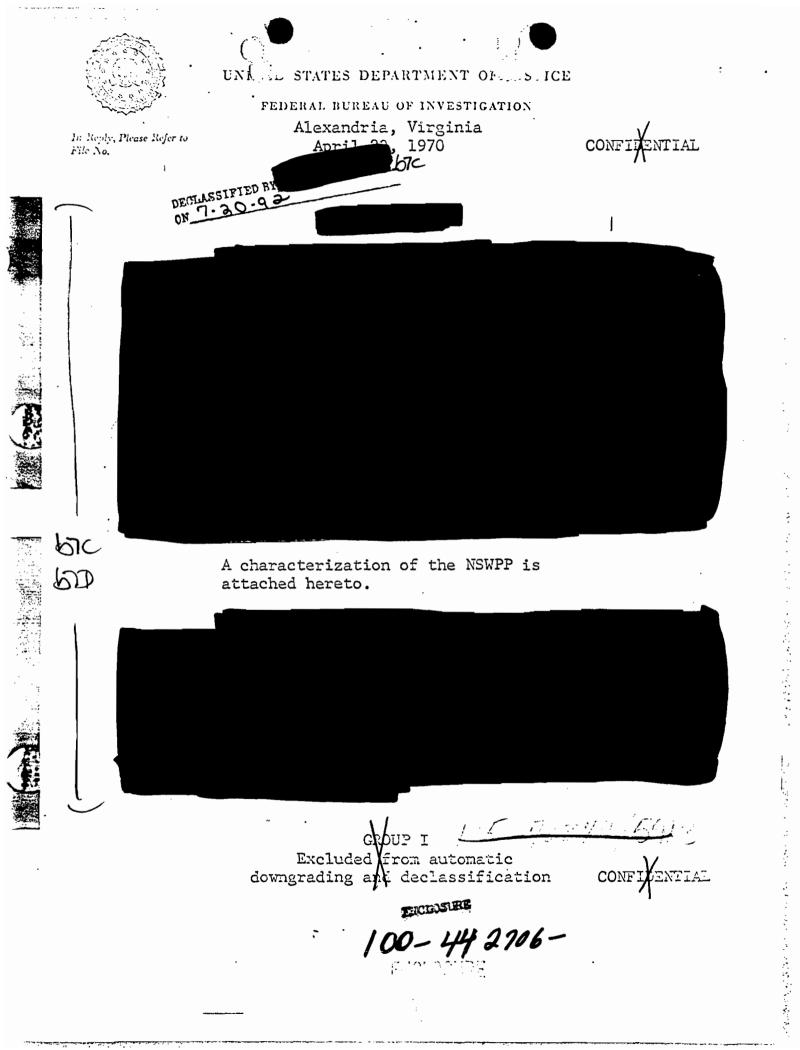
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MATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY Also Known As The American Nazi Party, American Magis, The World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists, The George Lincoln Rockwell Party

On May 26, 1969, a source advised that the American Mazi Party - World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (AXP-MUFENS) was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1956. It was based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement, as espoused by the German Nazi Party, which was headed by Adolf Hitler. The ANP-MUFENS supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists, through speeches, published literature, demonstrations and publicity-seeking devices for the purpose of sasking a legitimate dominant political party within the United States and foreign countries.

"The Richmond News Leader" issued dated April 4, 1963, published daily at Richmond, Virginia, stated that this organinaulon is chartered in the State of Virginia as "The George Lincoln Rockwell Party" and that the Virginia Assembly prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia-chartered organization. As of January 1, 1967, the official name of this cupyedization was changed to "National Socialist White People's Lincol" according to Commander Rockwell.

On August 25, 1967, George Lincoln Rockwell was assuesinated in Arlington, Virginia, near the ANP Meadquarters Building. The August 28, 1967, issued of the "Northern Virginia Sun," a daily newspaper published at Arlington, Virginia, stated that Matchias Koehl, Jr., took command of the Party after Rockwell's assassination.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is the first time in seventy-two years that I have had a desire to write to your Department. I am enclosing a letter and a clipping telling my message completely.

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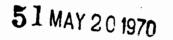
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#### Abernathy Asks Support Of Panthers

New York (AP) - The <u>Bey.</u> Ralph D. Abernathy, chair-man of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, urges that liberal and progressive forces join a rally May 1 in New Haven in support of Balck Panthers.

Abernathy issued the call Elonday at a news, conference here.

He said the "racist justice" that drove his predecessor, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to the streets of the South in 1955 "is now driving us to the streets of the North - New York, New Haven, Chicago-signalling the beginning of the end of the ...Mitchell-Nixon-Agnew-Thurmond era.'

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advertised in Connecticut as the murder of Alex Rackley, a three-day festival, is scheduled for the New Haven Green at a time coinciding with a planned Yale University Law Schol Alumni celebration.

New Haven is the site of a trial in which 14 Black Panthers, including party co-chairman Bobby Scale, are charged in connection with

a party member from New York.

Abernathy joined Chicago Conspiracy members at the conspiracy members at the news conference in <u>denoun-</u> <u>ring</u> the action of Connecticut Judge Harold Mulvey, who judge Harold Mulvey, who judge two national Blace Pointer leaders last week for conternut of court contempt of court.

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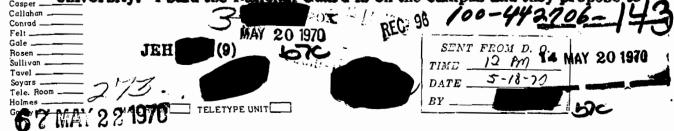
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Vice President Spiro Agnew called. He said he wanted to talk to me about something to see whether I could be of some assistance. He said he was really concerned about the continuing inflammatory pro-してい nouncements of Ralph D. Abernathy. . I commented that he is one of the worst. The Vice President said he has seen some of the background material on him and he knows what that is, but it is beyond the pale as far as executive use is concerned. He said in view of what went on in Augusta and other places it is important to have the information that revolved around this; the involvement of these people, what information we have, whether fleeing from looting or what is going on. He asked if there is any information available.

I told him we are working on these at the present time, both in Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson, where the recent demonstrations have taken place. I said we have pretty well concluded our investigation at Kent State University as to the shooting and, as always happens, we found a considerable amount of firearms in the dormitories and rooms of the students, whether they used them or not is a question; some say there was sniping and some say there was not. I said the same is true at Jackson as there are allegations of sniping at the troops before they fired and denials. We are interviewing all the individuals who had any knowledge, students, et cetera. I said the problem at Kent was they closed the university and the students departed for all parts of the country, but we finished the preliminary report on that and will finish today the final report on Kent, while at Atlanta, Augusta, and Jackson, it will probably be another week before we will have the preliminary reports. I said it is six of one and a half dozen of another, as you can't say it is proper to shoot, but we found at Kent that they were throwing 7 pound rocks at the soldiers Deloot and they hit one Guardsman in the back and knocked him down. There is just so much a human being can stand, and it is the same thing here at Maryland University. I said the National Guard is on the campus and they propose to



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have a demonstration today and the Guardsmen are present, but they have been blocking Highway No. 1 most every day. I said very fortunately, they have arrested and charged three of the leaders for the damage done to the Administration Building when they went in the other night and broke the furniture, et cetera.

The Vice President said what he wants to be able to do is bring out some facts the media conveniently overlooked. I said they never give the things that are being done constructively, many times by students, to try to prevent this, but they emphasize all the things these jerks are doing.

The Vice President said he saw a picture about Augusta showing some of the Negroes jumping out of store windows with loot and booty and fleeing and you never hear anything about that. He said whatever I can give him that can ameliorate some of the impact; that he understands some of these things are wrong and we are probably going to find some of the shootings showed too much force, but none the less, the people have to understand the very thrust of the newspaper articles is that a bunch of police shot down six Negroes and what happened before -- why did they shoot at them -- not just because they felt like killing people. I said they were severely provoked at Kent and we will finish Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson this week.

I told the Vice President I was sending to him Vednesday, the 67C material states asked for, which gives in summary the material we have sent in detail.

The Vice President said he thought he was going to have to start destroying Abernathy's credibility, so anything I can give him would be appreciated. I told him I would be glad to. I said I was the only one who spoke out against Martin Luther King and I got hell, but I did not give a damn because it is more like bouquets than brickbats from some people. The Vice President said we can't let demagogues become martyrs and herces. I said I had briefed the Appropriations Committee about his (King's) background and it has been effective recently because they have been trying

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to make a national holiday of his birthday, and many of the congressmen who know the facts are opposing it. I said I did not put it on the record, but I told the Appropriations Committee about his Piccadillos and his degeneracy as we had recordings, but it was never made public as I gave it off the record to the Committee and they have, in turn, briefed some of their colleagues, but I will see that he, the Vice President, gets the details even before we finish the report.

The Vice President said he would like to be thoroughly conversant with all of that because if the crisis comes where we need to throw it, be will. I told him I would get it over in the next 24 to 48 hours as to the highlights. The Vice President thanked me.

#### Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew The Vice President Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The following information from a source of this Bureau so. in the racial field is in response to your request to be advised regarding the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. LI C

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Abernathy spoke before a black Baptist ministers' conference\_at\_a\_church in New York City on May 18, 1970. In a highly emotional speech he called for the unification of black churchmen in the United States and for a re-examination of their nonviolent attitudes. He implored them to take a more positive position in the racial struggle and beseeched them not to identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., since, according to Abernathy, the nonviolent struggle in the United States is dying out. He cited the recent shootings in Augusta, Georgia, and Jackson, Mississippi, as reasons for his belief that nonviolence is dying. He alleged that Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia, whom he called "Governor Madman Maddox," gave local police, state police, and the National Guard wholesale authority to slaughter black people

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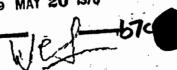
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Dear Mr. Vice President:

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In response to your request, there is attached information regarding militant statements by Ralph David Abernathy who, although he advocates nonviolence, has invited violence by some of his statements. The material also includes information about sexual immorality, Abernathy's luxurious accommodations during the Poor People's Campaign, and his support of the Black Panther Party.

For your information, Abernathy on May 18, 1970, announced a march against violence, brutality, and killing to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, May 23, 1970. Abernathy said that the names of the Nation's "Ten Most Unwanted Politicians" will be revealed during this march.

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Abernathy purports to advocate nonviolence but has made a number of statements which, while not directly advocating violence, certainly invite violence. Examples of these statements follow.

In May, 1968, at the beginning of the Poor People's Campaign, a massive march on Washington, D. C., sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Abernathy told an audience in Atlanta, Georgia, "I don't want anyone to expect me to be Martin Luther King, Jr. say to the Nation, to the United States, with Ralph Abernathy you've got hell on your hands." In the same month in Birmingham, Alabama, Abernathy said, "Under Doctor King we were just going to rock the boat, but under the leadership of Doctor Ralph Abernathy, I'm going to go a step farther. We're going to turn this Nation upside-down and right side up." \*S1.41\*

30/ 11 1. - 1 CD ROBERT A 200 In May, 1968, at a speech in Atlanta, Georgia, Abernathy referred to an unpaid bill for generations of irresponsibility, oppression and neglect. He said, "The bill is going to be collected - willingly or unwillingly, in civilized decency and love or in fear and hate and the flames of destruction. Time is nothirunning outt but rather time has cun.out."

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MILITANT STATEMENTS MADE BY RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

According to the Chicago Tribune August 30, 1968, Abernathy addressed 3,000 peace demonstrators in Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, on August 29, 1968, during the time the Democratic Convention was being held in Chicago. He referred to police officers as "pigs" as black extremists regularly do and said that nothing was taking place on the Convention floor. He then added, "But the Lord knows it is happening here, and more will take place because we are going to sock it to 'em, baby," referring to clashes which had already occurred between demonstrators and police.

In May, 1969, apparently angered at what he considered a poor reception received by his poor people's delegation from the Nixon Administration, Abernathy said time was running out on nonviolence as an approach to solving the Nation's problems. He said, "I do not know how mouthlonger nonviolence can be effective in this country. If the Nation fails to display some consideration (for the people), then I tremble for my America." He added that if the Kixon Administration fails to hear nonviolent voices, then they will have to listen to violent voices.

In September, 1969, while speaking in Atlanta, Georgia, Abernathy said the country is "on the verge of political repression and possibly even bloody revolution." He warned that "there is a limit to people's endurance of injustice and America is rapidly approaching that limit."

On August 13, 1969, Abernathy emphatically embraced and endorsed a plan for counseling young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. The plan was presented to the Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Charleston, South Camplina.

Abernathy's inconsistency in his nonviolent posture is matched by the same attribute in the personal conduct of this preacher.

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MILITANT STATEMENTS MADE BY RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the night of August 29, 1958, Abernathy dashed from his church office in Montgomery, Alabama, pursued by an irate husband wielding a hatchet who accused Abernathy of having a relationship with his wife. The wife of the assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November, 1958, that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with Abernathy before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "He never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage. She had been a member of Abernathy's church. The jury reportedly deliberated only ten minutes before acquitting the husband of charges in connection with his attack on Abernathy.

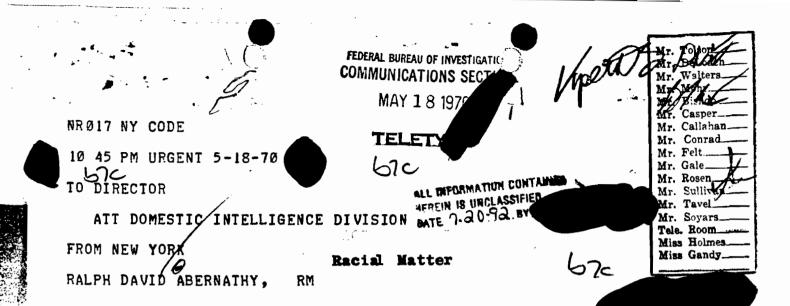
During the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D. C., Abernathy was headquartered at the Pitts Motor Hotel in Washington, D. C., while his followers were mired in the mud in Resurrection City, a shantytown near the Lincoln Memorial. This became a point of contention among his followers and on one occasion Abernathy slept at Resurrection City. However, he returned to the Pitts Motor Hotel during the night after suffering 'stomach pains."

Abernathy has supported the violence-prone Black Panther Party. In the latter part of 1969 he made several public statements favorable to the Black Panthers. On April 20, 1970, Abernathy urged liberal and progressive forces to join a rally on behalf of the Black Panthers at New Haven, Connecticut, on May 1, 1970.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE Date \_\_\_\_\_ 5-19-70

The attached pertains to remarks by Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, before a black Baptist Ministers Conference in New York City 5-18-70.

Abernathy implored the ministers to take a more positive position and not identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., as the nonviolent struggle in the U.S. is dying out.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions to keep the Vice President advised on Abernathy's activities, information in attached will be furnished to the Vice President by letter. In addition, copies of attached will be furnished Inter-Division Information Unit.

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"Thank you very kindly. Thank you very, very kindly. To the distinguished President of the Ministers Conference of Greater New York and vicinity my good friend Doctor Ira Moore who is ill and impossible to be with us at this time and to the illustrious Vice President Nicholson who presides and carries on in such a grand and marvelous fashion and to the Vice President Moore and program chairmen and Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference my colleague my friend, my student and fellow warrior of many the Reverend Doctor Wyatt T. Walker. battles And let me use the words of the old Baptist Preacher my fellow Yokemen. In the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I need no pause to tell you how delighted I am to have the privilege to return again to this pulpit (unintelligible), our national board member and chairmen of our personnel committee Doctor M. L. Wilson. And above all to be a part of this rich fellowship, My fellow ministers of the Gospel, Missionaires and brothers, sisters and above all my christian friends. I remember very well a year ago when I had the privilege to stand here and speak to you. I will never forget that memorable occasion and always look forward to coming to the New York Conference. I made very clear to my Secretary that there is no clearing of date with me. The date was cleared in eternity. And I have the permission and all I need is the platform and I will be in New York if God is willing to tell my story and the witness of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am delighted to have my roommate in college and friend for many years fellow pastor in Atlanta the Reverend Doctor Howard W. (Unintelligible) share the pulpit with me today.

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Reverend Ralph David Abernathy

When I arrived in New York on last evening to deliver my fourth message for the day on yesterday, I discovered that Reverend (Unintelligibel) was here and he discovered that I was in town and we have been great friends across the years, and he could not leave knowing that I was here. So we have come to share together this experience. Let me pause and thank each of you my bretheren, all of you, I know you so very well that I could call each name by name. For the excellent support and backing that you have given me across the years. As I look into your faces today you will never know just how much it means to come beck to New York and to see you and listen to my good friend from Hackensack Brother Coleman blend his beautiful voice with the beautiful voice of another prophet and tell us that what we really need during these crucial times is more love. I know that you cannot know the agony and the burdensome responsibilities that rest upon my shoulders and have rested so heavly for the last sixteen years, but much more so within the last twenty four months. I am sure you can sympathize and empathize to a degree what someone said to me, I guess it was the (unintelligible) Wolfson in his office a few moments ago, Ralph I read where you were in Augusta on yesterday eulogizing individuals who had been shot down there and then your here today and I said I was here last night speaking at the Pierre Hotel for a commeration service in which Eli Landow, the movie producer, the man who produced the film "King from Montgomery to Memphis" was being placed into the Hall of Fame by his Alma Mater. He said I don't see how you made it. I said I don't see how I made it either except for your prayers and the prayers of the brotherhood and the prayers of the sisterhood. See God is still on the throne and we have to realize the fact that there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emanuels veins. And (unintelligible) beneath that blood loose all their guilt and fame. If you

constantly draw on a will it will soon run dry unless you replenish that well. But if you know where the fountain is then you will hook up with the fountain . And even though resources may be taken from the well an abundant supply of resources are constantly coming into the well. An that's how I make it. When the young look at me Friday at Walter Reuthers funeral in Detroit and said to me Ralph I don't know about your leader, I have serious questions about him teasing when he said these words. Because we take all the good people away, but I don't see him bothering the Wallace's and the Eastland's at I have serious question about you leader. all. And he went on to emmerate many of those who had been taken. At that time Brother Doctor Smith, had not been taken down in Philadelphia, but he called off the list and said I don't know about your leader. And I said well maybe you don't know him Whitney, but I know about him. I don't understand how he worked sometimes - but I know he's on the case. I don't know what he has in store for one or for my people, but I do know that he will do right that he's always on time, and it may be that he is carrying us through the valley and the shadow of death in order that we may use it as a dressing room for eternity. You didn't hear I said that it may be he is carrying us through me. the valley and the shadow of death at this period in order that we may use it as a dressing room for eternity. And when I talk about eternity I'm not talking about some far distant day and the land just beyond the river, but I'm talking about a better day a better life on this side of the river for all of God's children. I want to speak to you today on the subject "Beyond these Sacred Walls", "Beyond these Sacred Walls", I have left the subject out of the text found in holy (unintelligible) It comes to us out of the 3rd chapter of Revelations. These are the words of Jesus as he spoke to the Church at Sodom, using John as the scribe (unintellibible)



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And he writes what John was in the spirit and he wrote not as John, but he wrote for the spirit. And in these letters to these peasant churches of Asia minor, to the church of (unintelligible, he says I know thy whips, that thou have the reputation of being alive, but I know that thou are dead - but strengthen what you have left Beyond even though it be on the verge of nothing. these sacred walls, there is a familiar statement, but it is a true statement, that the church is not living up to its responsibilities. During these critical and awful times in which we live, it has long been said that for too long the church has been a tail light rather than a head light. For too long we have majored in the things which we should have minored in and minored in the things we should have majored in, Some have gone so far as to say that the church is dead. Well, if the church is not dead I would like to hasten to say that most certainly it is on its death bed. And when I talk about the church I'm not talking about buildings, I'm not talking about cathedrals, I'm not talking about sanctuaries, I'm not talking about institutionalized religion, I'm not talking about that provement that Jesus was speaking about when he addressed the apostle Peter and made his own (unintelligible) concerning who he was and what people thought about him and it set Peter straight on the record, because Peter in his arrogance thought that somehow he had amassed enough knowledge,

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and wisdom to know who Jesus was and Jesus set the record straight - had have to know that flesh and blood could not reveal this answer to you - but any father in heaven gave it to you - but you do have a faith that is stronger than (unintelligible) its a rock, and upon this faith, upon this determination I will build my church. Not on the certain corner in New York or (unintelligible) in Tokyo or on a boulevard in Atlanta but on upon this (unintelligible) will I build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. He built it - there were no beautiful organs around - there were no stained glass windows there were no four walls of the sanctuary that could possibly encampass what he had to say so when I talk about the Church I'm talking about movement - I'm not talking about institutionalized religion - already institutionalized religion has failed. It has failed - If you were expecting the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches or if you were expecting the West 100th Street Baptist Church to save you then I have news for you - you are lost - As there are goats in all of these institutions wrapped up in sheeps clothing and there are so many (unintelligible) who wishes to use the Church as a vehicle that will bring the wealth into their pockets and will in some way preserve this ethnic forth and add to their longevity down here until they cannot give themselves to the things of the spirit - Institutionalized religion has always already failed, So many wants to be the chief but they don't have time to be a part of the crew - So many want to be the captain that they neglect the responsibilities that a crew must do in order to make a captain be a captain - so many are so busy in being the soloist that they forget to sing the song. One man made it very clear when he said that if you cannot on the ocean sail among the surf test fleet rocking on the highest billows and laughing at the (unintelligible) you meet, you can stand within the harbor anchored yet within the

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bay, you can lend a hand to help them as they launched their boats away - See, the world will soon forget the soloist but the song will linger on - I don't know who it was in my little Hopewell Baptist Church in Painbow County, Alabama on Tuesday afternoon who took the solo and said, Father, I stretch my hand to thee nor they (unintelligible) I know if thou withdraw thy self from me, O'whether shall I go - what did thy only son endure before I drew my first breath, what pain, what labor to procure my soul from endless death. I don't know who the soloist was for then when they go on far enough in the song to the point when they said I came to Jesus as I was, I was ready. I was warned and I was saved - I found in him a resting place and he has made me glad I decided that that was my moment and that was my hour to hook up with that Jesus - I have forgotten the soloist, but I have not forgotten the song.

"Institutionalized religion has already failed. I went into the driveway of the West 100th Street Church a few Sundays ago - the Chairman of the board of deacons was downstairs with my robe - said to me Brother Pastor you've running late this morning - but we understand you have so many places to go I guess you just got back in town' - I said no, I didn't just get back in town, I've been in town now for six or eight hours. He said -'but you're running late this morning and we're disturbed'.

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I said late for what. He said late for the morning worship - the choir is all standing ready for the processional and the organ's playing - we need the pastor to give the call to worship so I brought the robe downstairs - And I said I'm not running late - I'm on time. Enroute here this morning I saw an old woman lying prostrate across the highway - she was suffering from malnutrition and hunger - she had had no breakfast that morning this morning - she had had no dinner yesterday it had been three days since she'd had anything to





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eat - and her last meal came from a garbage pail. where I received the strength from I don't know -I said, I put her in my car and I carried her on down to Greater Hospital and I stayed there long enough until they knew who brought her and they dismissed the internist and sent for a specialist -I've already had my church - I looked the deacon straight in the eye and said I've already had my church - I just came by here to help you all out this morning - don't tell me that I'm late - I'm on time - see, institutionalized religion has too often gotten caught up like the priest and the levite - on our way to conduct the services at Jericho they heard the groans of a man in the gutter they looked at their watch and then they felt the beat of their heart their watch said it was time to begin service at the First Baptist Church in Jericho and their hearts said to them if you stop here and administer to the needs of this man, the same thing that happened to him will happen to you - and then the devil spoke to them loudly and said you better get out of here - and they passed by on the other side - Sc all the institutionalized religion has passed by on the other side and left our brothers in the gutter but thanks be to God there is a spirit that still alive and you can feel that spirit anywhere and at anytime if you are part of that movement. You don't have to be in a certain church or a certain pew with a certain choir in the loft with a certain preacher in the pulpit - in fact you don't have to be in a church at all if you have that spirit -Somebody here ought to know what I'am talking about - sometimes its early in the morning and its the scene of your movement in your Buick, your Cadillac, your Chevrolet, your Ford that gets to be the organ, sometimes your at work and it gets to be the work that you're carrying on that becomes the choir - For my mother every Monday morning, washday, it was a (unintelligible) as begins to sing "Amazing Grace" and push the clothing down - I couldn't understand why she was crying because there





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was no organ anywhere and there she would begin to hum what she had sought to articulate in words because she was so burdened down and I couldn't hear any music anywhere and I would question Mama and she would look at me and say 'Son it's over my head'.

"Beyond these sacred walls of the Church, is to do its job somehow it must get its message beyond the sacred walls of the Church - for too early we have been an old amber lantern serving. We are securing the preaching, caring for the dying. Get up every morning and go to Church we don't carry anybody with us we don't urge anybody to go with us. We don't stop on the way and say a word to a girl or a boy that's going astray. We only drive all all to ourselves in a four or five thousand dollar automobile to carry a 165 or 75 pound individual to a Church.

"Where we hide ourselves behind the sacred walls. And sing in Christ there is no East or West. Oh, you may not tell me, but I know you can tell him saying that you have the reputation of being alive but I know that you're dead - Oh, you may not tell you are but I can hear him saying to you right now your investments in Standard Oil and the Shell Motor Company is being used in South Africa to segregate black people of less than ten per cent of their land. You have the reputation of being alive, I have searched your church rolls and you tell me that you have 3000 members, you have the reputation of being alive you tell me as a denomination you have 5,000,000 members. You have the reputation of being alive, you tell me that you have robes for every member of your choir you tell me that you have a million dollar building.

"You have the reputation of being alive, you're in with the power structure. You can talk with the mayor, you can call him by his first name, you can eat cookies and drink tea with the Chamber of Commerce, you have the reputation of being alive. But I know that you are dead - you're dead because you are

insensitive to the violence and the repression that is taking place in the world today. There once was a time that it was popular to talk about a war in Viet Nam, but you don't have to limit your discussion to Viet Nam anymore. You don't have to limit your discussion to Indo-China or to Cambodia. You can bring it on back, for the violence that the white man hath inflicted upon our brown brethern, in the rice paddies of Viet Nam 10,000 miles away from home, has invaded this land.

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Black students shot down in the back while running in Orangeburg, South Carolina, at South Carolina State College, but it does not become a massacre it doesn't even come to our attention until four white students are shotdown in the peace movement at Kent State University in Ohio. Its been violence all along, it was just violence against black folk and it didn't matter as long as it was against black folk, but then when it was perpetrated against white folk in a peace movement. See many white students I told them the other day out at Colorado State University thought that they could find refuge in the peace movement. So they forsake the human rights movement, the civil rights movement, and they herded to the peace movement. well there's no hiding place down here. The system is out to get us all. You don't have to say a word in defense of the Black Panthers you don't have to picket anybody, you don't have to stand up and vocalize or articulate your hopes and aspirations, but remember this, you name is on the list.

Somebody asked me the other day, how is it that you being a non-violent leader can speak out on behalf of the Black Panthers, and yet they advocate violence, I said I can speak out for them, because they is the children of God. See I'm not a civil rights fighter, I'm a preacher of the gospel and its just a point of my gospel to free the captives, to set a liverty the (unintelligible) to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord to build to foundation of the world, I was called to preach the gospel, thats all I am, a preacher of the gospel. Long before my daddy met my mother I was called to preach the gospel. Long before he got close enough to her to steal the first kiss Ralph Abernathy was called back behind the curtains of eternity when there was nothing for God to stand on, before he stepped out from no where on something and said let there be light and there was light, I was put in the class with Paul, with Selas, with Anios, with Josea, Jeremiah. Long before the sperm fertilized the egg in my mothers womb I was called to preach

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the gospel and like Jeremiah right now, I feel like preaching. Its like fire thats shut up in my bones, and I can't keep my peace. I didn't understand that woman that went to Jacob's well one day and found Jesus up there because he was tired with his journey, coming out of Judea to Sirene to stop off at Samaria. I didn't understand her as she ran through the street crying aloud come see a man, told me everything that I've done. But since Jesus came into my heart, I've been running. Sometimes the world knocked one down, but I get up and brush myself off, and I just run anyhow. Sometimes they talk about me, but I just brush myself off and go on in his name.

Because I know that there'd be a (unintelligible) about one in the lamp, book and glory. Se I don't worry about making the front page of the New York Times, because I've already made the front page of the Times in heaven. I don't have to worry about Newsweek, because I'm making news and glory right now.

Beyond these sacred walls the church must take a stand against the violence and repression that being practiced today against young people. I can hear him saying to me now about my panther brothers, other sheep I have that are not of this fold. I can hear him say I one sheep shall leave the fold.

(unintelligible) most white people today think that they are right because they are white and black people feel that they are wrong and they got to get back because they are black but a new day has come on the horizon. We have discovered that we are all children of God and we want our share of the pie in fact, we don't any longer want it, but we gonna get it - we're demanding it, give it to us right now. You can hear it everywhere on the banks of the Mississippi - on the swamps of Louisiana - on the cotton fields of Alabama - the red day fields of Georgia - the ghettos of Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant area, (unintelligible) over in Newark (unintelligible) in Chicago.

"We are out in Los Angeles. I want my freedom now. Put it in to all America. Get the message beyond the sacred walls of the church and then remember this that you still have something that remains - I know it isn't nothing, it isn't much but all you got to do is to strengthen it and use what you have. Thanks be to God that the Church is the archieve of truth and rightiousness it is the archives of love and brotherhood of peace and above all it is the archives of the way to salvation. For I hear Jesus say let not your heart be troubled he believe in God, I'm through now, believe also in me for in my fathers house there are many masters. If it wasn't so, I would have told you, I go to the prayer and pray for you. But then I can hear Thomas say Master if you go, how can we find the way and I heard Jesus say I am the way - I am the truth and I am the light. You excuse me now but my soul just got in tune with the soul of (unintelligible).

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"I just took fire with the power (unintelligible). I hear door bells ringing in my soul. I am talking about (unintelligible) what the hell does it (unintelligible). I've got something thats here in me. I've got a little love that still remains. I've got a little patience that still remains. I've got a little motherhood that still remains. But above all, I've got Jesus. And he still remains.



And I am going on in the house. I don't care what happens to me. They killed my best friend, Martin Luther King, 19 times we were in jail together. They cut him down in cold blood and then they tried to compare us. They say Ralph Abernathy can't be Martin Luther King. Well I want you to know I am not trying to be Martin Luther King. But Martin Luther King couldn't be Ralph David Abernathy. Ι am just trying to stand up for the rights of my people and take my gospel, the gospel of my lord and savior Jesus Christ, your gospel beyond the four sacred walls of you church. And I am going to carry, I don't care what they do to me. They can bomb my home but they can't kill me. They can dynamite my church but they can't kill me. They can assassinate my parasites but they can't get to me. They can lock me up in jail but they can't get to me. Because I got a cloak about me. Jesus put it around me one day, built a fence around me, the devil can't get over it, and I have no desire to get over there. So I stay where I am. Until Shilo comes, Ralphs started lord. To walk in the light (unintelligible).

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Shine it upon me from heaven so bright. I take the word and its (unintelligible) the truth. I've started, I've started its restin time but I've started, it gets dark sometime but I've started -I long for you lord and I've started. I want to go to the citizens lord but I've started - a minute a day - we started on the race but for the light there is still to keep pace, but for the light, there is still to keep pace. Others accepted it because it was new but my (unintelligible) expect to go through. I want to tell you something as I go to Georgia now as I go back to Augusta now let me tell you something as I go back to Atlanta now I'd rather walk with Jesus along than have for a fellow black (unintelligible) of stone.

"Livin', livin', livin', livin' and when I say burn, I mean dying, during each moment with his faith in Jesus then for my pathway and face to go through I'm going through, I'm going through, are you going through I'm going through, o yeah, o yeah going through with Jesus.





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Question: Charles Moore WLIB

How do you feel about Attorney General Mitchell go into Jackson, Mississippi for an investigation?

Answer: Well, I just feel that he's late, I said I hope that he would move on time so that individuals will not be plain and killed and shot down innocently before to Attorney General moves in. What we actually meed is support for the so called law and order policy which we hear so much about today, and if we can get that support and if we can get that backing, it won't be necessary for him to go anyplace.

Question: Do you feel that (broken) Do you feel secure in Attorney General Mitchells investigation of Jacksonville incident?

Answer: No, I do not feel secure with just the Attorney Generals investigation. I feel that one of the demands which we will make on Saturday is the course that we must take and that is that. We have a team of black elected officials to move into Jackson and Augusta and many other places where black people have been slain and conduct an investigation.

Question: Could you suggest some names?

Answer: Well, there are many individuals who are most outstanding in this field and I'm sure have the confidence of the people. I would say I think that the mayor of the city of Gary, Indiana, Dick Hatcher, is certainly a wonderful person. Congressman Cummings" is that type of individual who would bring back an impartial report and there are many others too numerous to mention, but I think that we must have an investigation by black people.





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Question: How do you feel the killing of the blacks affected the racial situation or America, interogation?

Answer: Well, I think it only points up that we live in a violent mation, it mearly institutionalizes the violence that all of us have been forced to live under, black and poor people now for centuries in this country.

Question: Do you think the policy called Southern Strategy is a success for the Nixon Administration?

Answer: Well, I think that it has been most successful in its attempt to turn back the clock of history. It will not be successful, because we have got to match the militaristic policy and the southern strategy with soul power and with ballot power and this is what the SCLC will be dedicating its programs to within the comming months.

Question: You mentioned a march and demonstration on May 23, Would you repeat it please?

Yes, there will be a march against Answer: repression on Saturday, May 23, in Atlanta, Georgia, We're to gather at 10:30 at the tomb of Martin Luther King, Jr., and move to the state capitol where we will make our demands to Governor Maddox and speak to the whole state of Georgia and our nation about the repression that is being practiced against black people and the murdering of the four individuals some time ago at South Carolina State University, as well as the six in Augusta, Georgia, who were shot in the back and the two students at Jackson State College. We will speak on many other issues that face us as poor people and black in this country. We must put an end to this repression and we feel that it is really taking hold in the South and that it is in the South its in Atlanta where we have to go to put an end to this Lester Maddox theory of shoot and kill and that's why we plan this rally, this march, and demonstration and

it may be a march that will stretch even across the state of Georgia, the days leading up to this coming Saturday and people will be coming from all over the nation to participate with us.

Question: Are you concerned that Lester Maddox may call the National Guard out to meet your march?

Answer: Well, this does not concern us at all, the National Guard are already out. The National Guard is in Augusta. I was there yesterday and the National Guard is there. This does not concern us at all.

Question: There's a new mood of repression in the country. Who do you think is to blame for it?

Answer: Well, certainly you have to blame the Nixon Administration for the repression that we have in the country. Now not only do we have repression, but we have recession and we have inflation, unemployment is at a level that it has not been in, been at, within the last five or six years. I understand that the stock market, not that I have any stock, is terribly low and I think that all of this as well as the war and the violence and everything that is taking place in an ill fashion in our nation is to be placed at the doorstep of the administration that is presently in charge and the only way we're going to get out of this is really to put an end to the war bring all the American troops home now and stop this wasteful spending on outer space and our attempt to get to the moon and to mars and stop passing out rocks from the moon and start passing out bread and feed hungry people.

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Question: Can you tell me what this 10 most wanted program is?





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Answer: Yes, I will announce that on Saturday, it is to deal with the political issues in our country that old stale politicians many of whom are chairmen of important committees within our congress and they are blocking progressive legislation and they are really unwanted. We say 10 most wanted to borrow a word of another group in our country that has been most effective in its efforts, but they are really the 10 most unwanted politicians in the country and we will reveal and list them and work for them defeat so we can replace the bullet strategy with the ballot strategy.

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ON MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, RALPH ABERNATHY SPOKE TO BLACK MINISTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, CALLED FOR UNIFICATION OF BLACK CHURCHMEN IN UNITED STATES AND REEXAMINATION OF NONVIOLENT ATTITUDE. HE CALLED FOR A MORE POSITIVE POSITION SAYING NONVIOLENT STRUGGLE DYING OUT, CITING RECENT SHOOTINGS IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SHIFT IN SCLC POSITION, BUREAU DESIRES INCREASED COVERAGE SCLC ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ABERNATHY SPEECHES. WHEN PUBLIC, ABERNATHY SPEECHES SHOULD BE COVERED. WHERE FULL SECURITY ASSURED TAPE-RECORD PER BUREAU LETTER MAY TWENTY-TWO ONE NINE SIX NINE CAPTIONED "USE OF CONCEALED 100-442706 (Ralph Abernathy) NOT RECONDED 126 MAY 20 1970

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Because of possible shift of SCLC from nonviolent posture and the interest of the Vice President in the activities of Abernathy as expressed to the Director on 5/18/70, coverage of Abernathy and the SCLC should be increased.



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RE PHILADELPHIA AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, CAPTIONED "COMINFIL OF SCLC, RM; IS - C".

REFERENCED AIRTEL REFLECTS THAT ON MAY TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY, ABERNATHY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A PEACE AWARD AT THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA. AWARD FROM THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL OF A CITIZENS ORGANIZATION FOR A SANE WORLD TO BE PRE-SENTED BY CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM GREEN OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, BUREAU ON MAY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, INSTRUCTED THAT ALL PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF ABERNATHY BE RECORDED AND BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF HIS COMMENTALBY TELEPHONE AND FOLLOWED BY TELETYPE.

PHILADELPHIA TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION RE ABERNATHY'S APPEARANCE MAY TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY. 100-442706-

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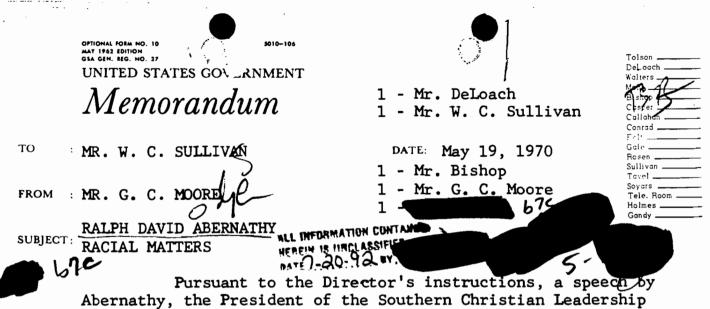
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ATLANTA AMEND INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES COVERING ABERNATHY. SPEECHES TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS THIS TEL.

NOTE: On 5/18/70 the Vice President personally spoke with the Director and requested information on Abernathy's activities. Recent speeches by Abernathy indicate a possible shift of SCLC from nonviolent posture., Bulet May 22, 1969, instructed that public speeches be recorded fif full security assured and prior Bureau authority obtained.

Abernathy to receive peace award in Philadelphia 5/26/70 from Citizens Organization for a Sane World, a peace organization. Congressman William V. Green (Democrat -Pennsylvania) to make presentation.



Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, on 5/18/70 in New York City was covered by the New York Office. Essential information regarding the speech is included in the attached letter to the Vice President who requested to be advised regarding Abernathy's activities.

In connection with the coverage of the speech, it is noted that the field offices involved, Atlanta and New York, both did excellent work in learning of the location of the address on short notice. New York's work was especially noteworthy in securing a source who was able to cover the meeting. Atlanta was able to ascertain discreetly that Abernathy was not in Atlanta but was in New York City to speak before a meeting of Baptist ministers. The location of the meeting could not be obtained in Atlanta on such short notice. Although there was no public advertising of the meeting, New York found most promptly through its investigation that Abernathy was speaking before a group of black Baptist ministers at 3 PM. New York was able to spore a source who could blend into this type meeting and equipped him with a recording device to tape the address. MAY 22 1970 2

Abernathy, in a <u>highly emotional speech</u>, <u>called</u> for the unification of black churchmen in the U.S. and for a re-examination of their nonviolent attitude. He implored them to take a more positive position in the racial struggle and beseeched them not to identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., as the nonviolent struggle in the U.S. was dying out. He cited the recent shootings in Augusta, Georgia, and Jackson, Mississippi, as reasons for believing that nonviolence is dying. He accused Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia of giving local police, state police, and the National Guard wholesale authority to slaughter black people. <u>ACTION</u>: If you approve, attached letter to the Vice President will be sent. Tape of speech being reviewed by New York for any 100-442706 pertinent quotations which will be sent to Vice President

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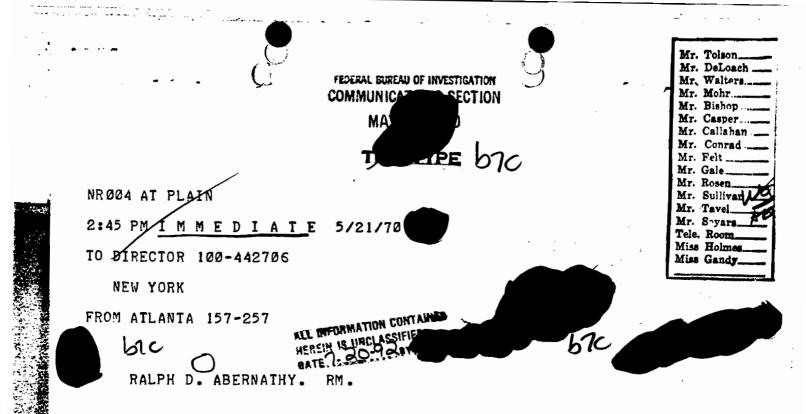
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INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY, FROM GEORGIA STATE PATROL, MACON, GEORGIA, THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, VICE PRESI-DENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), IN CHARGE OF SOUTH IN MACON PARTICIPATING IN SCLC ACTIVITY DURING LATE MORNING MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY TOLD CBS NEWS PERSONNEL THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, ON MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY, WAS IN NEW YORK CITY. WILLIAMS DID NOT SPECIFY LOCATION OR ACTIVITY ON ABERNATHY'S PART.

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NEW YORK REMAIN ALERT TO PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF ABERNATHY IN NEW YORK CITY IN VIEW OF FOLLOWING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH BUTEL TO ATLANTA MAY NINETEEN, SEVENTY CAPTIONED "COMINFIL -SCLC. RM; IS-C". -442706-100

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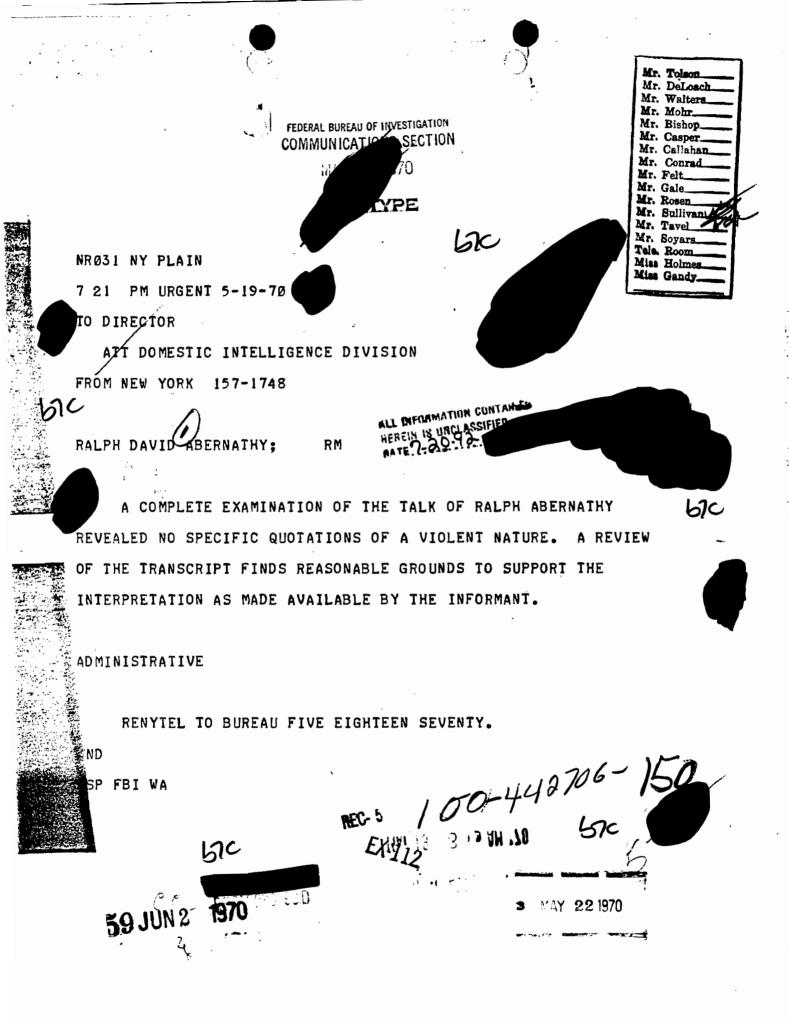
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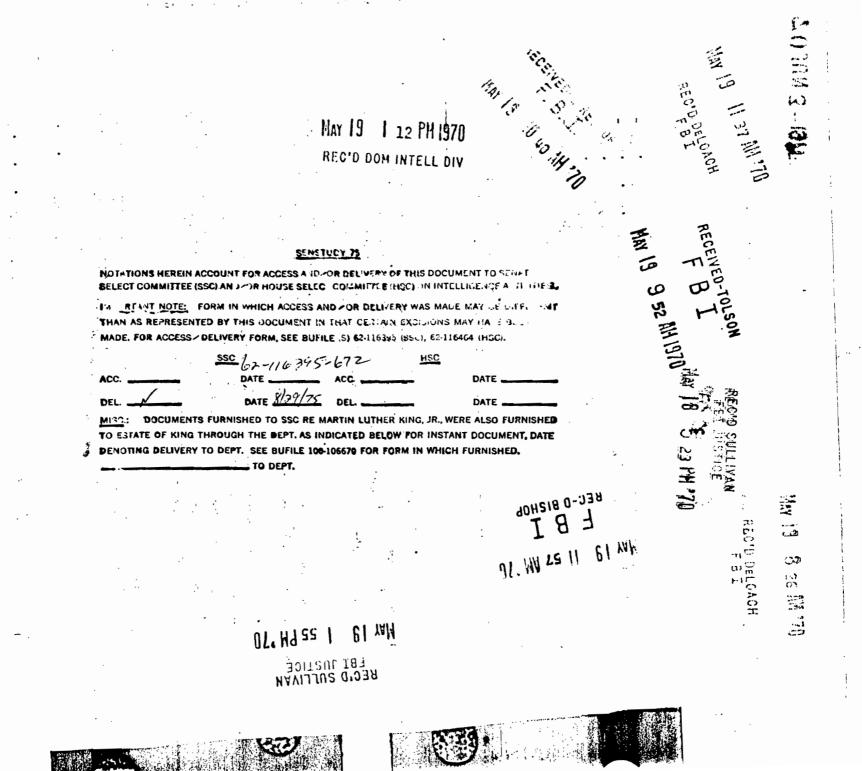
> 670 Pursuant to the request made by the Director today (5/18/70), there is attached information for the Vice President regarding militant statements by Ralph David Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which statements invite violence.

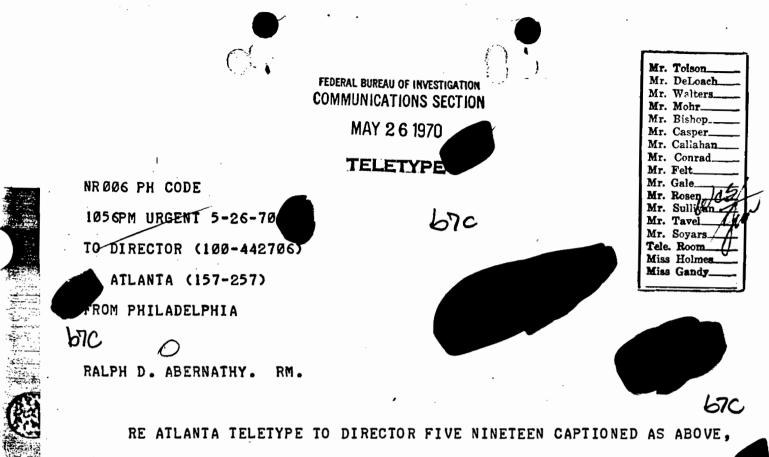
Information is also included to the Vice President regarding an incident involving immoral sexual activities with a member of his church, aged 15.

On 5/18/70, Abernathy announced a march against violence, brutality, and killing at Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, 5/23/70. At this march, the names of the Nation's "Ten Most Unwanted Politicians" will be revealed.

## ACTION:

If you approve, the attached letter will be sent to the Vice President. Enclosures Level 5-19-70 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - <u>Mr. G. C. Moore</u> Sr ST-105 (6) en BI JUN 1 1970 おい 424 70 JUN 3-1970

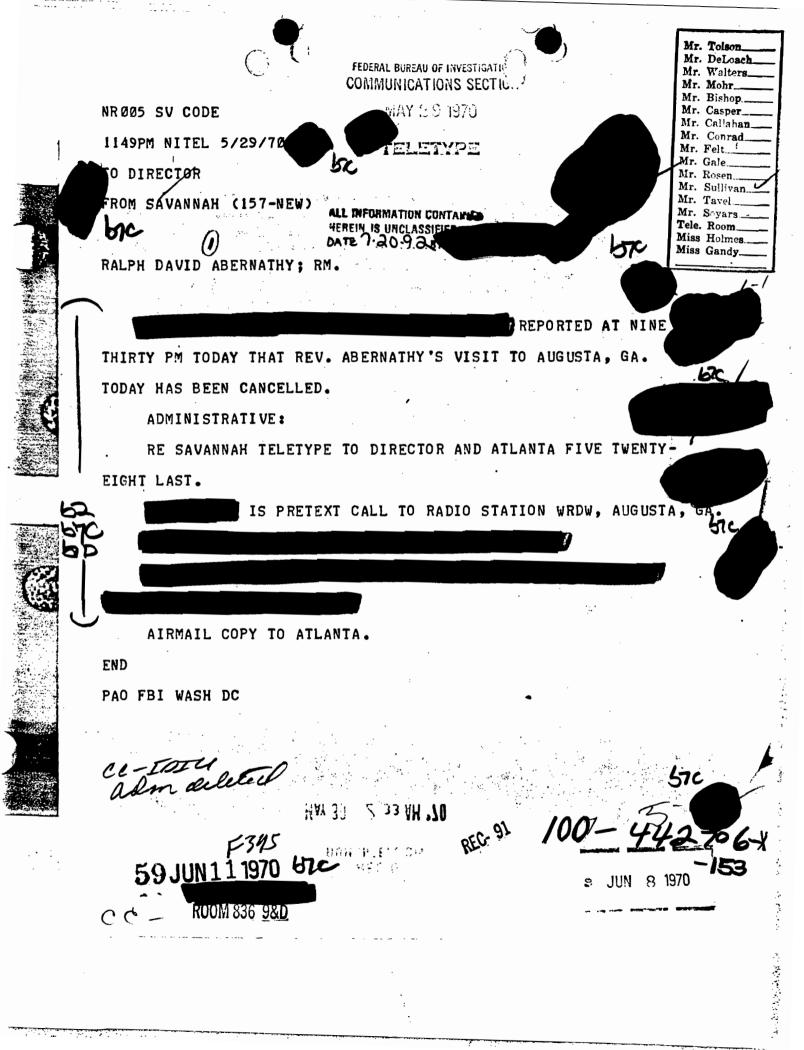


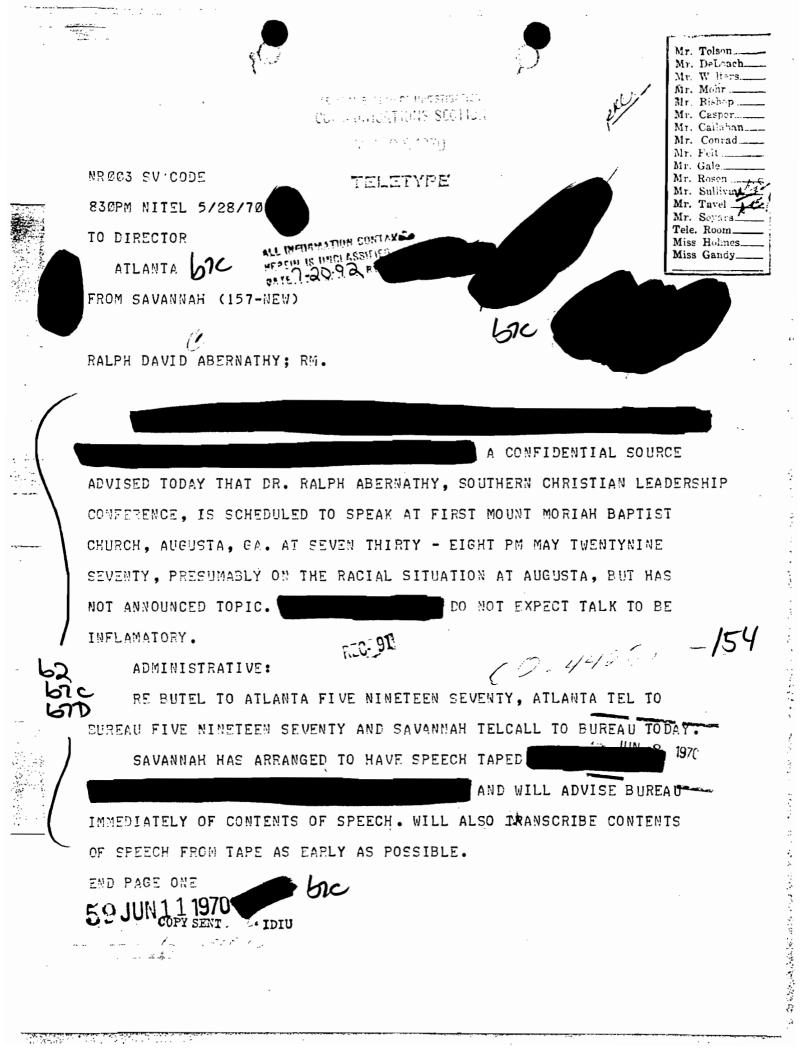


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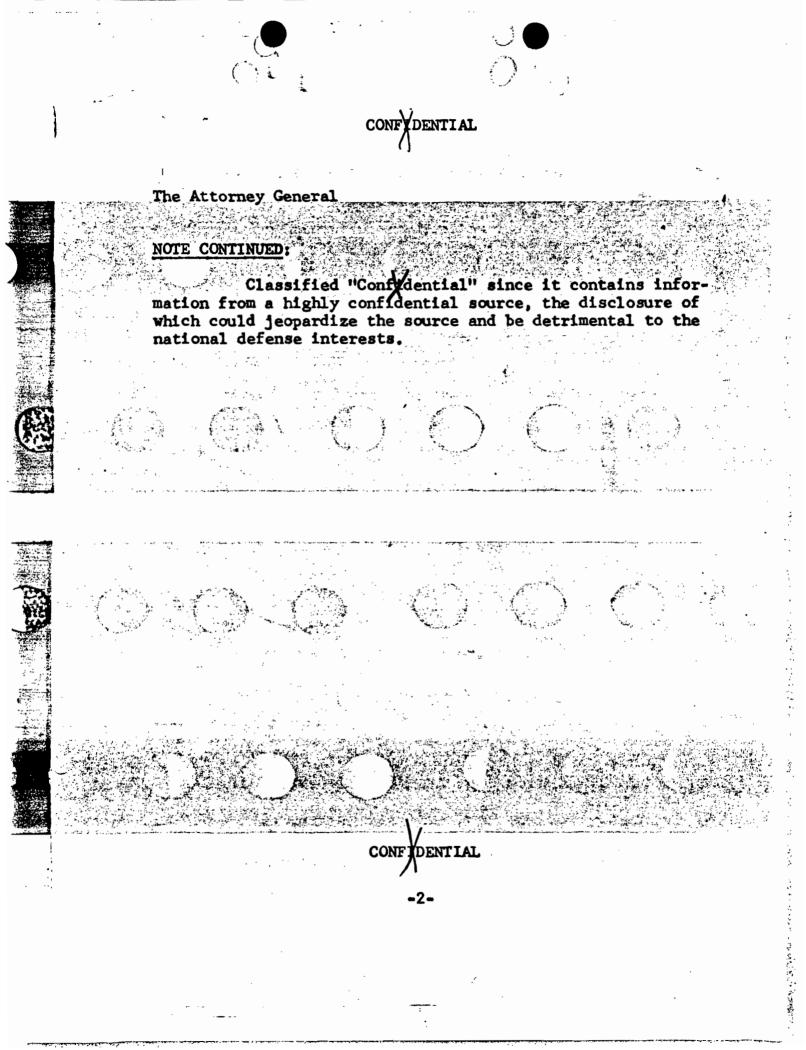
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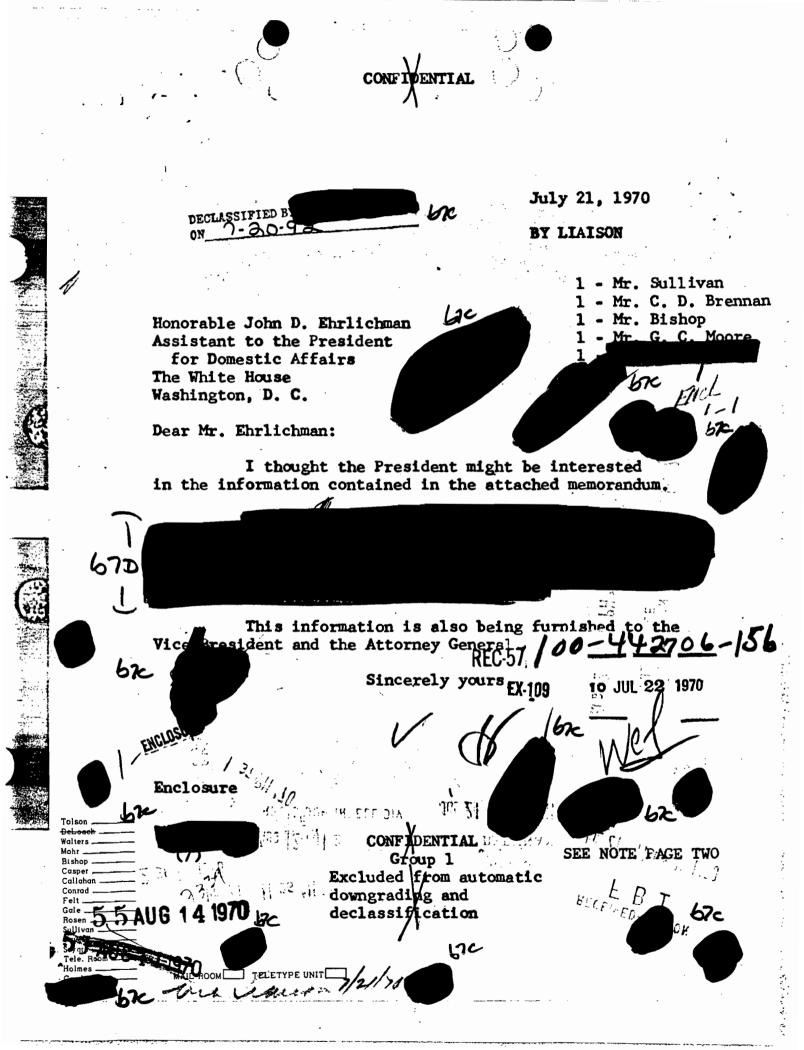
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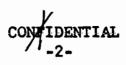
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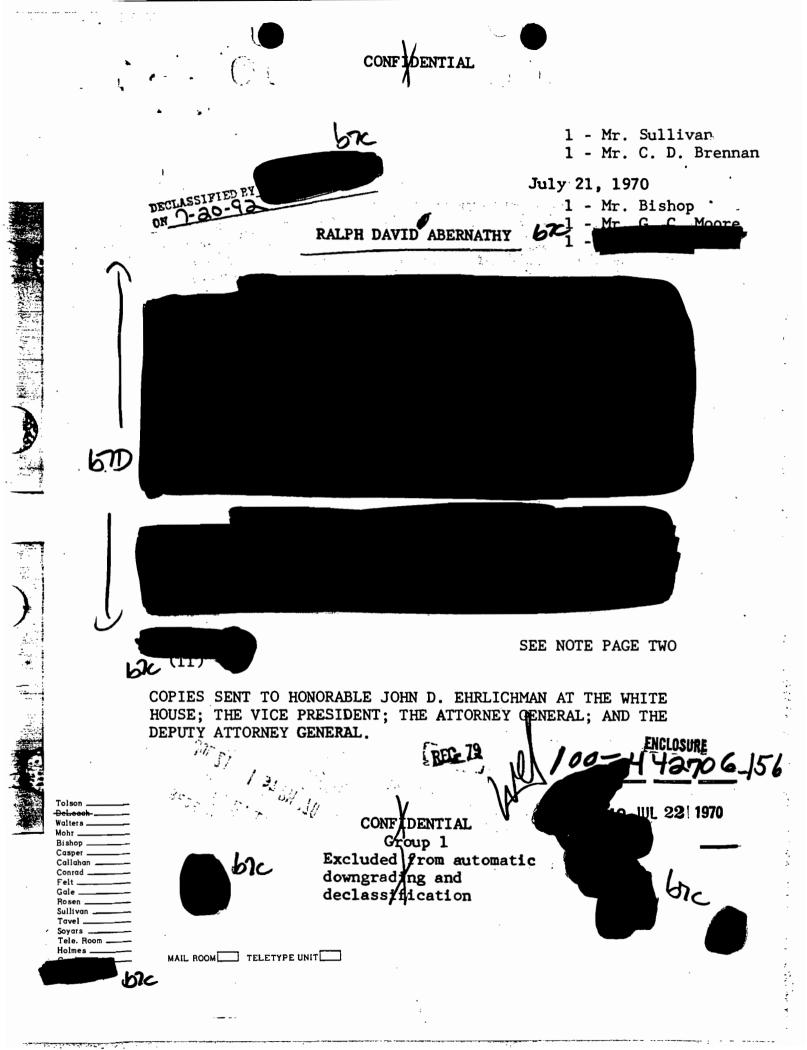
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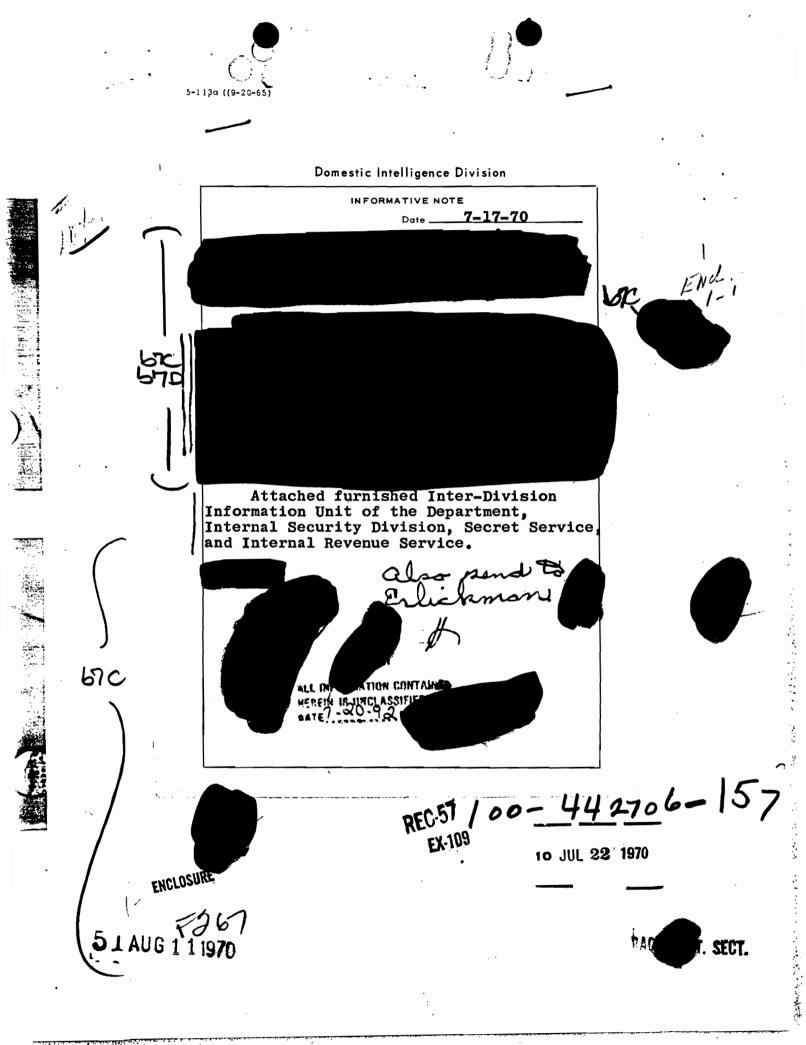
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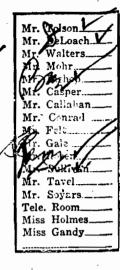
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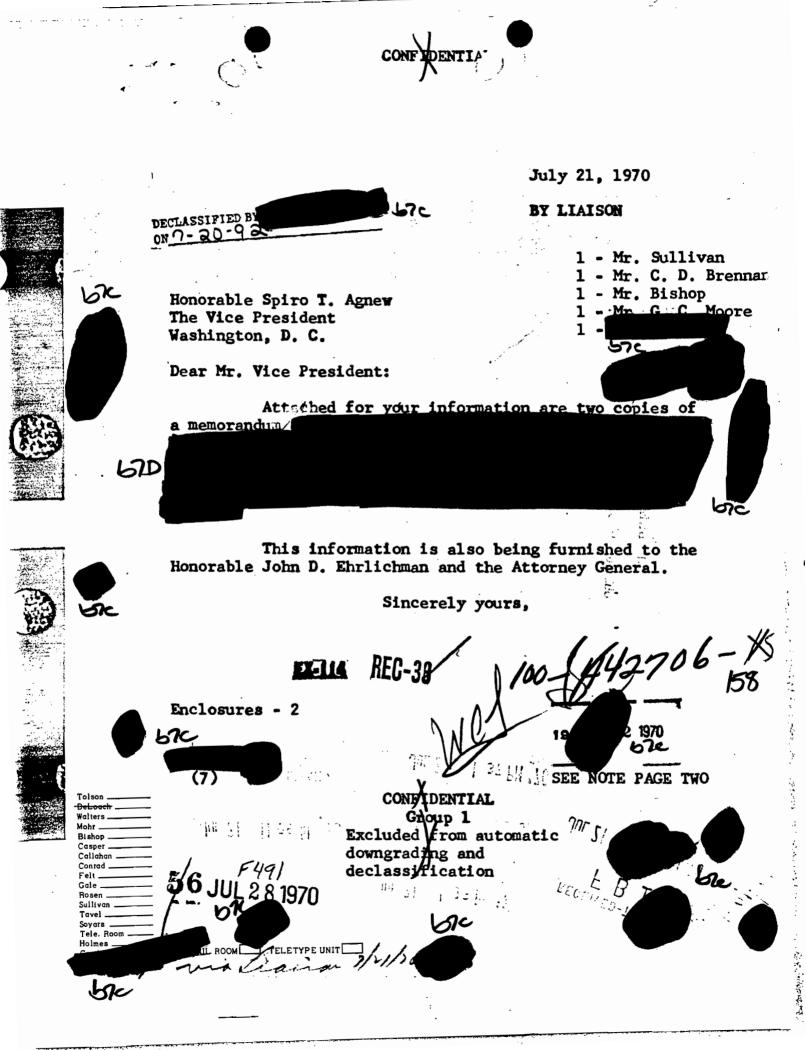


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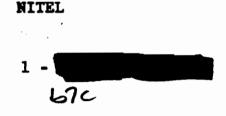
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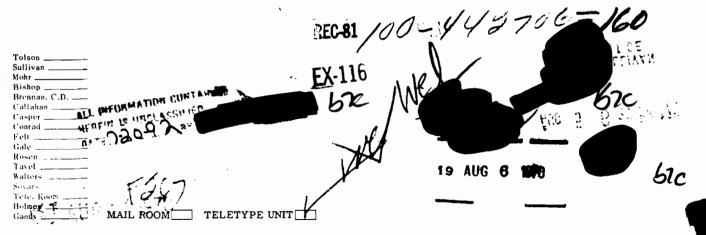


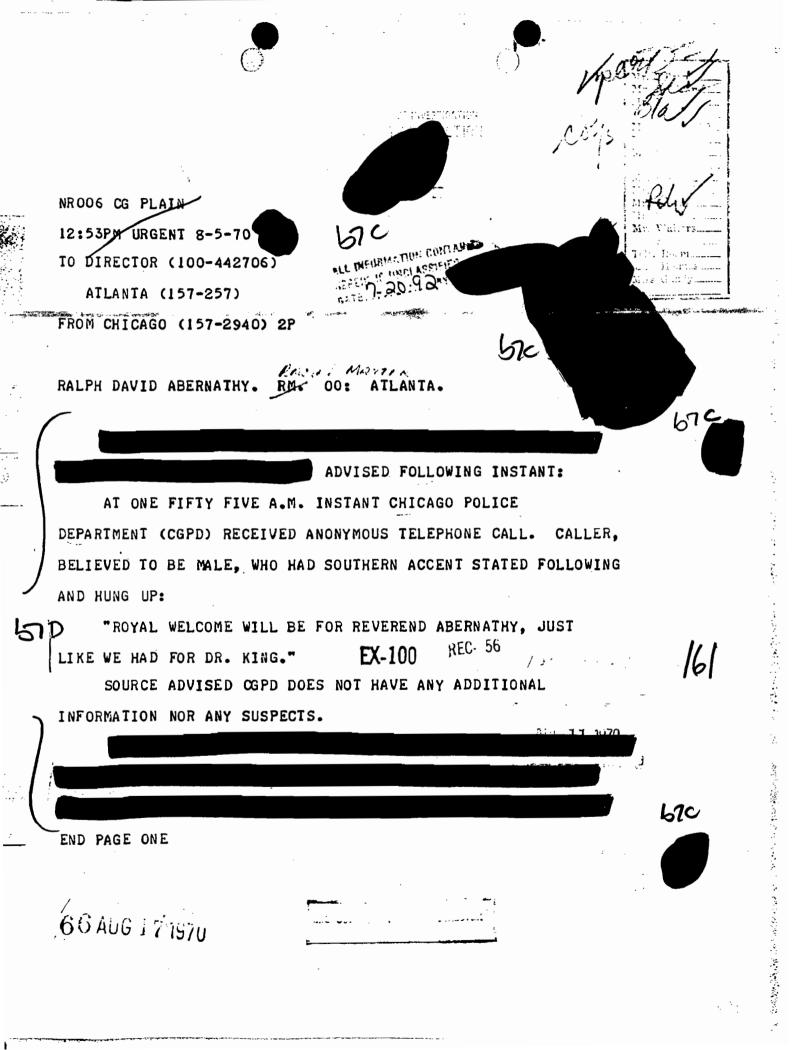
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Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, may visit Chicago 8/8/70. Chicago Police Department received anonymous phone call from man with a southern accent who said, "Royal welcome will be for Abernathy, just like we had for Doctor King." Upon receiving information of threats against King and Abernathy we have been advising the Atlanta Police Department who in turn advises the person threatened or someone on his staff.





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## RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On August 5, 1970.

advised the following:

At approximately 1:55 AM, August 5, 1970, a telephone operator at the Chicago Police Department (CGPD), Chicago, Illinois, received an anonymous call. The caller, believed to be a male individual, had a Southern accent and stated the following and hung up:

"Royal welcome will be for Reverend Abernathy just like we had for Doctor King."

Source advised CGPD does not have any additional information nor have any suspects been developed.

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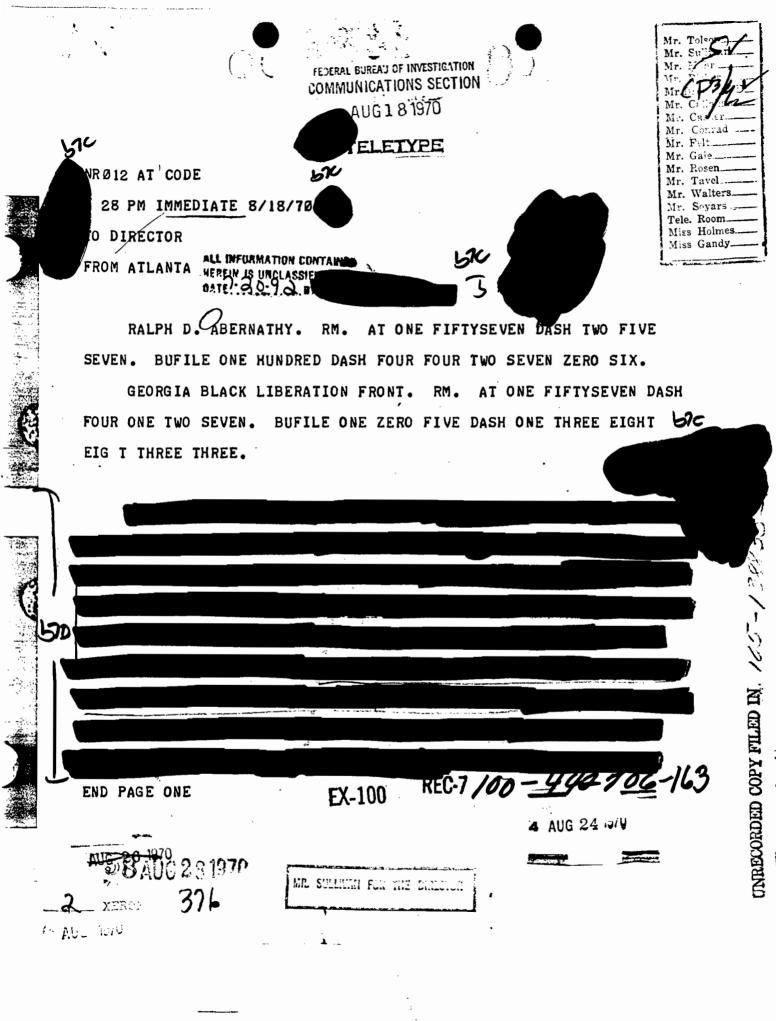
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On August 10, 1970, source advised Reverend Abernathy did not come to Chicago, Illinois, as anticipated. Source stated several of his assistants arrived in Chicago on August 7, 1970, and met with leaders of the black community concerning current problems. Source advised all representatives from SCLC, who arrived in Chicago on August 7, 1970, departed Chicago on August 10, 1970. Source stated there were no acts of violence in connection with visit of SCLC leaders to Chicago.

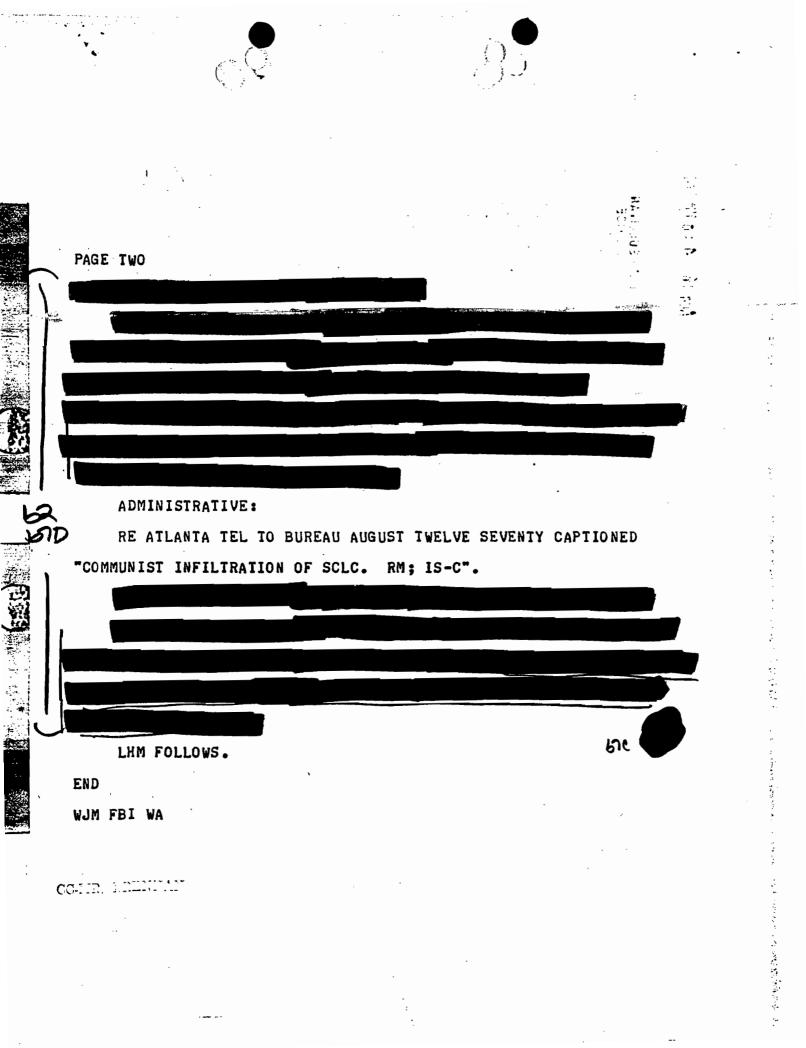
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Please note the attached newspaper clipping reporting a speech made by one Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Speeches such as this concern me very much, and it seems to my lay mind that such utterances must come under the head of treason. When anyone, white or black, makes the statement that his group will probably have to take and liverate the Justice Department of the United States, then I think that it is time for a halt of such language and intent.

Further, it is unthinkable to clear minded people that anyone should make the public statement that the president of the nation is making "murderers" of the youth of our country. 5C

Mr. Hoover, can you please tell me why this man is not prosecuted!

Yours sincerely, して EX 106 REC-52 00 - 164

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ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Civil rights leader Ralph David Aber-nathy called on the nation's poor Wednesday to prepare for a new march on Washington to bring the Pentagon to a halt and "tie up the whole Washington scene, if necessary."

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Abernathy also told delegates to the Southern Christian Lead-ership Conference convention here to be prepared to use new tactics of civil disobedience to protest poverty, the war in Southeast Asia and inequality.

He called for the march to He called for the march to take place late this year or ear-ily 1971 and termed it a continua-tion of the 1968 Poor Peoples' Campaign. But he said there would be no "Resurrection City," the tent city erected in Washington in the 1968 cam-paign.

"We will engage in sit-ins not with just dozens, but with hun-dreds," Abernathy told newsmen.

the streets. I "It is he (Nixon) that has made murderers of our sons in Southeast Asia," he declared. He said the challenge before the SCLC is to seek what he called a representative govern-ment that will not expand a war when the people want It ended, that rejects public brutality, that will provide bread for the 'and put a stop to the practice of genocide." Abernathy also declared the SCLC must be opposed totally to the Vietnam war and must polarize black and poor commu-nities to refuse to fight.



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City," the tent city erected in Washington in the 1968 cam-paign. Abernathy said the march is a g duty of poor people because of "a repressive, antiblack, anti-poor, antipcace, antiyouth na-tional government." He said, "The Pentagon must come to a grinding halt. We may be forced to liberate and occupy the Justice Department and Congress. This Fascist domination has got to go." Abernathy, successor to the SCLC's founder, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said there will be many arrests "should it become necessary to tie up the whole Washington econe,".but, said his "new non-violence" is the only way the poor can call the nation's at-tention to their problems. "We will engage in sit-ins not with inst dozens. but with hup-

men. He accused the Nixon admin-jistration of alienating blacks and minority groups, inflating the economy and inciting "mili-tary troops to gun us down in the streets. "It is he (Nixon) that has made mutherers of our sons in

ALL INFORMATION CONTAIN 67C<sub>August</sub> 25, 1970 EX 106 REC-52/00 -670 Dear I have received your communication of August 18th and can understand the concern which prompted you to write. With respect to your comments, the FBI conducts a considerable amount of investigation regarding the activities of those individuals and organizations seeking to undermine our basic freedoms and the internal security of our country. We furnish the results of our inquiries to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted in these matters. 50 01-I am enclosing material which you may not have had an opportunity to read relative to some organizations which are involved in fomenting unrest in our Nation. Sincerely yours, MAILED 21 J. Edgar Hoover AUG251970 500 COMM-FBI BC Enclosures (3) Forward to Chaos--Or the New Left in Action 2017 AVM A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969 Director's testimony, 3-5-70, re Black Panthers, racial, extremist Tolson 5 51 PH .70 Sullivan and communist groups Mohr AUG ZI Bishop Brennan, C.D. NOTE: On basis of available data, correspondent is not identifiable in bac Callahan Casper our files. Conrad bic Felt Gale (3) 57 Rosen Tavel 20 <u>(j. 10</u> Walters Soyars Tele. Room Holmes TELETYPE UNIT Gandy HEC108

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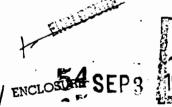
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I am certainly gratified and plessed, in reading the surrent Time Magazine, to note that you debunked the "myth" of the late rabble-rouser and trouble maker Martin Luther Ming. I hope you will be able to make it "three in a row." scon, by debunking two other kooks, namely "Doctor" Benjamin SPCCK, and Margaret Meade......who are in the same category as "Rev." Ming, and whose loyalty to the cause of Communism, I am sure, goes away back over the years.

L'r. Hoover, I would like to suggest a little police strategy, to be taught to policemen selected to attend the FBI Academy. This strategy rocked for me many many times over the years I served as an industrial security officer, and in times like we have today, it will work sgain and egain, to the detriment of the habitual criminal. My suggestion is as follows: Then a bank robbery or a hold-up has been committed, and TNO or more suspects were involved,....the Police Department or handling such a case, when releasing a report of the robbery to the press, should state that the amount of money stolen was considerably MORE than the actual emount stolen. Here is the psychology behind this. In the criminal element, there are The "unperdonable sins,".....informing or testifying against a fellow criminal, AND ..... "HOLDING OUT " more than the fair "divvy" of the lcot. Criminals will fight among themselves and kill each other if they feel one of their accomplices "held out" on the loot. Criminals read the newspaper accounts of their crimes avidly, and such a procedure would put in motion the fighting among themselves that could lead to

Jinforming on the other or of killing the suspected hold-out man. And in times like these, if these characters kill themsleves off I am sure it is no harm to the public at large. Give it some thought. I guarantee it will be most effective. Keep up the good work!

Keep up the good work! Sincerely,



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# A new march on Washington?

Three months ago when he was making plans for a civil rights march through the Georgia countryside, the Rev. <u>Ralph Abernathy</u>, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, applied to the government for police protection against unlawful disruption by outsiders.

Today, A b e r n a thy is making plans for a march on Washington. He threatens the use of tactics of civil disobedience to bring the Pentagon to a halt and "tie up the whole Washington scene, if necessary."

The good Reverend should make up his mind whether he does or does not believe in law and order. He should also reflect on whether tactics such as those he now proposes haven't lost their effectiveness under the law of diminishing returns.

Americans have gotten their fill of strong-arm, obstructionist methods used in the name of social justice. They are less and less inclined to accept the argument that unlawful means may be used mas-

s i v e l y to combat unlawfulness. Their resentment has long since been communicated to their representatives and senators in Congress who in turn are more hesitant than in previous times to respond to the pressure of mass obstruction and disobedience.

Some civil rights leaders, observing this development in public and legislative opinion, have wisely pulled away from violent means and disassociated themselves and their organizations from the extremists. But Abernathy seems more and more inclined to ingratiate himself with the implacable militants, who, he apparently fears, may be stealing his thunder. He encourages young people to refuse military service, preaches hostility to constituted authority and plans for the disruption of the center of national government.

All this can only do harm rather than good to the causes he professes to represent. The members of SCLC ought to begin asking whether he has most at heart the interests of his followers or his own ambitions of power and leadership.

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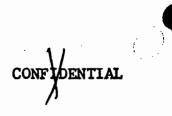
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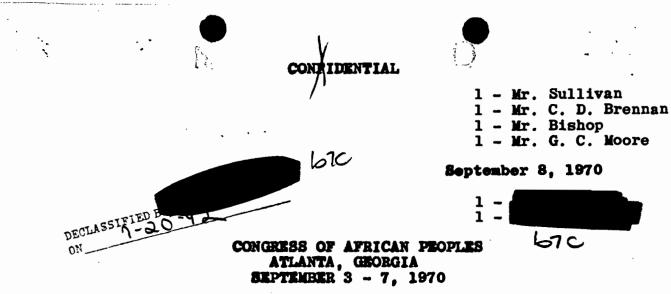
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On September 3, 1970, confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past. advised that the opening session of the Congress of African Peoples took place at the Morris Brown College Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. This opening session was highlighted by various speakers who outlined the purposes of the Congress as follows: development of black self-determination; development of ability among blacks to provide for themselves; development of blacks' self-respect; and development of black dependence on each other and self defense for each other.

The various speeches were interspersed by performances of different entertainers.

An unscheduled speaker at this session was Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Dr. Abernathy compared the events taking place at the Congress for African Peoples with the circumstances existing at the end of the Civil War when the North dictated to the South the peace terms. Dr. Abernathy stated; "The black man in America and in the world is saying to the white establishment it's all over."

Dr. Abernathy's speech was described by one source as an endorsement of a much more militant stand than that taken previously by Dr. Abernathy or by the deceased Hartin Luther King, Jr., the former head of the SCLC.

Another source stated Dr. Abernathy's talk did not follow the doctrine of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., at all but was an endorsement of militancy.

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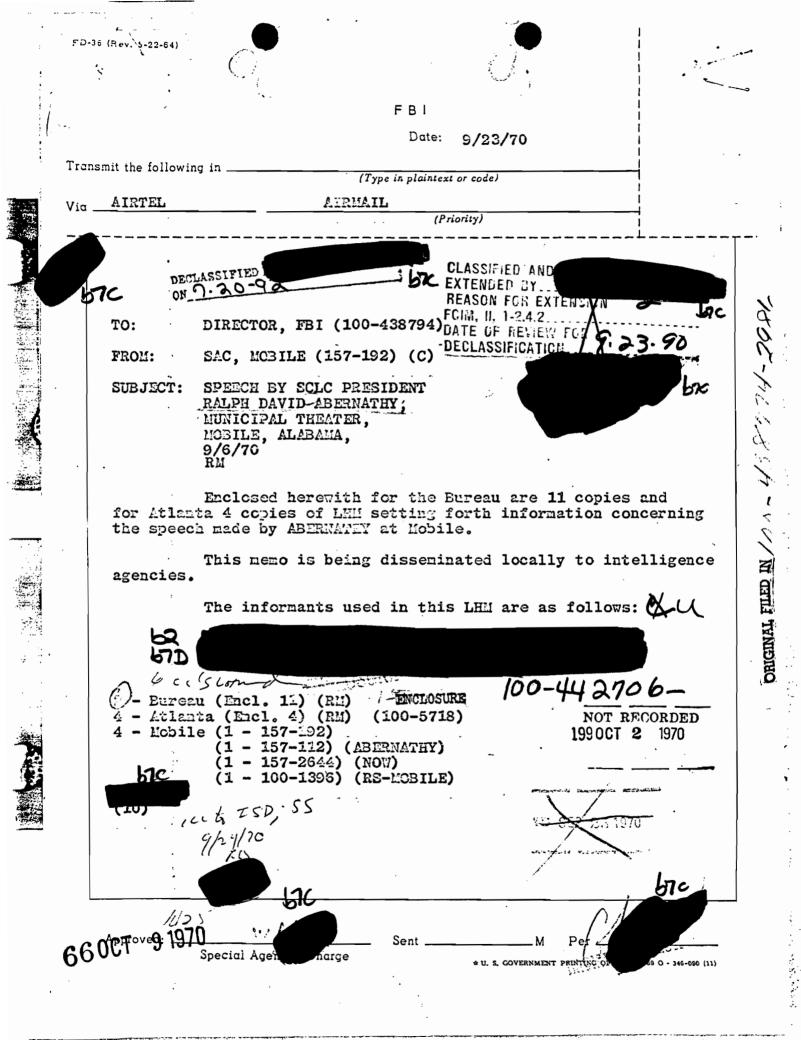
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On September 4, 1970, Source Number 1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, would speak in Mobile on the night of September 6, 1970, at the Municipal Theater. Source said that the speech was being sponsored by the Neighborhood Organized Workers (NOW), a predominantly black civil rights group at Mobile which has been affiliated with SCLC.

The September 7, 1970, issue of the <u>Mobile Register</u>, a daily morning newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy spoke the previous night at the Mobile Municipal Theater to about 800 persons at a freedom rally sponsored by NOW. According to this article, Abernathy said that black people united in a new non-violence aimed toward a goal of total integration is the remedy for the ills that are plaguing a sick America today. He said that he was here "to serve notice on white racist America that it will never again be like it has been, "brother. You may as well get with it."

Abernathy referred to a recent murder indictment against Noble Beasley, President of NOW, who was charged with murder in connection with the death of a former NOW lieutenant. Abernathy noted that in Mobile there is not a single black elected official even though blacks make up 40 percent of the city's population. He criticized members of his own race saying that he is tired of those black people who learn a few big words and go down to the Chamber of Commerce and have tea and cookies with the white people. He emphasized that he is not a separatist but believes in total integration. He said that he does not want a system that will close local Negro high schools and allow white high schools to continue to exist. He wants a system that

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will allow black people to control their own destiny, schools and lives. Abernathy said that he knows the history of Mobile and its black leaders and said, "The going is going to get rougher before it gets better." He referred to the fact that he has been in jail 30 times and doesn't care if the 31st time is in Mobile. He closed by saying, "A new day is on the horizon" and "We are here to stand with you, President Beasley."

Sources 1 and 2, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in his speech in Mobile, Reverend Abernathy spoke of Alabama being behind the times and, along with the rest of the nation, was dying from the cancerous disease of racism. He said he wants integration where black people would control their own destiny and was very complimentary of the local leadership of NOW as found in Noble Beasley. He emphasized that blacks must stand together as they can't afford the luxury of division.

These sources advised that they did not consider Abernathy's speech to be inflammatory and did not expect any violent activity to result therefrom.

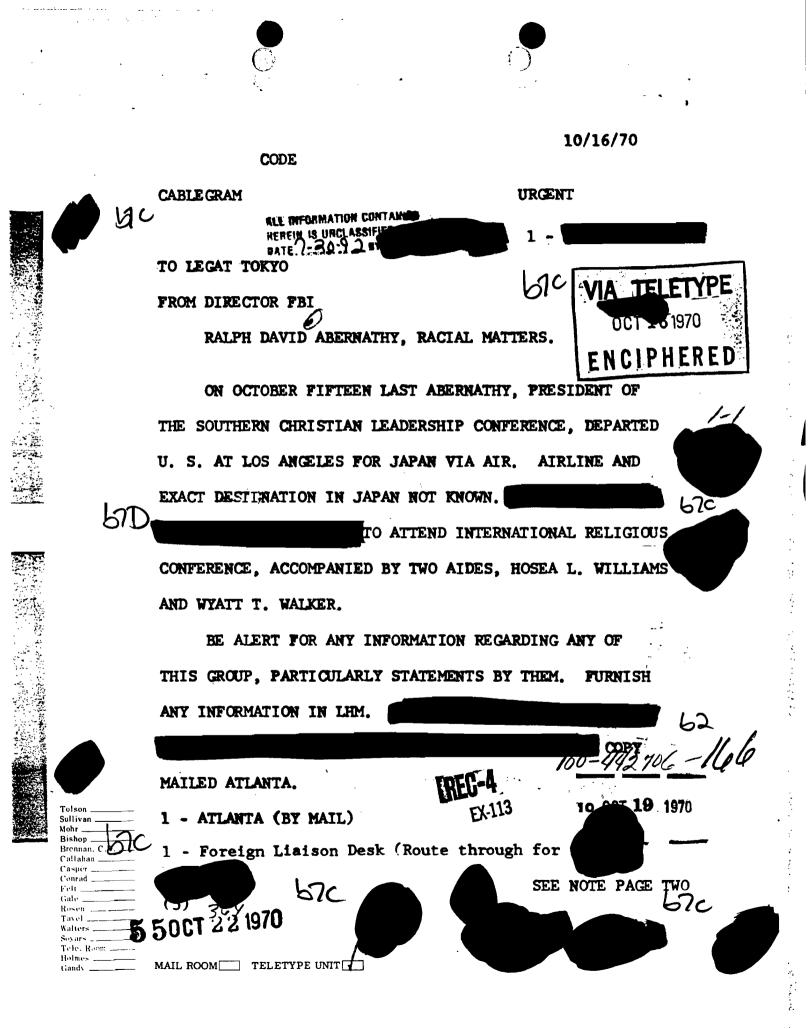
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Mobile Police Department, advised on September 7, 1970, that Reverend Abernathy arrived at Mobile Municipal Airport at 5:35 PM on September 6, 1970, on Southern Airways Flight 71 from Atlanta and was accompanied by a Negro male, J. T. Johnson, of Atlanta, Georgia. He was met by Noble Beasley and other officials of NOW, among whom were James Finley, Ocie Wheat and William A. Evans. The Abernathy party was furnished a police escort from the airport to the Ramada Inn where he checked in to Suite B at 5:50 PM. At 7:30 PM, Reverend Abernathy and party were escorted to the Stone Street Baptist Church on Cleveland Street where Abernathy took part in a communion service. At 8:00 PM, the party was escorted to the Mobile Municipal Theater where Abernathy spoke to a crowd estimated at 900. The Abernathy party left the Municipal Theater about 11:00 PM returning to the Ramada Inn. Abernathy was to leave Mobile by Eastern Flight 392 at 12:15 PM, September 7, 1970.

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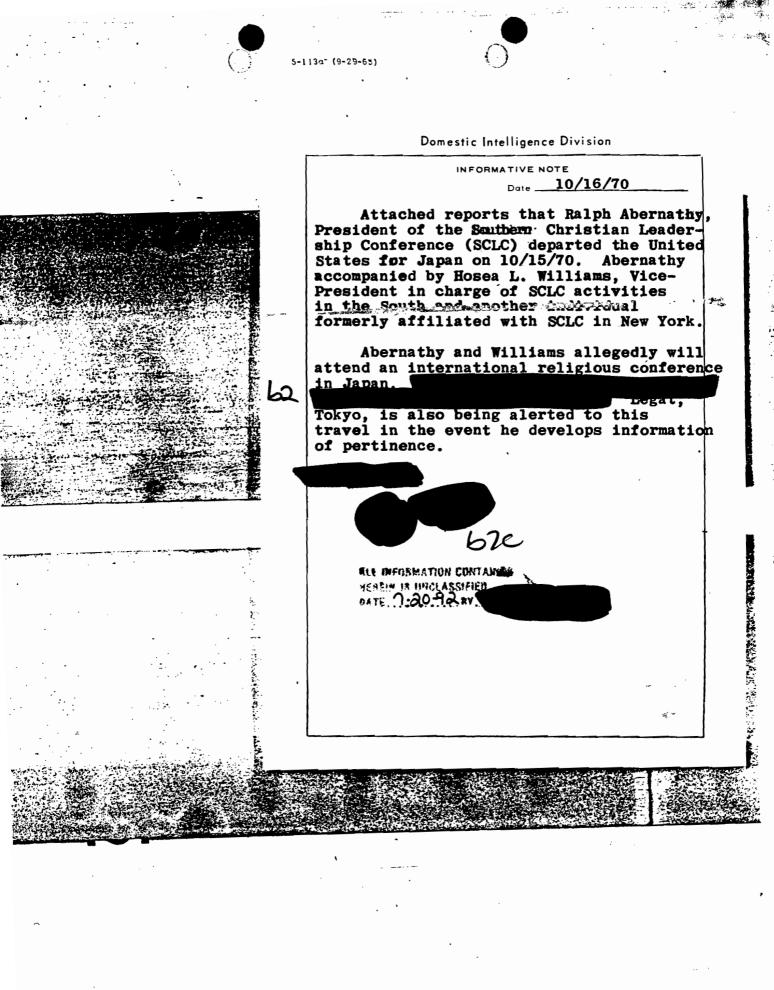
Abernathy and his organization have been more militant recently and we are particularly interested in any statements against the United States that he might make in Japan.

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A confidential source advised on October 15, 1970, he understood that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), departed the United States that date at Los Angeles. California. yia air en route to Japan

The October 20, 1970, evening edition of The Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta, Georgia, newspaper, on -Page 18A published an article datelined Kyoto, Japan, entitled "Abernathy Urges Nonviolent Revolt in Japan."

This article reflected Abernathy was currently attending "the World Conference on Religion and Peace." Abernathy, during an interview by United Press International

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on October 20, 1970, stated racism is the biggest problem facing the United States and the world. He was quoted as saying "Racism is our biggest problem, but the war, the Vietnam war, has also got to be stopped immediately."

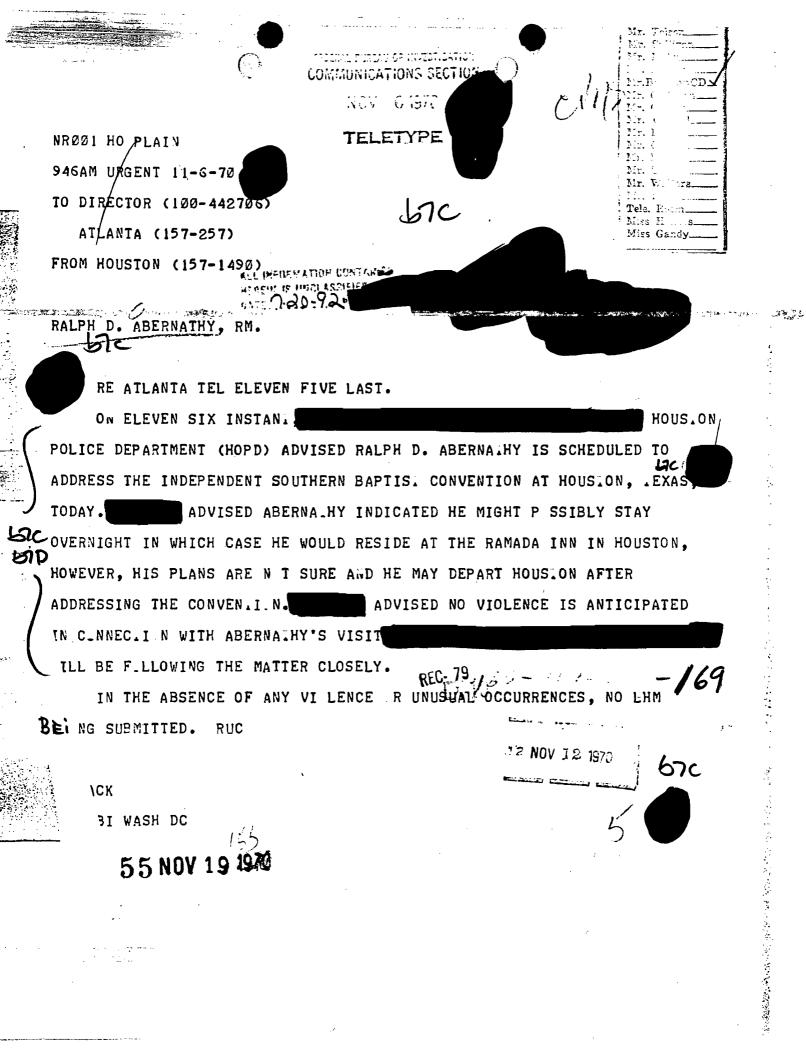
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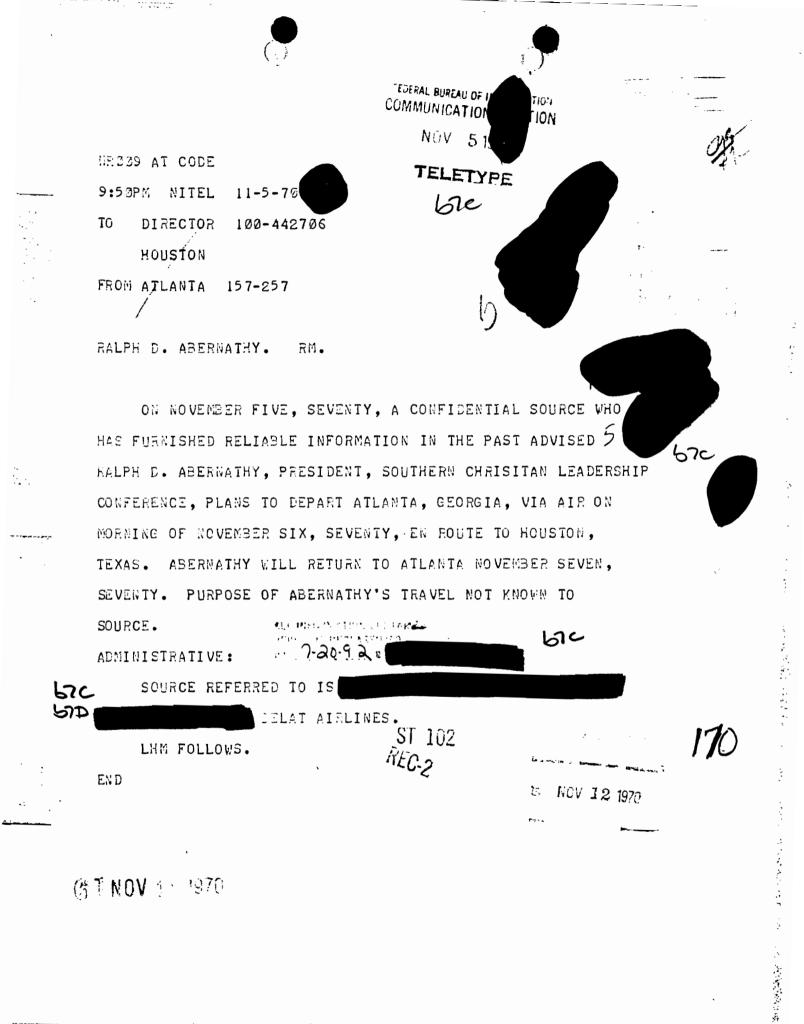
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GAINESVILLE. (UPI) -The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, urged University of Florida students last night to

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help carry out a non-violent revolution in America.

"The most desirable revolution, both morally and practically, is the non-violent revolution," the Rev. Abernathy told an audience of 1,300 students on the university campus. He was appearing as part of the "Accent '71" program Abernathy criticized Pres-

ident Nixon's attitude toward the race question.

"The President of the United, States is traveling around the world passing out moon rocks to heads of state when he ought to be traveling through Alabama, Florida and Georgia passing out loaves of bread for hungry Black children," the Rev. Abernathy said.

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From time immemorial wars have brought cruelties and miseries on mankind. The present war is so highly modernized and mechanized that the sufferings of women, children and innocent people are beyond description: human sufferings are the results of the development of science. The future war may take the form of forced horrible suicide of mankind.

Racial discrimination engenders fear and hate and forces people to fight each other. Billions of affluent white people of today are afraid of poor people. The world's poor colored people are indignant at the white people's apathetic, arrogant and selfish attitude toward colored people.

Only religion can unite disintegration and heal the corrupted human society. Only religion can expel the demons of racial discrimination from our society and human hearts and bring about brotherly love to our society. We cannot remain silent.

The world's affluent people, turning their backs on the poor people's sufferings, are desperate to hang on to their materialistic wealth. The sufferings of the poor people can be relieved only by distribution of wealth.

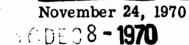
The principal reward from the materialistic losses incurred by a handful of wealthy people, who sacrificed a bit in order to help the poor people, will be the love of the poor people.

Our urgent task of today is to teach people that our anti-war effort is a part of the united struggle against poverty and racial discrimination.

The pressing questions facing us today are: What are the religious leaders, who gathered here from all over the world, going to do with the problems of racial discrimination and human poverty? How can we cultivate brotherly love effectively? How can we make

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p eace ? How can we fight against poverty? How can we dispel the devilish racial discrimination from our hearts, and social and cultural life.

Our task is very important. Our goals cannot be achieved with one single effort or resolution. However, the cold reality is that we have to do something right now. In order to accomplish our goals, we must make up our minds to face hardship, toil and sacrifice.

The first step toward our goals, I am sure, is to declare to the world--whole <u>aworld</u> that we have a "hope"; we will be able to overcome racial discrimination, poverty and war; our future is bright and hopeful.

It is true that despair and hopelessness are the main obstacles to the reformation of economic and political systems. Hopelessness crushes creative power. Distrust diminishes brotherly love.

The real role of religion is to expel obstacles, let the coward people speak loud, give new hopes to weakening hearts and implant fresh ideals on confused and tired brains.

The religion has a power to liberate people from antiquated prejudice. We, who gather here, realized the fact that the God's love, that is the basic source of religion, can overcome any obstacle and unite people. We saw at this meeting a hope in our hearts and love that will nourish our hungry souls.

Brothers and sisters.'! As I told you before, let us try to realize brotherly love and righteousness, which have been the dream from very early ages, by exerting our powers of souls.

We should talk with courage. Nevertheless, we should take great and he bold actions. I respectfully <u>propose</u> the following steps to be taken to promote world peace by us who represent the major religions.

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We should attend the United Nations meetings and make an appeal under the watchful eyes of the world to the world political

leaders for sincere international cooperation for the realization of peace with justice. The peace without justice is not real peace; the justice sweep off war, poverty, and racial discrimination.

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We should oppose and protest mass killings and racial discrimination with legal means; when I say mass killings, it means not only the mass killing of colored people but also, as stipulated in the United Nations chapter, the systematic extinction of whole or part of one race and the subtle exploitation and supression of the hungry people by the people who have a sense of their own superiority to other people.

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We should advise to the world's colored people not to take part in racial wars; at the same time we should strongly suggest to world's whitepeople to forsake the sense of speriority; it is irreverent and absurd that white people are superior because their skins happen to be white.

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We should appeal to world's major, religious leaders for international solidarity. We should warn, world's political and military leaders that religious teachers and good-natured people cannot remain silent any more against destruction, oppression and racial discrimination.

(5) We should encourage various religious leaders to contribute their financial resources, take more positive actions in speeches and deeds and make up their minds to sacrifice themselves in order to continue our religious life and to fight against racial discrimination, poverty and war. (6)

We should induce the people and leaders of the world that we are entitled to share not only the spiritual wealth of religion but also the materialistic wealth.

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I should like to emphasize one point that if all governments of the world should abandon their duties to bring about peace with justice, it would be religious peoples sacrenobligations to try to bring about peace with justice.

The point I am driving at today is to start a world revolution without violence. The revolutionary actions have no national boundaries. Our revolutionary action shall unite all good-natured people and religious people. Our revolutionary goals are to renounce war, sweep off poverty and repeal racial discrimination. Our revolution is aimed at letting the people to live as great religious creeds teach us how to live peacefully with brotherly love.

I appeal to you today for launching a new peace movement under the banner of non-violent revolution which will unite us with the poor and exploited people. Let us start poor people's movements in all countries.

As two resurrection cities were built recently in Chile, let us build resurrection cities where the poor people can secure their lands and create communized equal societies.

Let us expand our non-violent protests and struggles which were initiated by Gandhi of India, Martin Luther King, Jr. of the United States and Don Herode Camara (?) of Brazil.

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Let us spread our civil right movements human right movements and peace movements into all continents - all nations.

The comparatively little difference of our religious doctrines are insignificant. We, as the religious leaders, should work hand in hand for the cause of revolution.

Even if we cannot agree unanimously, we will be able to work in harmony; we, without split, are big enough to accept a variety of opinions. In the long run, we will be able to build a world society where there are no racial hates, suffering of oppression and poverty and war madness.

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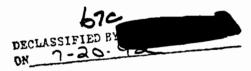
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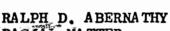
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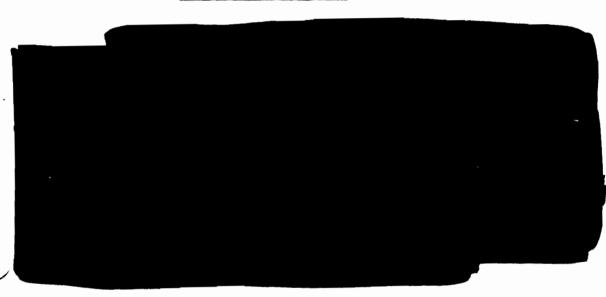
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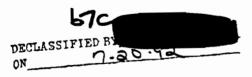
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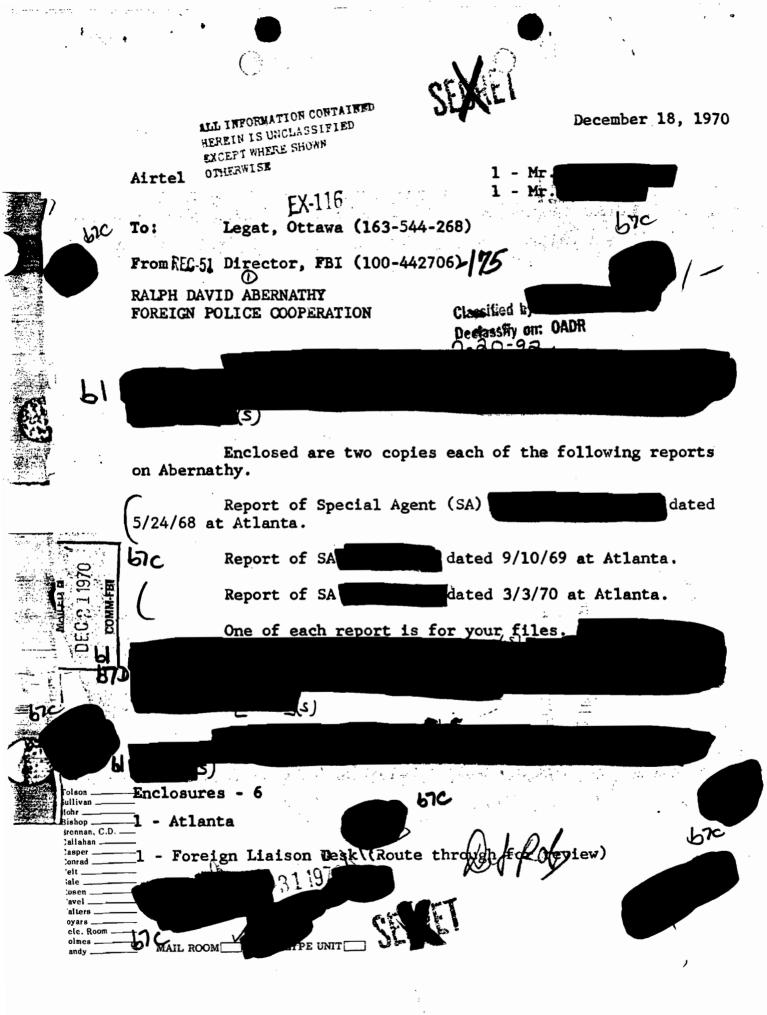
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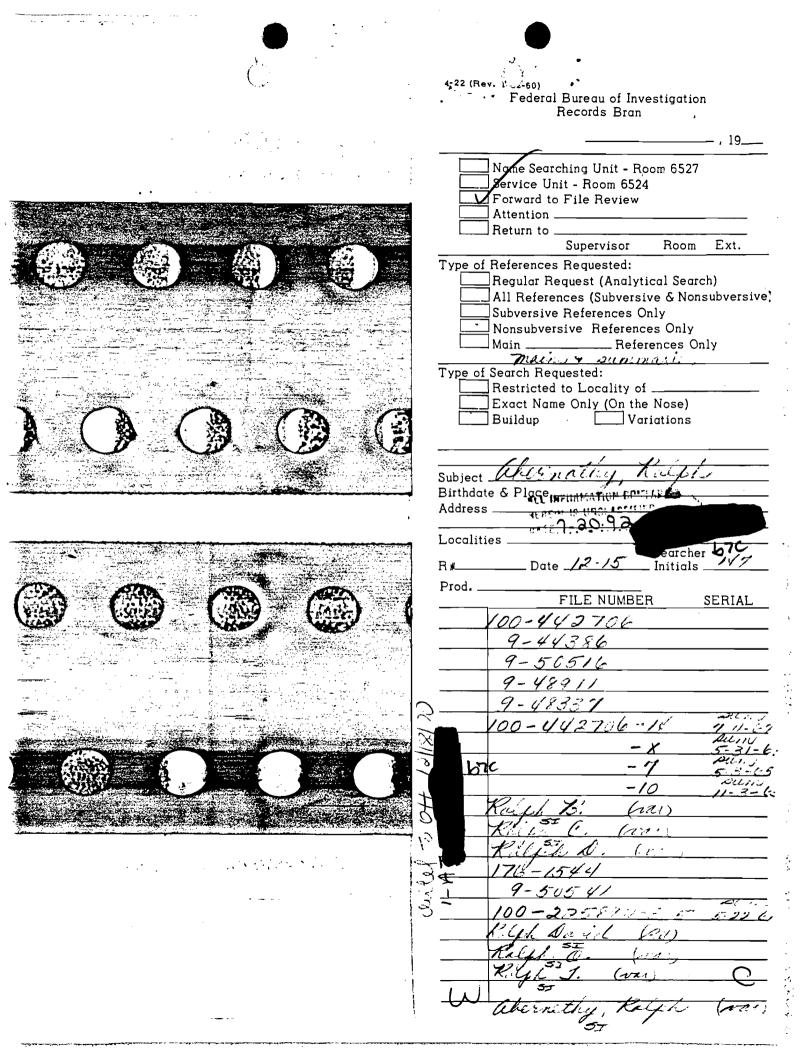
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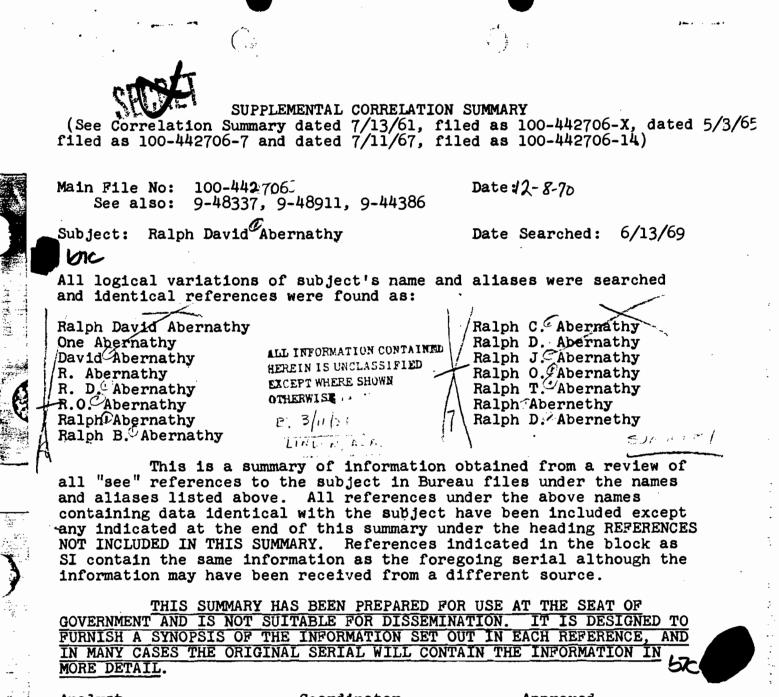
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CENEL	BREVIATIONS
Add. info	Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Ralph David Abernathy can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.
NMC	National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam
PD	Police Department
PPC	Poor Peoples Campaign
RC	Resurrection City
SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Ga.

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Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available three volumes that contained the names, addresses, identifying data and photographs of various individuals, including Ralph David Abernathy, who had been arrested or active during the demonstrations at Selma and Montgpmery, <u>Alabama</u> in 1965.

> Volumes enclosed 157-7782-165 encl. p.53 (38)

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advised that Ralph Abernathy, Vice Chairman of the SCLC and of the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) (62-111181), was scheduled to replace James Bevel as the principal speaker at a public rally on 4/8/67, Cobo Hall, Detroit. This rally was included in the schedule of events for "Vietnam Week-April 8 to 15, 1967", on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit, <u>Michigan</u>, for the purpose of raising funds to help subsidize transportation for the people from Detroit, who planned to participate in the mass anti Vietnam rally in NYC, on 4/15/67.

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This reference identified Bevel as a National Sponsor of the

SMC.



62-111181-405 encl. p.1 (2) SI 105-138315-6317 p.27,28 (8) (Rally held-Abernathy failed to appear.)

Ralph Abernathy was one of the dignitaries who attended the anti-Vietnam rally in <u>NYC</u>, on  $\frac{4}{15}/67$ , which was sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (62-111181). (Source not clear).

62-111181-818 encl. p.38

This reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Louisville area as of 5/10/67 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy had been in Louisville, <u>Ky</u>. in connection with the passing of an open housing ordinance there. (No details set out.)

> 157-6-27-730 encl. p.35 (10)

On 8/6/67, in Atlanta, Bureau Agents observed Ralph Abernathy address a session of Hiroshima Day-a South Wide Weekend to End the War in Vietnam August 5 and 6, 1967 (100-447969), which was sponsored by the Atlanta Alliance for Peace (Not identified).

> 100-447969-1 encl. p.5 (8) SI 176-63-19 p.3 (17) SI 105-138315-6836 encl. p.3,4 (8) SI 105-138315-6966 encl. p.3 (8) SI 105-138315-7006 encl. p.1 (8)

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The following references on Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, disclosed that during the approximate period March, 1967 through 10/20/67 served as a co-chairman of the NMC (62-111181).

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 62-111181-979 p.9
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 -A "Evening Star", Washington.10/20/67
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 100-432867-6 encl. p.6
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 105-138315-6210 p.90
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The 10/11/67 issue of the "Washington News" published an article entitiled "The Oct. 21 March," by Ray Cromley, which pertained to the 10/21/67 March on the Pentagon\*to protest the Vietnam war. Though advertised as an anti-Vietnam war demonstration, the leadership of the March, including Ralph Abernathy of the civil rights movement, was composed of men primarily with other axes to grind. The individuals had scheduled this take over of the Pentagon for a week-end which was prime time for TV newscasts and the big Sunday editions of the newspapers.

> 105,138315-A "Washington News" 10/11/67 (8)

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out information pertaining to an arrest warrant issued 10/19/67, by the 10th Circuit Court of Alabama, for the arrest of Ralph Abernathy and other ministers to serve a five-day sentence for contempt of court, upon failure to pay a \$50.00 fine imposed by the court on 4/26/63. On 10/30/67 Abernathy and others were arrested and served four days of their sentence in the Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, being released on 11/3/67. On the date of his release from jail Abernathy addressed a meeting at the Tabernacle Church, Birmingham and on 11/4/67 departed for Atlanta.

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157-6-4-2751 encl. p.1 -2784 encl. p.1,2 (Arrest warrant set out) -2785 p.1,2 -2822 encl. p.1 -2828 encl. p.1,2 -2829 encl. p.1 The 1/20/68 issue of "The Evening Star," Washington, DC, published an article datelined Saigon which was entitled "15 Churchmen Visit Saigon, Ask Bomb Halt." These clerical leaders, including Ralph Abernathy of the SCLC, were spending four days in <u>South Viet</u>nam as a stop on a world tour following the First Interreligious Symposium on Peace at New Delhi. After surveying the Vietnam war they urged President Johnson to halt the bombing of North Vietnam and de-escalate the ground war in the South.

> 105-138315-A "The Evening Star" (Washington) (8) 1/20/68

610 / Inspectional Bureau, Memphis, Tenn., PD, advised that on 3/18/68 Martin Luther King\* spoke at a sanitation workers strike support rally in memphis. King was accompanied by Ralph Abernathy and other SCLC staff members.

> 157-6-28-1350 p.2 (10)

\*President of the SCLC

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670 And that on 3/19/68 Ralph Abernathy, Vice President at Large, SCLC, was in Memphis to confer with Negro ministers masterminding strike support activity for the sanitation workers strike which was going on in Memphis. (No details set out.)

> 157-6-28-1345 p.1 (28)

The reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Memphis area as of 4/3/68 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer, SCLC, and other SCLC leaders from Atlanta, were supporting the sanitation workers strike in Memphis.

> 157-6-28-1443 encl. p.7 (28)



following references in the file captioned "Cominfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information pertaining to the civil rights activities of Ralph Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, of this organization, which was based in Atlanta, during the period 8/1/66 through 4/4/68. Abernathy was closely associated with the SCLC President, Martin Luther King, Jr. and served as his aide and personal advisor. He traveled to various cities with King or as his representative in connection with SCLC business and he coordinated SCLC conferences, programs and demonstrations. Abernathy was in Memphis on 4/4/68 at the time King was assassinated.

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On 4/8/68 Ralph David Abernathy was interviewed regarding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Memphis, on 4/4/68(44-38861). He stated that he was Vice President at Large and Treasurer of the SCLC and King's closest associate. He was not on the Balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting, but he arrived immediately following the shot and he accompanied King in the ambulance to the hospital. He was unable to suggest any suspects or to provide any information which might assist in identifying King's killer. (Interview set out.)

On 4/12/68 during an interview with Marrell McCullough, Memphis, who was at the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting and immediately ran to the aid of King, recalled that Abernathy relieved him of applying pressure with a towel to the wound of King.



44-38861-2322 p.46,48,49 (18,39)

This reference is a letter dated 4/10/68 from Sara F. Jones, P.O. Box 18576, Boston, Mass. which offered suggestions on how to determine the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. In this letter she asked. "Did Ralph Abernathy stand aside until he was shot?"

A pencil notation appearing on this reference stated that no acknowledgement was necessary. Jones was to be interviewed.

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44-38861-496 p.3

The following references in the file captioned "Sanitation Workers Strike" set out the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, during the period 3/18/68 through 4/16/68, in connection with his support of the striking city sanitation workers in Memphis. He made several speeches which were militant in nature despite the fact that he repeatedly called for "nonviolence" and he held a press conference. The SCLC support of the sanitation workers began before the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68in Memphis. King had been assisted in his duties by Abernathy, then Vice President of the SCLC.

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157-9146-X39 encl. p.1,2
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The following references on Ralph Abernathy appear in the main file of Martin Luther King, Jr. These references set out the associations, contacts and activities of the two men in connection with their duties as officers of the SCLC, during the period 8/9/66 through 4/4/68, on which date King was assassinated. These men traveled together in the US in connection with SCLC business and they contemplated a pleasure trip to Europe. They were also good friends and Abernathy had served as a personal advisor to King. Abernathy was King's successor as President of the SCLC and as of 4/22/68 he was attempting to execute the existing SCLC programs that would carry out King's ideals.

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100-106670-2828 p.13,15 -2853 p.1 encl. p.1 -2943 encl. p.2 -3091 encl. p.3 -3094 encl. p.3 -3136 encl. p.1,2,5A -3141 encl. p.1 -3245 X encl. p.1 -3261 encl. p.3-7,9 -3278 p.1,2 -3380 encl. p.1 -3402 encl. p.2,3

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This reference set forth a summary of racial developments that took place on 4/29/68, which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, and approximately 150 regional leaders of the PPC met with A.G. Ramsey Clark, in Washington, <u>DC</u>, to demand enforcement of civil rights statutes.

157**-6-133**7 p.1

This reference set out information pertaining to general racial activities in the Atlanta area as of 5/3/68 which disclosed that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC, was one of the leaders of these activities. (No details set out)

> 157-6-2-2444 encl. p.19 (27)

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(9-48047) (protect identity) made available a letter postmarked 5/3/68, at NYC, which was sent to him. The letter was signed "Tupti" and contained obscene language in referring to the PPC which was being conducted in Washington, DC. The writer in protesting the campaign alleged Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, and a Jesse Evans were Negro racists who hate "White America." The letter closed with the statement, "Warning, I am going to Washington, DC to kill niggers",

> 9-48047-4 encl. p.1 (21)

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67 C 67 D (protect identity) advised that on 5/5/68 (105-142803) attended a press conference given by Ralph Abernathy, at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson.

105-142803-34 encl. p.2



On 5/17/68 a Bureau employee furnished a copy of an undated circular which had been placed on cars in Charlotte, NC. On the printed side of this circular was a stamped notation, "all donations to help keep America free from Communist dictatorship will be deeply appreciated. Write Confederate Knights, Ku Klux Klan, P.O. Box 12351, Charlotte, NC 28205." On the front of this circular was printed a message which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy had boasted publicly that he would turn this nation upside down and shake America as it had never been shaken before. He had vowed to bring the white people to their knees. On the reverse side of the circular was a drawing of a "Communist Black Power Monster", which included Abernathy. (Circular set out in this reference.)

> 157-9633-19 p.50,51 (15)

Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, advised that on 5/22/68 Ralph Abernathy addressed the convention of the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace (100-448287) at the Shoreham. It was the understanding that Abernathy, as a result of this address, had been able to raise approximately \$20,000 for the PPC from the businessmen assembled at the convention.

The 5/23/68 edition of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" carried an article entitled "Businessmen Ask War Spending Cut" which pertained to the above convention and the address given by Abernathy.

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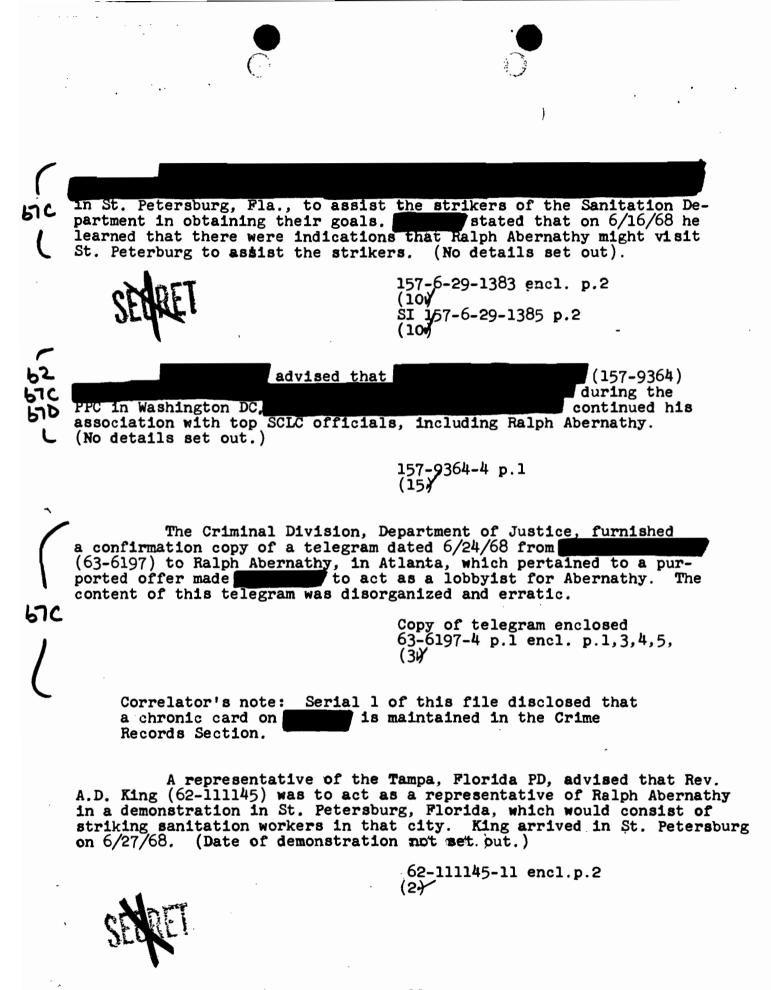
This reference identified Levison as being a secret member of the CP, USA, in July, 1963.

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(100-448154) This reference in the set out the contacts between and Ralph D. Abernathy and their activities during the period May 27-29, 1968 in Washington, DC, in connection with the PPC. They participated together in several demonstrations protesting hunger and poverty in minority groups in American. Individuals associated with the PPC were allegedly dissatisfied with the leadership given the campaign by the SCLC and Abernathy. 100-448154-45 p.3-9 (27J) This reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Washington, DC area as of 6/5/68 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President and leader of the PPC, spoke on 5/29/68 at the John Wesley AME Zion Church, on matters concerning the PPC. Included was information pertaining to complaints, by PPC participants, about the leadership of Abernathy and the fact that he was not residing at RC with the other participants. 157-6-53-1492 encl. p.3,6,79 This reference in the file (105-127538) set out the contacts and activities of Ralph Abernathy and during the period 5/17/68 through 5/8/68 in connection with the PPC, which was held in Washington, DC. 105-127538-200 p.23,25,26,29,32,33,40,44 (8,27)

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The following references in the file captioned "anti-Violence Statements By Negroes of Prominence" set out statements, excepted from Washington, DC, and Atlanta, newspapers, which were made by Ralph D. Abernathy in support of non-violence in the civil rights movement during the period 4/5/68 through 6/28/68.

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157-9342-2 encl. p.1-3 -62 encl. p.1



The 7/10/68 issue of "New Times," a weekly journal of world affairs, published in the USSR, carried an article entitled "People in the News-Ralph D. Abernathy," which disclosed that Abernathy was arrested in Washington, DC, on 6/25/68 during the destruction of "Resurrection City". Background information set out.

> Publications-Alphabetical Section "New Times" 7/10/68 p.20 (29)

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advised that on 7/21/68 Stanley Levison (not identified) informed that that Ralph D. Abernathy had requested (not identified) to obtain an invitation for Mrs. Abernathy to an important women's conference to be held in NYC. Levison explained that Abernathy considered his wife to be the "first lady" of civil rights instead to be the Levison counseled for not to allow herself or her staff to become dependent upon the SCLC because this would give Abernathy the opportunity to tell her what to do.

> 62-1080-52-35 p.2 (21)

advised that on 7/28/68 a person identified as (believed to be advised that on 7/28/68 a person identified vison, 100-392452) informed Levison that he had seen an old friend of Levison's whose name was advised of CP USA Among other things in inquired about the SCLC, and wanted to know if Levison knew the situation "down there since Martin (Luther King) is not around. You know." I inquired how the session was with Ralph D. (Abernathy, possibly a Research Committee meeting at the Americana Hotel, NYC, on Just 25). Levison answered that it was very complicated, a difficult situation that has to do with the nature of the staff and the nature of the mistakes that were made. In answer to a question about a chance of correcting these mistakes, Levison stated that this was what was complicated because there was a difficult situation

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with the staff and you have a certain demoralization and lack of capacity in "him" (Abernathy). He added that "they" (the SCLC) never have had more money than they have and less ability to use it.

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The following references in the file captioned "Démonstrations at the National Republican Convention, Miami, <u>Florida</u>, August 5-10, 1968," set out the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with these demonstrations during the period 7/31/68 through 8/7/68 in Miami. He was scheduled to appear before the Convention Platform Committee's Sub-Committee on Human Rights to present the issue of the poor people and he was scheduled to speak at a Black Mass Rally. He led a group of SCLC members and PPC participants to the Fountainbleau Hotel where they milled around the hotel lobby and where Abernathy reiterated information he had previously furnished during a press conference to the effect that the SCLC mule train would come to the hotel and they would proceed from there to the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

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157-9760-30 encl. p.1 -43 p.1 -46 encl. p.2 -48 p.2 -70 encl. p.1,2 -106 p.1 -125 p.5 -204 encl. p.1 -214 encl. p.1,2 -219 encl. p.2

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out the activities and contacts of Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, in connection with his appearance on 7/31/68 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he addressed a rally in support of striking sanitation workers there. On 8/7/68 Abernathy was interviewed by the press at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., at which time he stated that he would return to St. Petersburg the following week.

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157-6-64-1906 encl. p.13-15,17,18 -1917 encl. p.1-3 -1918 encl. p.1-5 -1927 encl. p.2 (11) (11) (11,29)



## a National Basketball Association All Star Game in Philadelphia, <u>Pa</u>. This was a benefit game sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the SCLC.

157-6-37-3152 encl. p.1 (10)

On 8/17/68 and a Memphis PD Undercover Agent Memphis, Tennessee (protect identity) advised that the Invaders completely disrupted the final day of the SCLC Annual Convention which was held in Memphis by threatening to stop the convention unless the SCLC paid them \$300,000 which the Invaders claimed the late Martin Luther King, Jr., had promised them. SCLC Vice President, Andrew Young, bought them off by giving them a check for \$500.00 drawn on the SCLC account. (Date of convention not set out.)

vention the SCLC President, Ralph Abernathy, said "The Invaders can be sure that every promise made to them by Martin Luther King and the SCLC will be carried out by Ralph David Abernathy. If we go up together we're certainly going to go down together." (No date set out.)

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information similar to that set out above. (No date set out.)

This reference identified the Invaders, consisting mostly of high school dropouts, as a cell of the Black Organizing Project, Memphis (BOP). BOP's purpose was to stimulate in the young Negroes a sense of black identity, black pride and black consciousness.

> 157-8415-28-7 p.24,34 (11,41)

The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, August, 1968," set out the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC in connection with these demonstrations during the period 8/23/68 through 8/28/68 in Chicago. He was leader of the "Poor Peoples March" which was sponsored by the SCLC. He did not want disturbances or violence and advised his staff to stay away from the hippies and fippies in Lincoln Park. The SCLC demonstrators were to be recruited from Chicago Negroes. He addressed a group at Grant Park. Abernathy was listed as working with the NMC; however, his group was not to participate in NMC demonstrations.

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Abernathy reportedly made a press release in NYC, during early June, 1968 that if the SCLC demands were not met in the Washington, DC, PPC, the SCLC would demonstrate at the Democratic Convention. It was determined that this release was made by James Orange, an SCLC official from Philadelphia and indirectly attributed to Abernathy.

On the night racial disturbances in Miami, Florida, occured during the Republican Convention, Abernathy appeared on television in an effort to calm the Negroes. (No date set out.)

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157-8589-157 encl. p.1 -249 encl. p.23 -262 encl. p.1 -526 encl. p.3 -708 encl. p.2 -903 encl. p.1 -1176 p.4 -1480 p.1 -1608 encl. p.1 -1684 encl. p.6 SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER



(157-8249) furnished information regarding his activities from 8/21/68 through 8/31/68 (dates of the Democratic National Convention). The stated that on 8/28/68 he participated in the "Poor People's March" which took place in downtown Chicago, and terminated in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel. At this point a rally was held with Ralph Abernathy and comedian Dick Gregory both speaking.

> 157-8249-5 encl. p.5 (11)

\* advised that during the Democratic National Convention on 8/29/68 in Chicago, she attended a rally held by the "Student Mobilization Committee" (not identified) in Grant Park. During this rally she heard speeches made by Ralph Abernathy, Rennard Davis (176-51) and others.

> 176-51-99 p.22 (17)

\*Probably Chicago.



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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstration at Balbo Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 8/28/68", which was held in protest of candidates, and the platform of the Democratic Convention disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, head of the SCLC, participated in this demonstration. He accompanied the mule drawn wagons of the "Poor Peoples' March" which were allowed to pass through the police line, that was between the Hilton Hotel and the demonstrators. Abernathy, after passing through the police line was returning to speak with the demonstrators when suddenly the crowd surged toward the police, who met them with swift aggressive action. During the morning of 8/29/68 in front of the Hilton, Abernathy spoke to several demonstrators, and during his speech someone asked what about Daly,\* and Abernathy stated "sock it to him baby," which made the crowd go wild.

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44-40353-162 p.558,708,709,718,768,772,788,817 864,865,925,1147,1148. -243 p.268,269,275,276,347, -331 p.10

\*Mayor Daly of Chicago

The 9/11/68 issue of "The Evening Star", Washington DC, published an article entitled "Abernathy, Trash Men to March Despite Court," which quoted David Abernathy as saying that he would 'lead Atlanta's striking garbage men in demonstrations despite a court injunction ordering the men back to work.

> 157-6-2-A "Evening Star" (47) 9/11/68

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The 10/15/68 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" published an article entitled "Black Coalition Sets Support Terms" by Robert C. Maynard, which pertained to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry (100-450753), a black political group. This meeting was held in Gary, <u>Ind.</u>, October 12-14,1968, for the purpose of advising the Negro voter how to vote in the forthcoming Presidential election.\* Ralph David Abernathy, a member of this committee, was in attendance at this meeting.

> 100-450753-A "Washington Post and (40) Times Herald" 10/15/68 SI 100-450753-A "The Monitor" 10/\$/68 (47)

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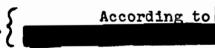
furnished information concerning events he observed during his coverage of the Democratic National Convention in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel. On 8/28/68 immediately following the time that the Poor Peoples March, led by Ralph Abernathy, had passed through the police line, maintained between the demonstrators and the Hilton, the heard the words "Charge em!" This was shouted through the bull horn

The 11/13/68 issue of the "Curier-Post", Camden, N.J., carried 61C an article entitled "Benny Ortiz Back in Class", by Stephen Allen, which disclosed that Ortiz had been coordinator with the PPC in Washington, DC. 610 during which time he became a good friend of Abernathy.

> 157-11341-7 p.8,10 (16)

(protect identity), advised that the Black United Student, Kent State University (157-11999) were responsible for demonstrations on the KSU campus. The stated that on 11/15/68 a rumor was circulated that possibly Ralph Abernathy would visit the campus the coming weekend. (No details set out.)

> 157-11999-6 encl. p.2 (16) SI 157-11999-1 p.1 (16)



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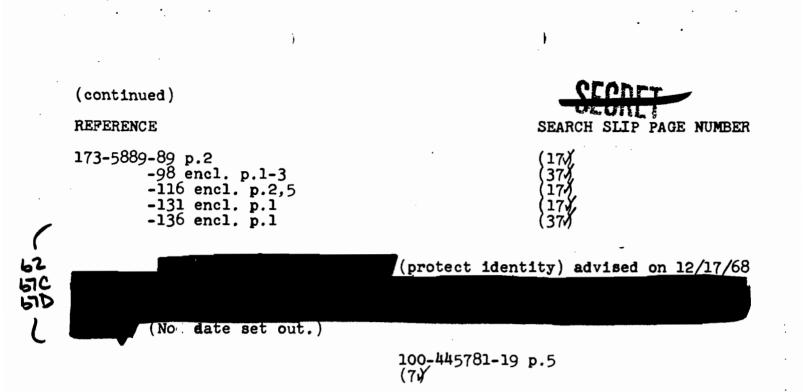
157-6-8-2722 encl. p.3 (41)

The following references in the file captioned "Desegregation of Public Schools Hyde County, North Carolina " set out information pertaining to the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with his interest in having the SCLC participate in the Hyde County School situation. Abernathy's interest in this situation was largely due to the fact that the SCLC was not, during this period, engaged in any other activity. On 11/26/68 he spoke at a meeting in Swan Quarter, N.C., and claimed that the full resources of the SCLC were behind Hyde County activities. He called for total integration, both schools and faculty, and stated that he would call for one hundred per cent walk out of Negro teachers. Abernathy rambled in his speech and took pills from two different bottles before his speech and then during his speech he claimed  $\epsilon$ previous virus and stated the medication made him dopey. This information covered the period 11/15/68 through 12/11/68.

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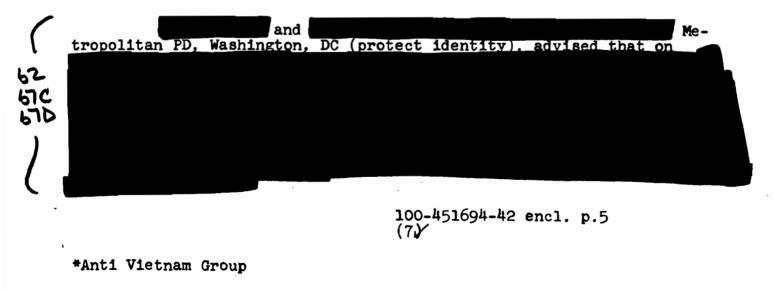
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> An article appearing in the 1/4/69 issue of "The Washington Post" reported that Ralph Abernathy was one of the speakers invited to address a "conference on the movement" to be held January 18-19,1969 at Washington City College, Washington, DC. This conference was to include workshops dealing with anti-war and radical programs and was sponsored by the NMC. The NMC and other anti-war groups were attempting to obtain a permit for Demonstrations During Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies, Washington, DC Janyary 19-20, 1969 (100-451694).

> > 100-451694-188 encl. p.2 (7)



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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence: In Racial Matters"disclosed information pertaining to CP penetration and influence in racial organizations. During the period 10/30/66 through 1/27/69 Ralph D. Abernathy, who had served as Vice-President, Treasurer, and President of the SCLC, was in contact with SCLC business. Levison acted as an advisor and consultant to the leadership of the SCLC, and Wachtel was Executive Director of the American Foundation on Nonviolence, a "tax arm" of the SCLC. Approximately November, 1968 Jack O'Dell, Associate Manager, "Freedomways" which was set up by the CP, was appointed as an aide to Abernathy. Allegedly the CP was not satisfied with the leadership of Abernathy and because of this financial contributions to the SCLC had-been small. Abernathy attended an SCLC Conference at Warrenton, <u>Va</u>, from September 12-17,1967, which was also attended by Levison and Wachtel.

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Sylvester, Georgia, PD, advised that on 2/22/69 Ralph David Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, Atlanta, and other ranking officials of the SCLC, led a parade and demonstration in Sylvester. This affair climaxed a series of racial demonstrations that had been going on in Sylvester, for a period of two months.

> 44-41792-3 encl. p.1 (39)

The following references in the file captioned "Boycott by Negro Students, J.W. Holly High School Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia", set out information partaining to the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with a protest march held 2/22/69 in Sylvester. Abernathy was one of the leaders of this march and spoke to the crowd gathered at the Worth County Courthouse. This march which protested the arrest of a 14-year old girl, who had been committed to a juvenile detention home, was sponsored by civil rights, labor, religious, and student organizations



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including the SCLC. This information covered the period 2/20/69 through 2/22/69.

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(protect identity) furnished a copy of an undated leaflet entitled "Heah Come De Reverend..." which was distributed by the National Socialist White Peoples Party (105-70374), 2507 North Franklin Road, Arlington, Va. This was "hate literature" which related to Ralph David Abernathy and described him as the "Sleazy Proprietor of Last Year's Ill-famed 'Insurrection City'".

> Leaflet enclosed 105-70374-5583 encl. p.3,4 (41) SI 105-70374-5580 encl. p.1 (41)

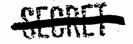
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Memphis, advised that they were concerned over the possibilities of massive demonstrations on 4/4/69, commemorating the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In this regard it was noted that Ralph Abernathy, had stated in Atlanta, that the SCLC did not plan to lead any massive demonstrations on 4/4/69. However, he suggested that local people connected with the SCLC should remember this day with some type of commemorative activity. (No date set out.)

> 157-6-28-1552 p.3 (10)

The following references in the file captioned "Commemoration of the Death of Martin Luther King" set out information pertaining to the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with the proposed program of the SCLC to engage the nation in commemoration and re-commitment of the ideals of the late Martin Luthe King, Jr., former SCLC President. It was reported that Abernathy would visit Pittsburgh, Pa., Raleigh, NC and Selma, Ala. This information covered the period 3/11/69 through 4/5/69.



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On 4/5/69 and the community Relations and Internal Security Bureau, Montgomery PD, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that Ralph David Abernathy, during a conference with President Levi Watkins, Alabama State College, Montgomery, pertaining to student demonstrations at the school, requested amnesty for the students who were protesting. Abernathy also requested that some of the buildings on campus be renamed for some of the Negro leaders. The stated that he had received the impression that these requests were made more for a show for the benefit of fellow SCLC representatives who were with Abernathy at the time of the conference. (Date of conference not set out.)

> 62-112228-61-11 p.1 (39)

This reference set out the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with the Peace Mobilization. April 4-6,1969 (62-112785), in Atlanta, which was held in commemoration of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, of the SCLC. On 4/6/69 Abernathy led a march, made two speeches and led a prayer, all of which were in favor of continuing the work of King in relation to the end of the Vietnam War, and the elimination of racism and poverty in American Society.

> 62-112785-58 encl.p.2,5-7 (21) SI 62-112785-44 encl. p.2 (3)

others were arrested in Charleston, <u>SC</u>, while demonstrating on behalf of Negro hospital workers who were attempting to organize a union at the Medical College Hospital and Medical College of South Carolina. Following the arrest of Abernathy, the immediate reaction of the SCIC was that the arrestees would not accept bail.

62-112228-2-21 encl. p.1

On 4/26/69 Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson, of the SCLC, Atlanta, together with George Payton, Charleston, SC, Attorney, met with Ralph D. Abernathy at the Charleston County Jail. (No details set out, source not identified.)

> 62-112228-66-14 p.1 (21)

On 5/6/69 Ralph D. Abernathy held a press conference in Charleston, SC, during which he referred to SCLC activity<sup>×</sup> scheduled to take place in Charleston on 5/11/69. (Source not set out.)

157-6-2-2704 encl. p.2 (28)

\*Pertaining to the strike of hospital workers.

This reference in the file Student Agitation-General (62-112228) disclosed that Agitation continued at Montgomery, Alabama, to demand that the President of Alabama State College be fired. A March, to be led by Ralph D. Abernathy, was scheduled for 5/9/69 from the college to the State Capitol. A Faculty Committee had been formed at the College to ask for the resignation of its President. (No details set out, source not indicated)

> 62-112228-273 p.2 (21)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out the activities and contacts of Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, in Charleston, SC, during the period 4/21/69 through 5/21/69 in connection with the strike of non-professional hospital workers in this area. In connection with the SCLC support of the efforts to organize a union for these employees Abernathy became active in this civil disobedience campaign. He made speeches and led demonstrations. He was arrested on 4/26/69 in violation of a court order which pertained to picketing and remained in custody until 5/2/69.

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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information pertaining to the civil rights activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, which was based in Atlanta, during the period 4/5/68 through 5/21/69. Abernathy was Martin Luther King's successor as President of this group and endeavored to execute an SCLC program that would carry out King's ideals. Because of a lack of confidence in his abilities and fear that he would be ignored by the press, Abernathy jeopardized the administration of the SCLC in favor of his public image. Stanley Levison, secret CP member in 1963 and an SCLC advisor, castigated Abernathy for this and counseled him on how to run the organization. He participated in SCLC sponsored affairs that were held in various cities, including the PPC in Washington, DC, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the Republican National Convention, Miami. In addition to his duties with the SCLC, Abernathy also served as pastor of the West Hunter St., Baptist Church, Atlanta.

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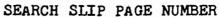
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out affairs pertaining to the civil rights movement in which Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, participated or planned to participate:

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3/15/67	Louisville, Ky.			(9)
3/29/67		Spoke at rall of the suppor ters of an op housing ordin	en	p.3 (8)
3/29/67		Spoke at a rally of sup- porters for an open hou-	encl. p.7	(9)
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3/30/67		In charge of contributions at a meeting of supporters for an openin housing ordin	ag	(9)
5/11/67	۰. ۲	Led demonstra and spoke at meeting of op housing suppo ters.	encl. p.2,3	(10)
9/21/67	Montgomery, Ala.	Spoke at an open meeting regarding the racial situa- tion in Mont- gomery.	-	(11)
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4/4/68	Memphis, Tenn.	Conference with Memphis SCLC leaders over course of action as to violence non-violence Memphis,	or	(11)
4/5/68		Led a march in sympathy to the death of Martin Luther King,		
4/8/68		Planned to lead a march of striking sanitation workers. (background information set out.)	157-6-2-2428 p.5,6	(9 <b>/</b> 27 <b>/</b> )
4/8/68	•	participate in a parade and spoke at City Hall Plaza in Memory of Martin Luthe King, Jr.	_	(28)
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5/24-26/68	Philadelphia, Pa.	Scheduled to be the prin- cipal speake at a confer- ence on "Ra- cism in Edu- cation".	157-6-37-2985 encl. p.1 r	(10)
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7/26/68	Peoria, Ill.	Spoke be- fore the North Cen- tral Con- ference of United Me- thodists.	157-6-52-1631 p.1	(41)
8/7/68	Miami, Fla.	Scheduled to speak at a "Black Mass Rally".	157-6-29-1487 encl. p.2	(10)
8/13/68	Jacksonville, Fla.	Rumored that Abernathy planned to participate in a memo- rial parade and service for Thomas Felix, Negro.	157-6-61-2069 encl. p.1,2	(11)
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9/10/68	Atlanta, Ga.	Meeting and demonstration in support of striking sand tation worker (arrested).	L- rs.	(28)
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3/11/69	Washington, DC	Reportedly would par- ticipate in a march.	157-6-1928 p.1,2	(27)
3/19/69	Mobile, Ala.	Flanned to lead a pro- test march during the Junior Miss Pageant for the purpose of having a black man placed on the administrative staff of the Municipal Aud	7e	(114)
4/8/69	Birmingham, Ala.	Opened second Chapter of th PPC, to be fo cused in Ala.	)-	(41)
			-3025 p.1	(28)
5/6/69	Mobile, Ala.	If needed would par- ticipate in demonstration at the Junior Miss Pageant which had bee documented as a racist affa by civil righ groups.	in in ir	(11)
5/13/69	Zebulon, Ga.	Planned to sp at a demonstr <b>tion</b> which wa a protest re- garding shhoo matters.	18	(28)
5/29/69	Charleston, SC	Spoke (no details set out.)	157-6-1969 p.1,4	(27 <b>)</b>
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A patrolman with the Chicago PD, working as an Undercover Officer (protect identity), furnished information regarding Disturbances In Connection With the Democratic National Convention (176-1410). On 8/4/68 during a meeting of the NMC, in Highland Park, Ill., where plans were being made for their demonstrations during the convention, it was announced by Dave Dellinger, also a subject in this file, that Ralph Abernathy was working with the NMC. However, the blacks did not plan to participate in NMC demonstrations in Chicago.

> 176-1410-396 p.16 (17)

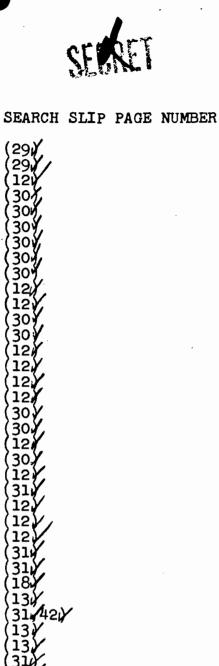
The following references in the file captioned "Washington Spring Project" aka "The Poor People's Campaign" set out information pertaining to the contacts and activities of Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, in connection with this project which was sponsored by the SCLC, in Washington, DC. The campaign was the ori-ginal idea of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., deceased president of the SCLC, with Abernathy acting as his aide. King desired to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro and other minority groups. Abernathy visited several cities where he solicited the cooperation of the clergy, support from civil rights groups and recruited demonstrators. He also visited southern communities in order to generate interest in this project. He was assigned, by King, as area supervisor in charge of recruitment of demonstrators in Baltimore, Newark and Washington, DC. Following the death of King on Werk Gerse 4/4/68 Abernathy became president of the SCLC and continued with the plans of this campaign as a memorial to King. On 4/29/68 Abernathy initiated the PPC and for several days he and other PPC representatives presented their demands to Congress and other Government agencies. During the campaign he led militant unruly demonstrations, made speeches that contained inflamatory statements, held news conferences and attanded a Senate Committee Hearing on hunger. On 6/24/68 when the PPC ended Abernathy and others were arrested during a demonstration. Abernathy was sentenced to 20 days in the DC Jail during which period he went on a hunger strike. He did not remain in Washington during the complete campaign. He traveled to various US cities to launch the contingent caravans of participants that were to travel to Washington and attended SCLC fund raising rallies. The campaign participants resided in a temporary community known as RC which offered poor living condi-Some residents were disgusted with Abernathy because he did tions. not reside at RC. Following the close of the PPC Abernathy and other SCLC leaders remained in Washington for a time to determine if the PPC should be continued here. It was decided that the problems of the poor people be presented to the national convention of both the Democratic and Republican parties. Abernathy led the second phase of the PPC which was held in Washington during the period 5/12/69 through 5/16/69, at which time discussions were held with Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members and other prominent individuals. A lack of planning and leadership was evident in this activity as in previous affairs arranged by Abernathy. This information covered the period 2/2/68 through 8/17/69. (continued) (continued) ULUINE

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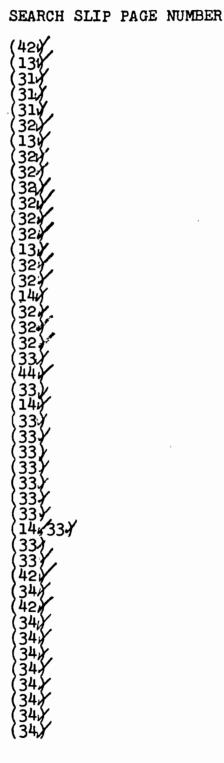


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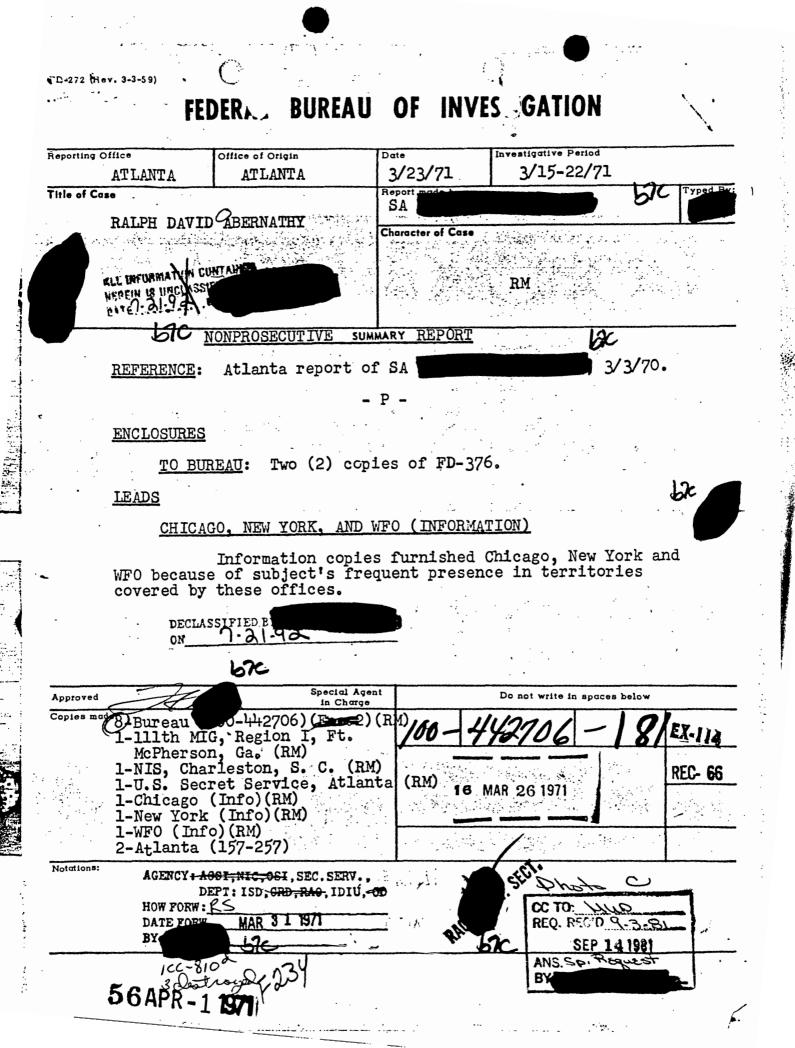
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Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 March 23, 1971

RE:

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY: RACIAL MATTERS

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ABERNATHY continues residence at 690 LaVerne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., and to be employed as pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta. He also continues to serve as President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta. Subject's activities in connection with SCLC set forth.

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#### DETAILS:

#### Residence

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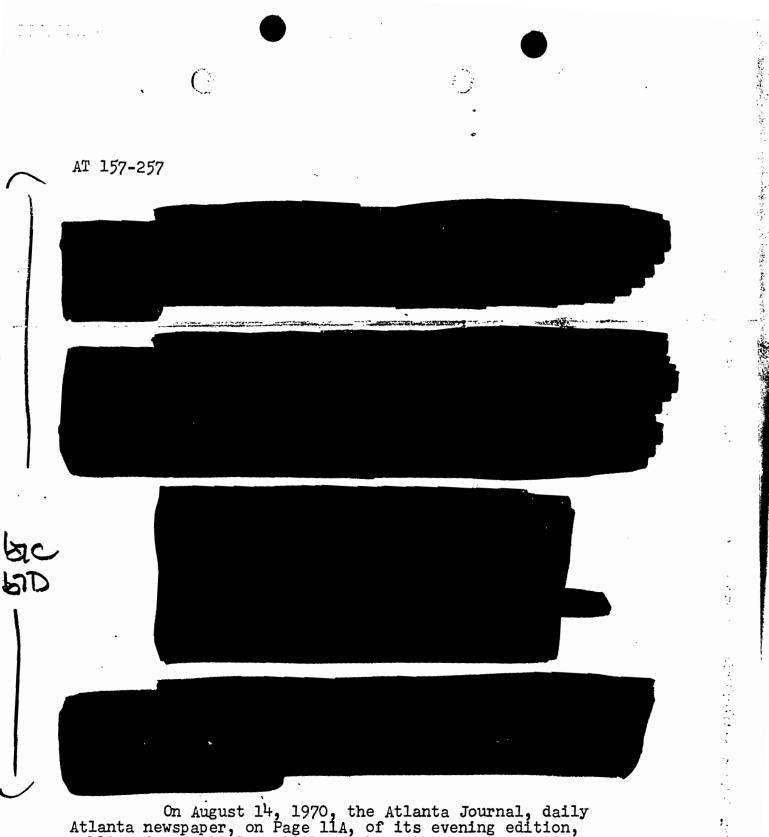
As of March 15, 1971, ABERNATHY continued employment as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, he continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the national headquarters of which is located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta.

#### <u>Activities</u>

The March 30, 1970, edition of the Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 9A, published an article datelined New York entitled "Summer Rioting Feared." This article reflected that on March 29, 1970, ABERNATHY "appeared on Face the Nation on CBS-TV." ABERNATHY claimed that lack of leadership by President NIXON was responsible for the absence of progress in the civil rights movement. In this connection, ABERNATHY said, "I must be honest and admit that unless we have more action and less rhetoric then we're going to have some hot summers and hot winters, and I fear for our nation this summer." He was, however, quoted as stating, "I will never lead any program of violence in this country."

In regard to the Black Panther Party (BPP), the article reflected ABERNATHY commented "he did not agree with the violent aspects of the Black Panther movement, but said he would give his life for their right to express their ideas."

> A characterization of the BPP is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.



On August 14, 1970, the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 11A, of its evening edition, published an article entitled "Abernathy Accuses Nation: Liar - Murderer - Prostitute," bylined MORRIS SHELTON. This article revealed that on the evening of August 13, 1970, ABERNATHY addressed a meeting of the 13th SCLC Annual Convention held in the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Atlanta.

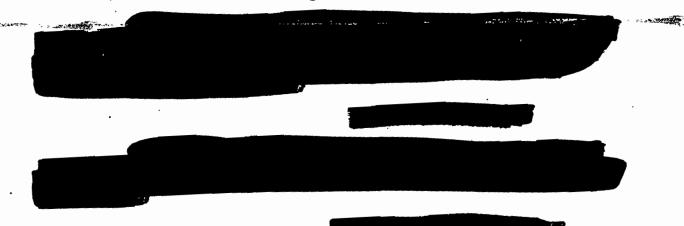
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ABERNATHY declared the United States claims to stand for justice and equality for all, but in this respect the United States is "guilty of practicing one thing while preaching another." In this regard, the article stated that ABERNATHY also denounced the United States as a "liar - Fraud - Robber -Murderer - Invader - Whoremonger and Prostitute."



The October 20, 1970, evening edition of the Atlanta Journal on Page 18A published an article datelined Kyoto, Japan, entitled, "Abernathy Urges Nonviolent Revolt in Japan." The article revealed ABERNATHY was attending "The World Conference on Religion and Peace." During an interview by United Press International on October 20, 1970, ABERNATHY was indicated to have stated that racism was the biggest problem facing the United States and the world. He was quoted as saying, "Racism is our biggest problem, but the war, the Vietnam war, has also got to be stopped immediately."

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#### <u>APPENDIX</u>

#### BLACK PANTHER PARTY also known as BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE

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According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

David Hilliard, in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence." In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, as follows:

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"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is ....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces ....are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.



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Atlanta, Georgia March 23, 1971

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Las Vegas, Nevada March 23, 1971

RALPH D. ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTER

On February 25, 1971, an article appeared in the "Las Vegas Sun", a Las Vegas, Nevada, daily newspaper, stating that Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced at a Washington, D.C., press conference that he would participate in demonstrations in Las Vegas, Nevada. The article continued that the marches were scheduled for the first two weekends of March, 1971.

On Friday, March 5, 1971, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Abernathy at a rally sponsored by the NWRO at the University of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. Abernathy spoke to a gathering of approximately 1,200 persons.

On March 6, 1971, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Abernathy participating in a march down the Las Vegas' "Strip" sponsored by the NWRO.

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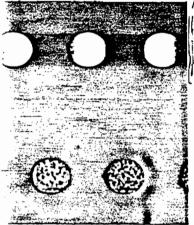
In the last three years, there has been a tremendous change in the complexion of the war in Southeast Asia. In 1969, the Communist forces were pushed deep into the countryside, away from the population centers. Pacificiation programs helped to draw popular support away from the Communists. In 1970, the Communist sanctuaries in Cambodia were eliminated. No longer can the enemy rest, secure in the knowledge that he is beyond attack. Now, in 1971, the allies are attempting to cut the enemy supply line in Laos near its source. Without these three essential elements--popular support, sanctuary, and a secure supply line--the Communist guerilla movement will wither.

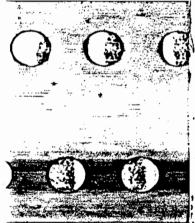
The move into Laos is not, as some contend, a widening of the war. Aerial interdiction has been used in that area for several years. The South Vietnamese are simply substituting a more efficient form of interdiction--their own ground troops. Moreover, by cutting the enemy supply line and thus weakening enemy forces, the United States will be able to continue the withdrawal of American troops. In this manner, we can achieve the goal of disengagement which we all desire. /00-44270L

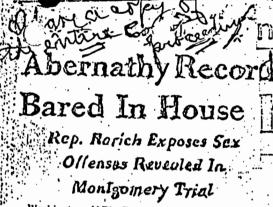
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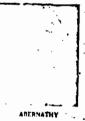
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## CLC's Abernathy Veers Teur 1 Black Extremism

It's been overlooked by the press, but the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the civil rights

organization led by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, has been vecring even sharper to port under King's successor and ex-right hand man, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Abernathy's group, which has formed a coalition with the National Welfare Rights Organization (now demanding a guaranteed annual in-



come for the poor of \$6,500), has swung behind the movement to free Angela Davis, the avowed Communist who has been indicted on murder charges.

Abernathy has become so beloved by the far left that the Daily World, official publication of the Communist Party, U.S.A., recently reprinted his speech delivered to 4,000 people who crowded into New York's Manhattan Center for a birthday tribute to Miss Davis. The main speaker of the evening, Abernathy also shared the platform with such individuals as William L. Patterson, chairman of the Communist party's Black Liberation Commission, and Henry Winston, another top Communist party official.

In a statement saturated with hate-America rhetoric, Abernathy proclaimed that it was not Miss Davis but the U.S. that was on trial, Said King's heir:

"I see the American system charged with the kidnapping, the murder and the conspiracy. I charge; the American system with the kidnapping of black people from Africa...

"I charge the American system with the kidnapping, with the imprisonment and the starvation of black children on the plantations of Mississippi, in the ghettos of Chicago and even right here in the ghettos of the North .....

"I charge the American system with the kidnapping of young men and sending them to die in a criminal, racist, godless and unwinnable war in Southcast Asia 10,000 miles away....

"I charge the American system with the murder of the Victnamese people. I charge the American system with the murder of Malcolm X and my dearest friend, Martin Luther King Jr. I charge the Aineri-can system with the killing of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, Viola Lluzzo, Jimmy Lee Jackson, Medgar Evers and a host of others.

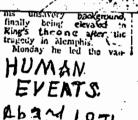
"I charge the American system with murder in its genocidal tendencies which are clearly defined in the United Nations Charter .....

"I charge the American system with conspiracy to steal the resources of other countries... I charge the American system with a conspiracy to explait peoples throughout the world, and to oppress millions of our people here in our own land...

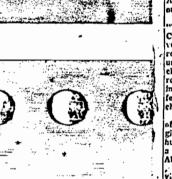
"I charge the American system with conspiracy to repress and violently subjugate those who resist. All you have to do is to look in any corner of this nation of ours, and you will see the conspiracy to repress the Black Panthers and to destroy this group of indi-viduals under the disguise that they believe in violence....

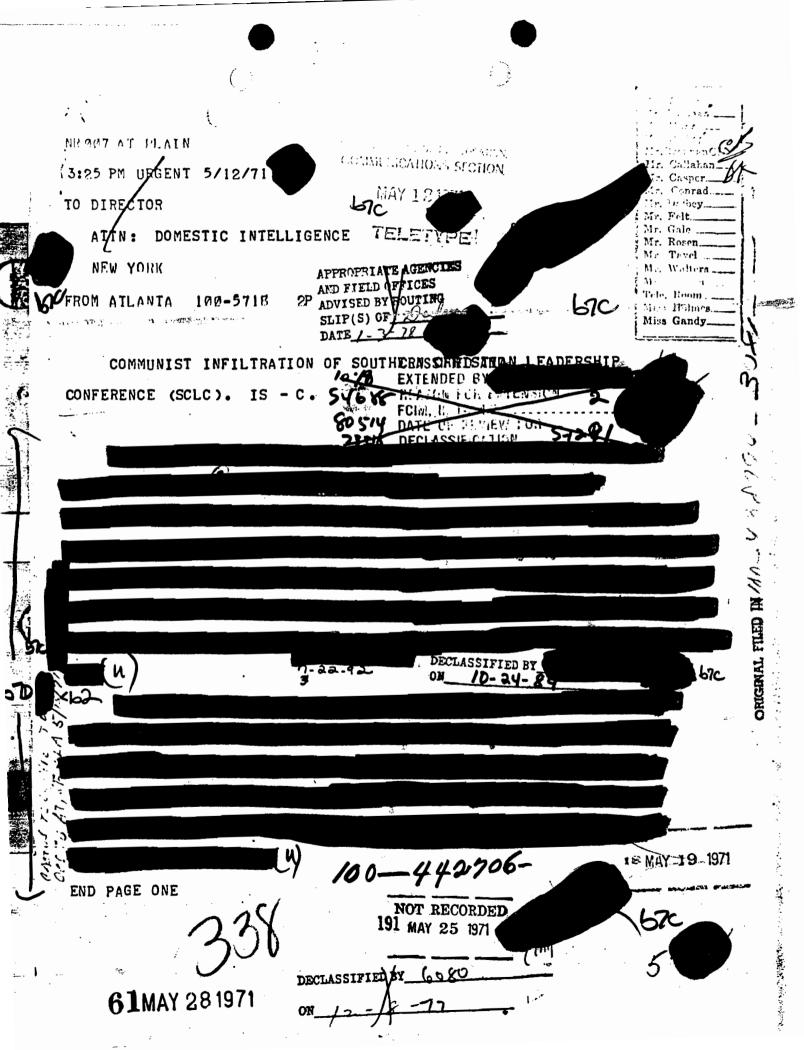
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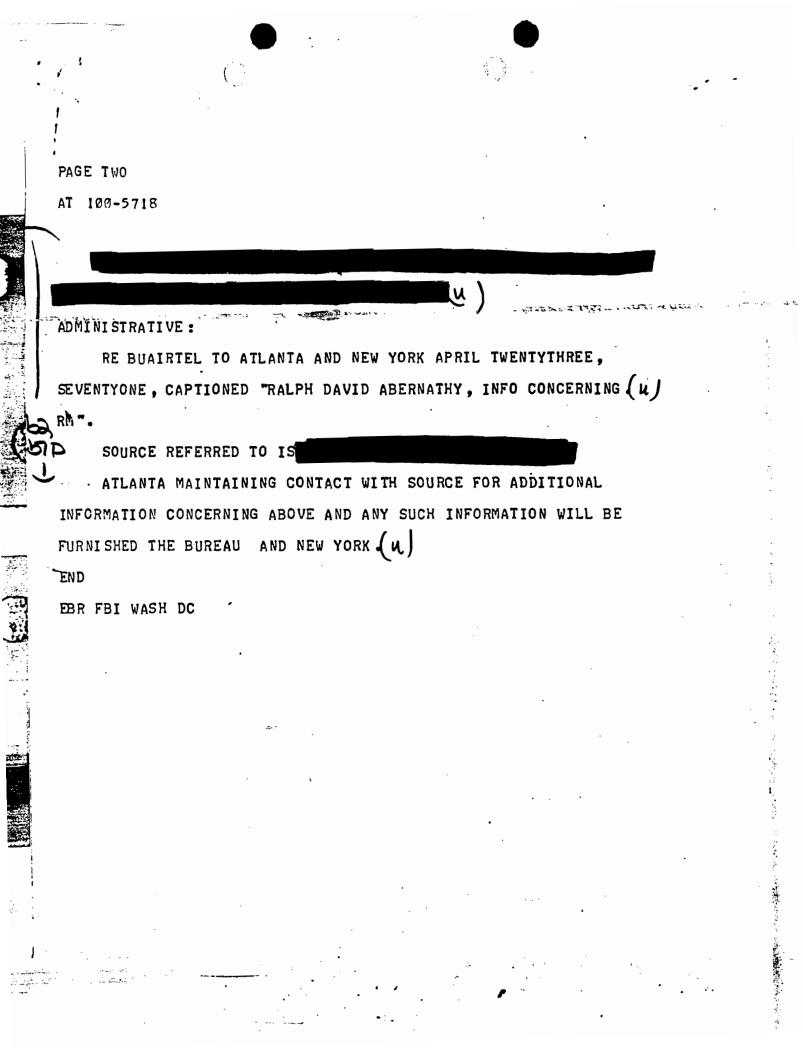
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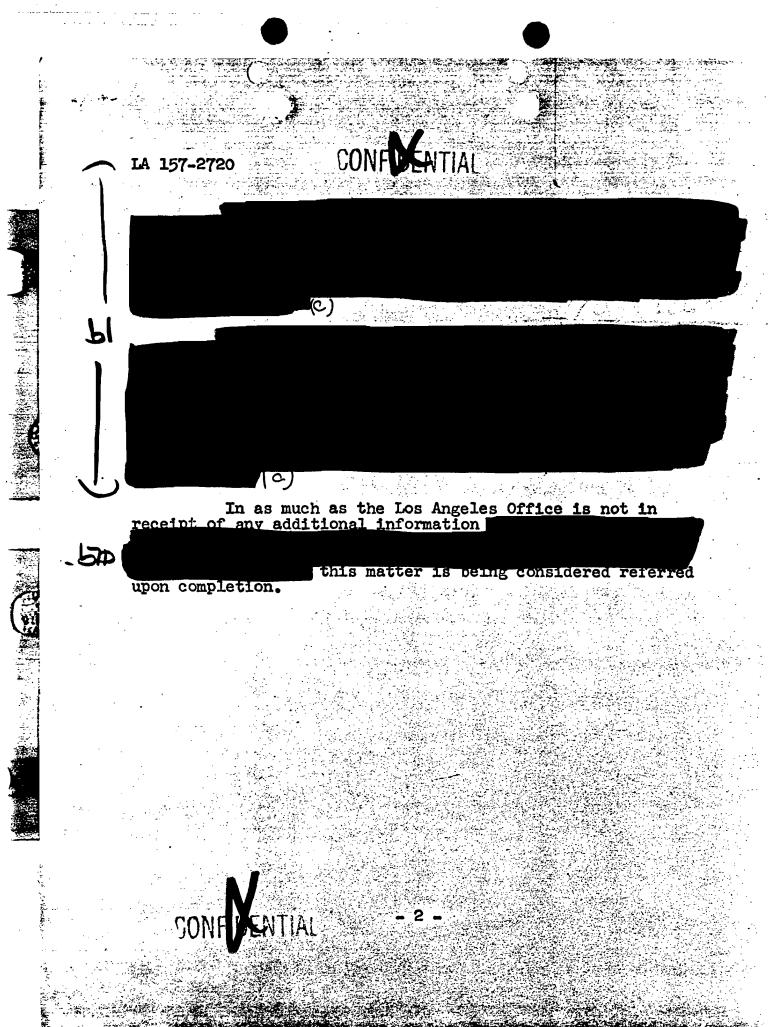
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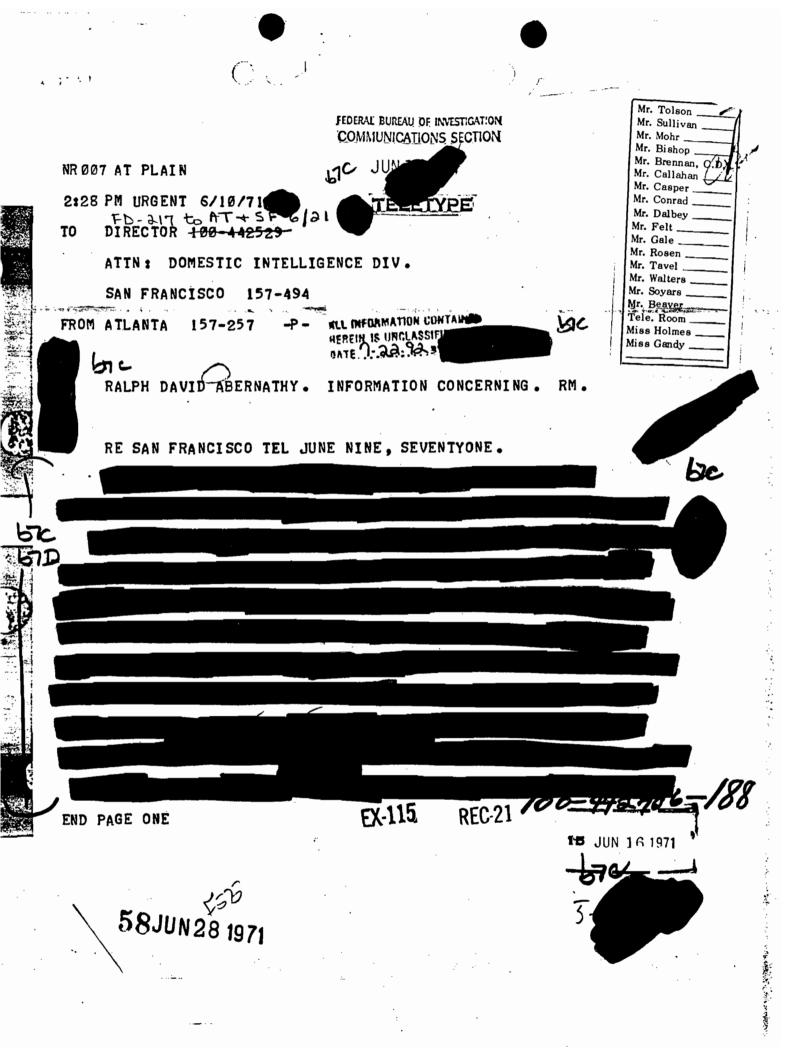
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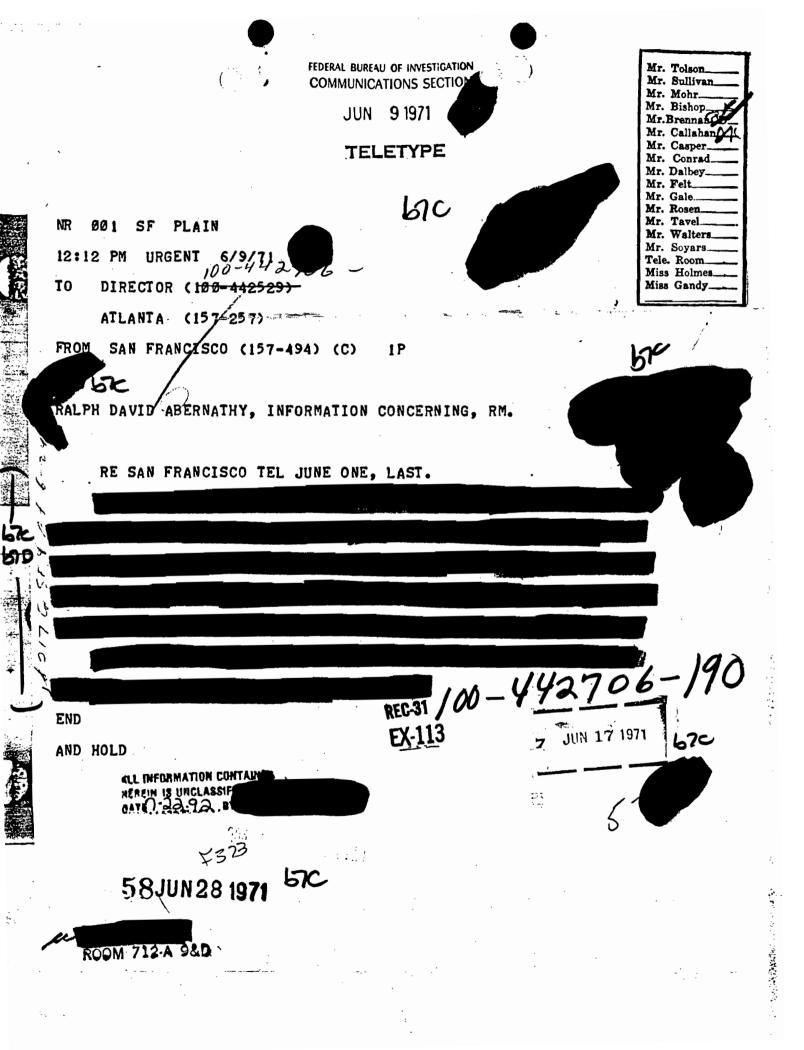
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June 28, 1971

The "Daily World", May 11, 1971, page thee, contained an article datelined at Budapest, Hungary, May 4, 1971, which noted that 85 delegates from the United States were to attend a World Peace Assembly to be held in Budapest on May 13-16, 1971. It said that the general secretary of the World Peace Council (WPC), Romesh Chandra, announced that day that some 800 delegates would attend the assembly "in the broadest anti-war gathering of its kind". It added that in addition to WPC members, representatives of national and international organizations as well as legislative bodies, religious, youth and women's organizations would attend.

The article stated that James Forest, "a representative of the United States peace movement"; told a news conference that about 35 United States delegates were expected and that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and other prominent United States personalities had indicated their willingness to participate.

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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The WPC was formed at the conclusion of the Second World Peace Congress held in Warsaw, November 16-22, 1950, under Communist initiative. It continues today as a major international effort to discredit the United States. . . . . . . . . . .

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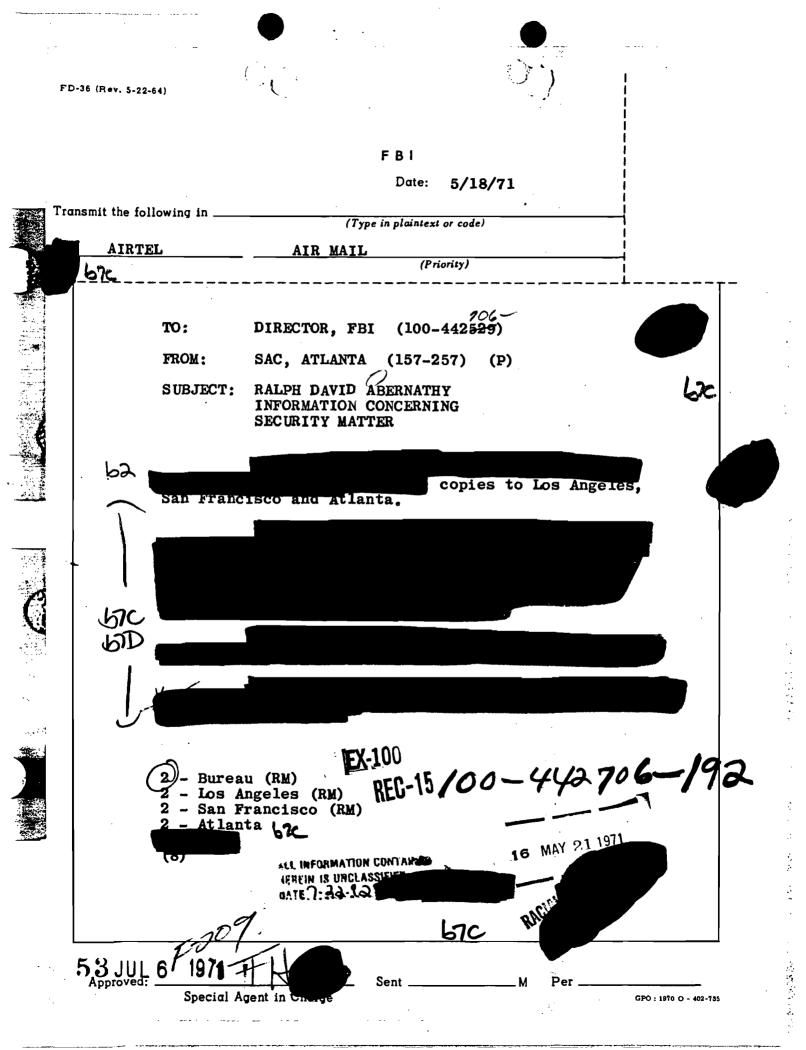


The "Daily World", issue of May 22, 1971, page 10, contained an article "July 4 Set for World Peace Actions" which was datelined at Budapest, May 16, 1971. This article, in part, noted that "A manifesto addressed to the peoples of the world and appeals for special actions marked the final session of the World Peace Assembly that concluded its work here this weekend...." It said further that the central slogan of an appeal for withdrawal of all United States and Allied forces from Indochina is, "Set the '71 Date", and that July 4, 1971, has been set as the day for mass actions at United States Embassies around the world calling for the withdrawal of United States forces.

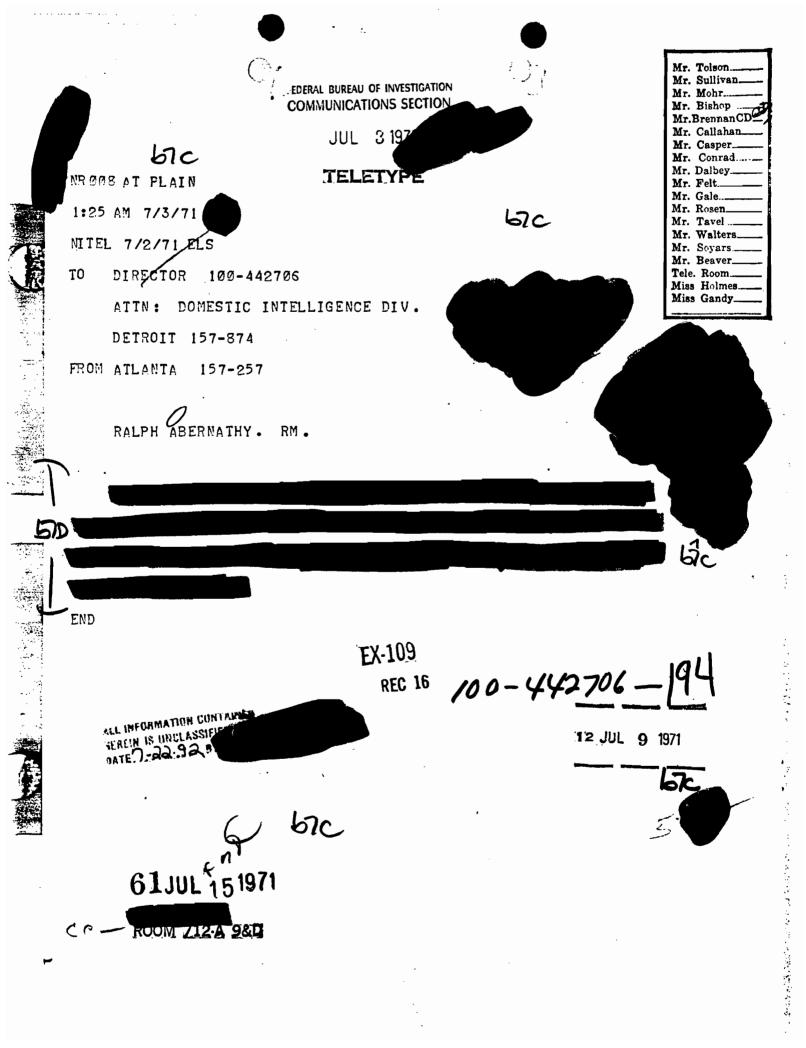
The article noted that among the 25 participants from the United States were Ralph Abernathy, and Wyatt Tee Walker, "a close associate in the SCLC of the late Reverend Martin Luther King." It said that a posthumous award, the Joliot - Curie Peace Medal, was made to Doctor Martin Luther King at the final session and that Wyatt Tee Walker accepted this award for the SCLC.

Walker, according to the article, invited Ralph Abernathy to the microphone after the award to Doctor King and that Abernathy's comments included the statement that "history has placed on our shoulders the task of deciding the destiny of mankind - the task of building a new world, a world without racism and poverty, a world of peace."

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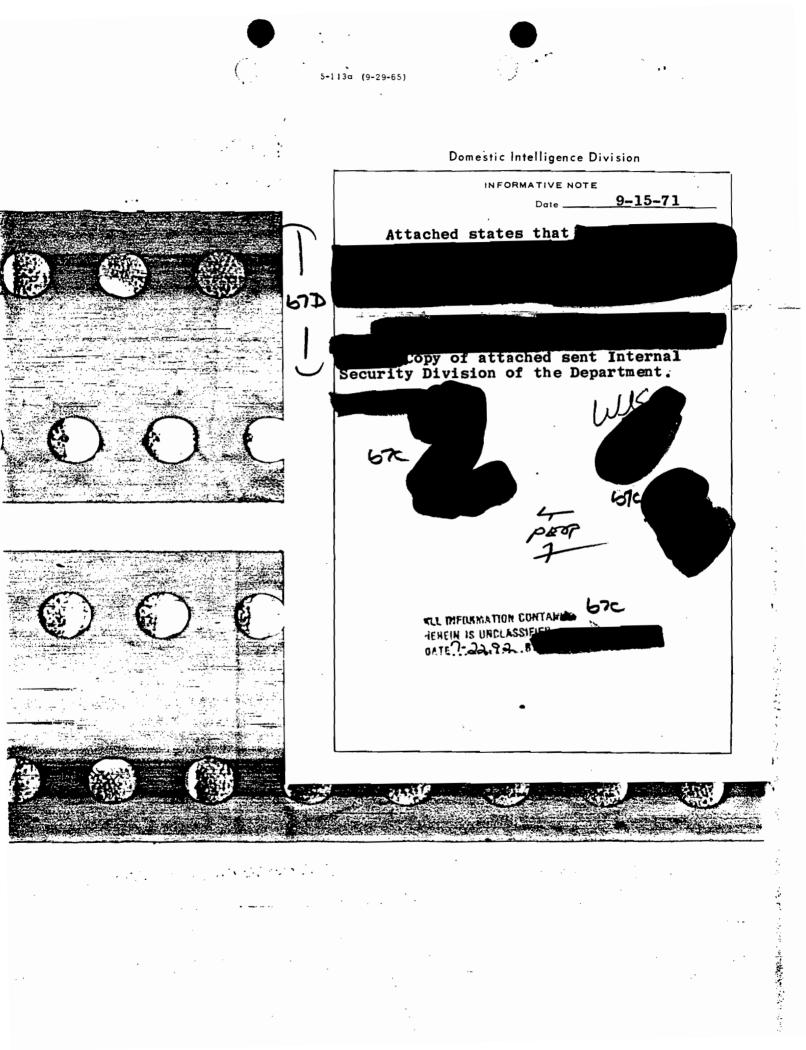
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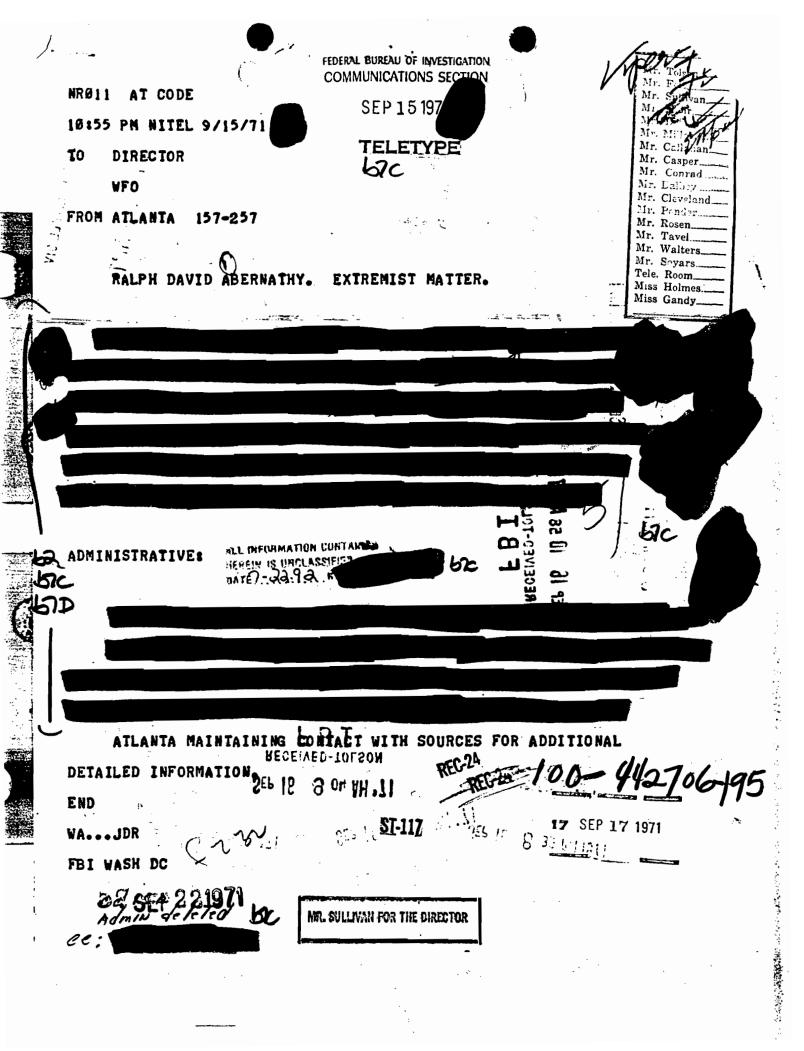
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TO: DIRECTOR (ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: MOBILE (157-4323)

PROTEST MARCHES, CHOCTAW COUNTY, BUTLER, ALABAMA, FOR NEGRO EQUALITY IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, JUNE TWENTYFIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE CIVIL UNREST.

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AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SEVENTYONE, FOURTEEN NEGRO ADULTS AND TWENTYSEVEN NEGRO JUVENILES ENTERED EOTH BUTLER ELEMENTARY AND CHOCTAW COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS, BUTLER ALASAMA, AND MARCHED THROUGH THESE BUILDINGS. THIS GROUP WAS ARRESTED BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS AND CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. BETWEEN EIGHT AM AND ELEVEN AM, THIS DATE, A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN NEGRO YOUTHS DEMONSTRATED AT LISMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LISMAN, ALABAMA, AND, AFTER THEY WERE LOCKED OUT OF THIS SCHOOL, END PAGE ONE 1% 10 IDULTCAN MO-157-4323

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APPROXIMATELY TEN NEGRO YOUTHS BROKE WINDOWS IN THE SCHOOL, ENTERED THE SCHOOL AND DISRUPTED CLASSES. CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS ARRESTED EIGHT NEGRO ADULTS AND THIRTEEN NEGRO JUVENILES INVOLVED IN THIS DIS-TURBANCE. THESE NEGROES WERE ALSO CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. THE ATTENDING STUDENTS WERE DISMISSED FOR THE DAY AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M.

AT ELEVEN A.M. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NEGROES STARTED A MARCH LED BY RALPH ABERNATHY AND L.L. ANDERSON, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (SCLC), FROM AME ZION CHURCH, TOWARDS DOWNTOWN BUTLER, ALABAMA. THE GROUP WAS ARRESTED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE CHURCH AND CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS. ALL ADULTS, AFTER BEING PROCESSED BY ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, WILL BE CONFINED AT THE STATE PRISON, CAMP THOMASTON, ALABAMA, EXCEPT FOR ABERNATHY AND ANDERSON WHO ARE CONFINED AT THE CHOCTAW COUNTY JAIL, BUTLER, ALABAMA. THE JUVENILES ARRESTED WERE DETAINED AT A PARK NEAR THE AME CHURCH END PAGE TWO

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AND BOND HAS BEEN SET FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THEY ARE TO BE RELEASED TO THEIR PARENTS. BOND HAS BEEN SET AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ALL ADULTS INCLUDING ABERNATHY AND L.L. ANDERSON AND AS OF FIVE P.M. CDT BOND HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY ABERNATHY AND IT IS RUMORED THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY IN JAIL OVER NAGHT

A MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE NEGRO GROUP AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M. INSTANT DATE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LISMAN, ALABAMA.

A BOMB THREAT WAS RECEIVED AT TEN ZERO FIVE A.M. THIS DATE AT BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BUTLER, ALABAMA, FROM A NEGRO FEMALE.

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OFFICE WITH MAKING BOMB THREAT AND WILL BE RELEASED ON BOND LATER THIS DATE.

ANOTHER BOMB THREAT WAS RECEIVED BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN FROM A NEGRO FEMALE INDICATING CHOCTAW COUNTY JAIL WOULD BE BOMBED.

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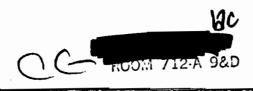
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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS MADDOX AND MILLER ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THROUGH SCLC LEADERS ON THE SCENE AT BUTLER, ALABAMA, THEY LEARNED THAT MRS. CORETTA KING, BERNARD LEE AND JOE LOWRY, ALL SCLC, WILL ARRIVE BUTLER, ALABAMA, LATE THIS AFTER-NOON TO MEET WITH RALPH ABERNATHY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS FUR THER ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE ARRANGED MEETING AT THREE P.M. ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT WITH RESPONSIBLE NEGRO AND WHITE LEADERS IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION. P. END.



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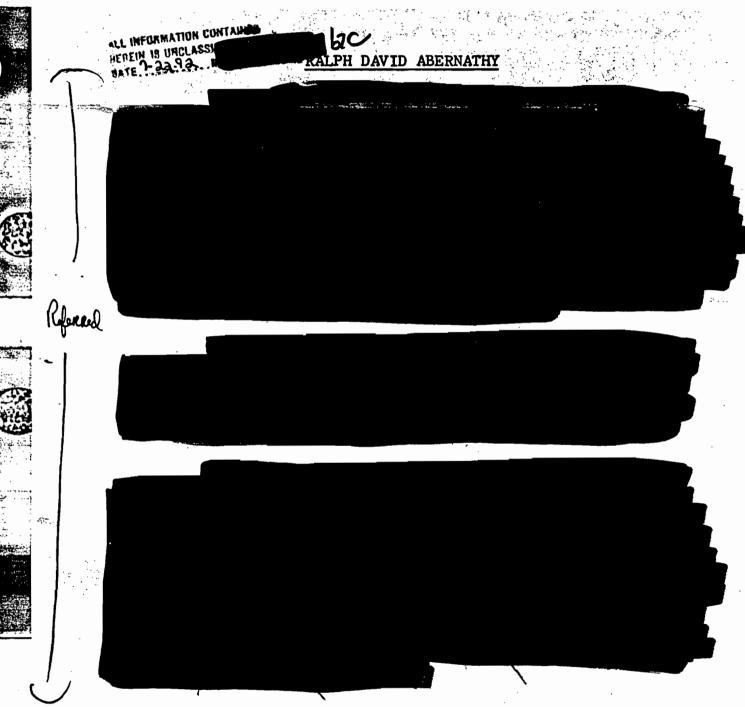


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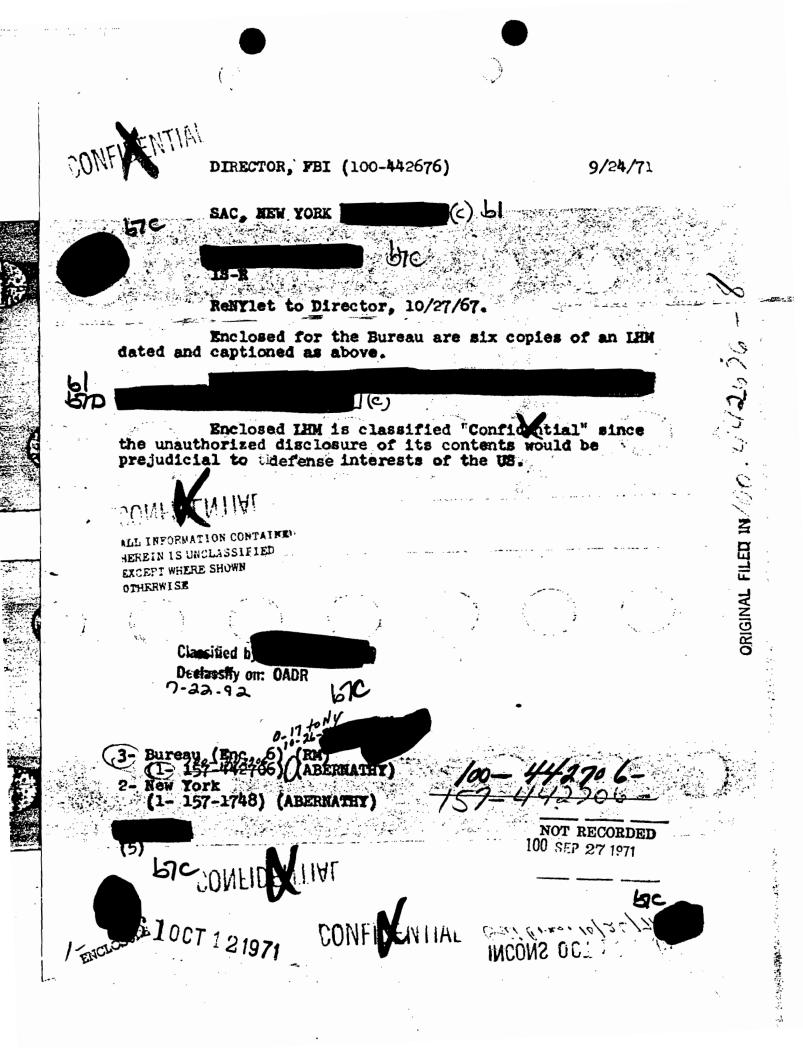
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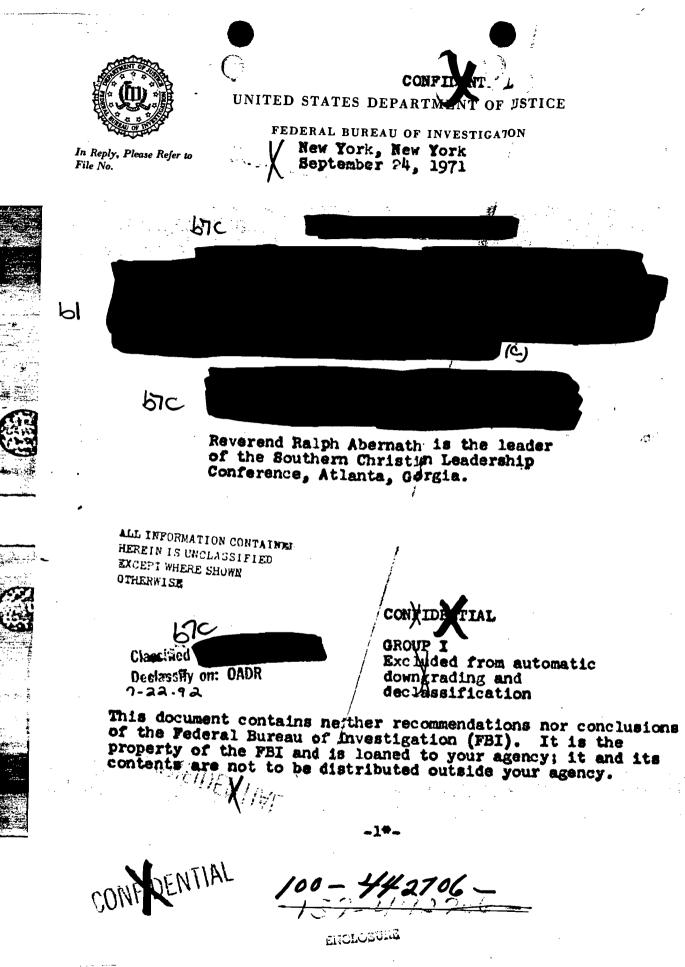
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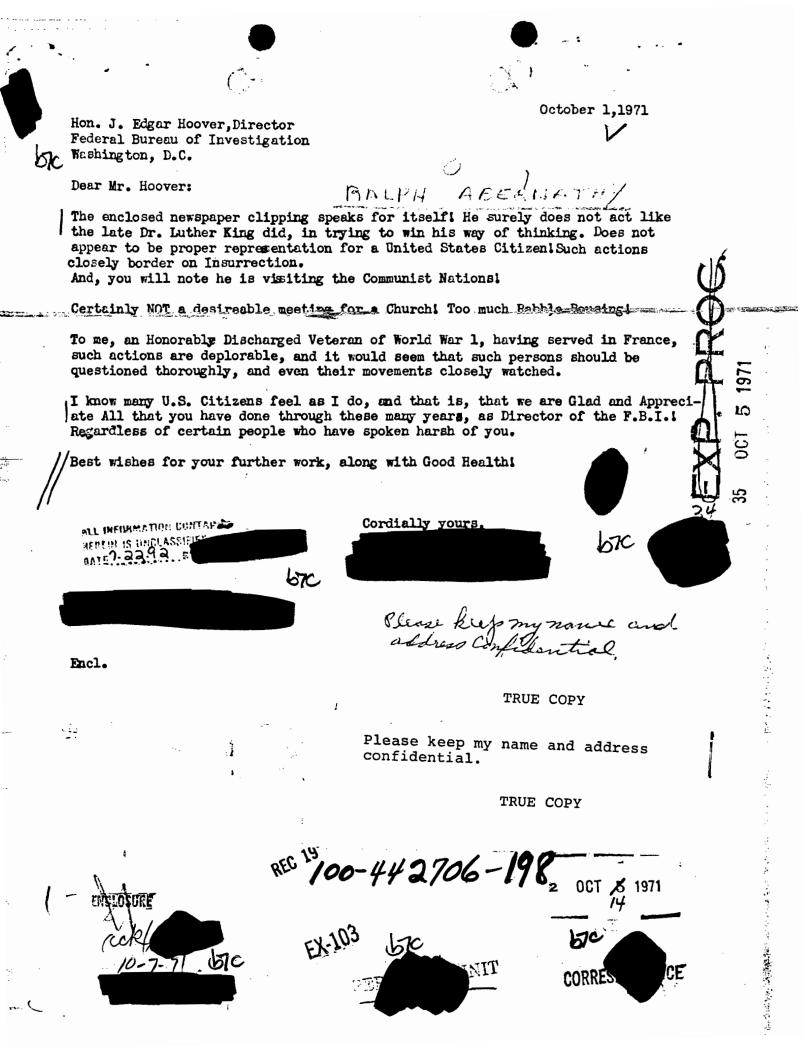
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# Abernathy, In East Berlin, Blasts U.S.

BERLIN OPD-The Rev. Ralph Abernathy turned a service in East Berlin's main church into a political rally last night, demanding the United States government free Angela Davis and "all political prisoners."

His 45-minute seremon, translated into German sentence-by-sentence, was interrupted by applause five times as he attacked policies of the U.S. government including its space exploration program and its involvement in Vietnam.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Abernathy received an ovation lasting several minutes. Men and women jamming the 14th-century Gothic church of St. Mary put aside their briefcases and shopping bags and clapped their hands or slapped their feet against the stone floor to express approval.

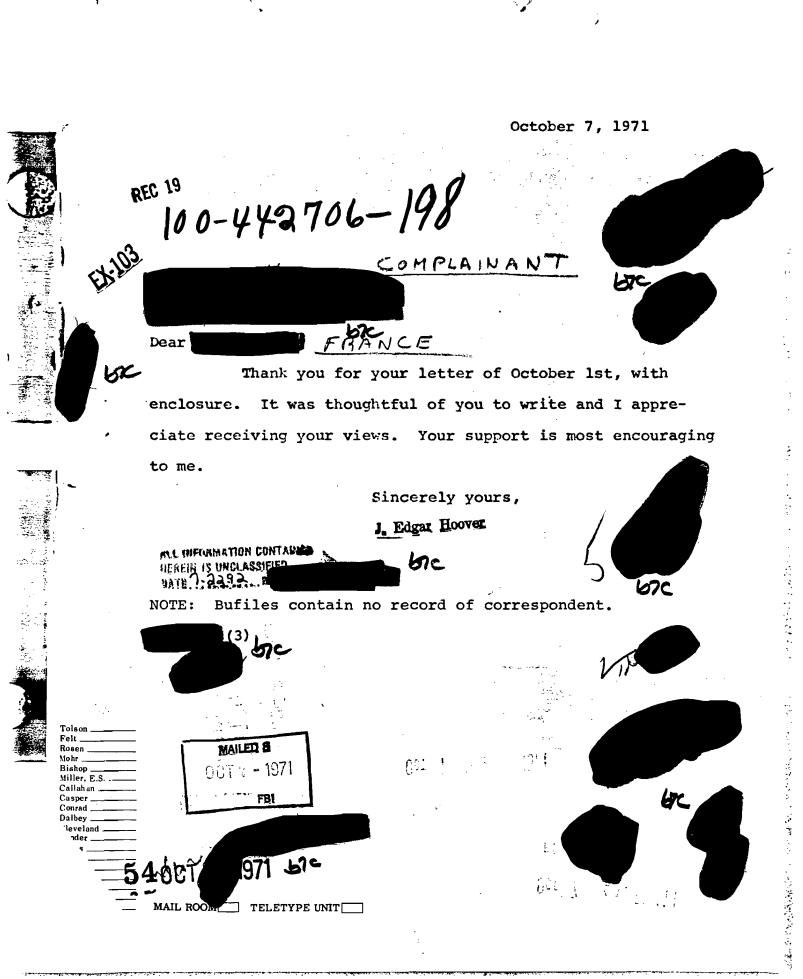
Abernathy arrived in East Berlin Monday from Russia on his way to Prague.

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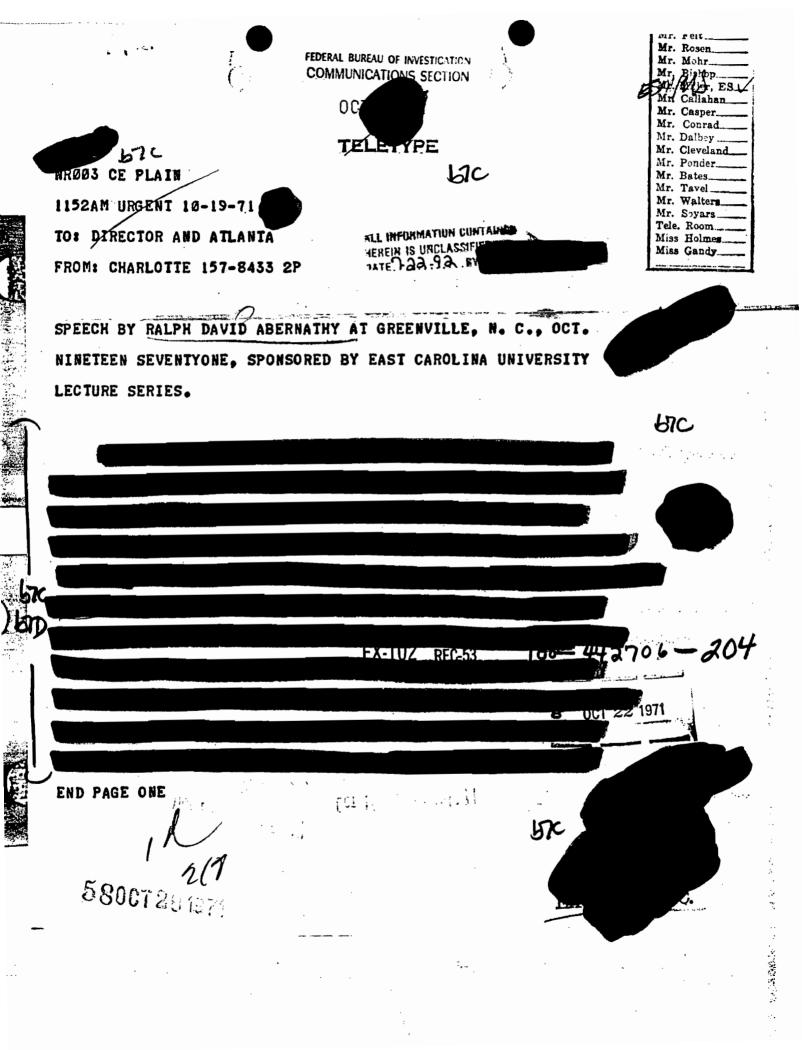
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Charlotte, North Carolina October 20, 1971

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Re Memphis letter to Bureau 11/17/71.

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Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original of the newspaper item set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of the above described letterhead memorandum.

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Memphis, Tennessee December 20, 1971

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On December 8, 1971, a confidential source advised that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had spoken on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 1, 1971. Reverend Abernathy's speech was sponsored by MTSU as part of its "Issues and Answers" program. This program brings several prominent speakers to the campus during the school year.

This source advised that the speech was attended by approximately 500 persons, equally divided between Negroes and caucasians. The speech was "non-inflammatory" and there were no incidents of any type on the campus in connection with this speaking engagement.

On December 7, 1971, the MTSU "Sidelines", campus newspaper of MTSU, carried the following article regarding Reverend Abernathy's speech:

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# Abernathy enumerates crises, finds solution in voting power

Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference warned that this nation is in a civilizational crisis that threatens to destroy it. Last Wednesday's speaker stated that the crisis will be resolved only through "the power of the ballot box."

Crises in government, the economy and educational institutions were cited by the civil rights leader.

Abernathy stated that the Vietnam war was unconstitutional and that the elected representatives of the people were in open contempt of the people for refusing to halt it themselves. He called upon the people to seize power democratically and non-violently in the 1972 elections rather than submit to an unresponsive government.

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He further criticized the Nixon Administration for spending \$92 billion to "hand out moon rocks to heads of state when they should have been in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiania and Tennessee handing out bread to hungry children."

Considering the economic situation, he stated that his nation which could "put a man on the moon can't stand a man on his feet in Tennessee."

Abernathy commented that he suspected that this university did not have a lot of black students or black faculty members.

Furthermore he stated that some universities are "still teaching the same lies they taught

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me 20 years ago." For example, he stated that last week he was present in a history classroom where it was still being taught that Columbus discovered America.

The Baptist minister stated that the problem of racism is still prevelant in American society. "The administration that stands for law and order is in flagrant violation of the law." he charged. He challenged the Nixon administrations enforcement of desegregation laws and the President's Supreme Court nominations.

He condemned government actions in Thomasville, Ga., where a white-controled school board closed black schools while keeping open white schools.

"The roots of racism are so deep in this country that 1 am fearful that it can not be destroyed." Abernathy further stated that, "racism must die if democracy is to live."

Abernathy noted that it was important to realize that the struggle is not between blacks and whites, but that blacks and whites must work together to achieve nonviolent change.

The black minister stated that the civil rights movement is changing tactics and strategies. Abernathy stated that the movement should now concentrate on (Please turn to page 3)

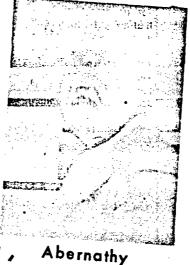
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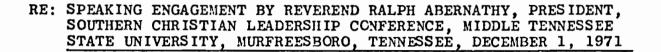
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political organization to obtain. power through the vote.

He then called for the defeat of the Nixon administration. Abernathy described the President as the Rutherford B. Hayes of the twentieth century, "because he had to make a deal with the South to be elected." Under Hayes administration the Ferguson Decision called for "seperate but equal facilities for blacks and whites," and the phasing out of black legislators from the South.



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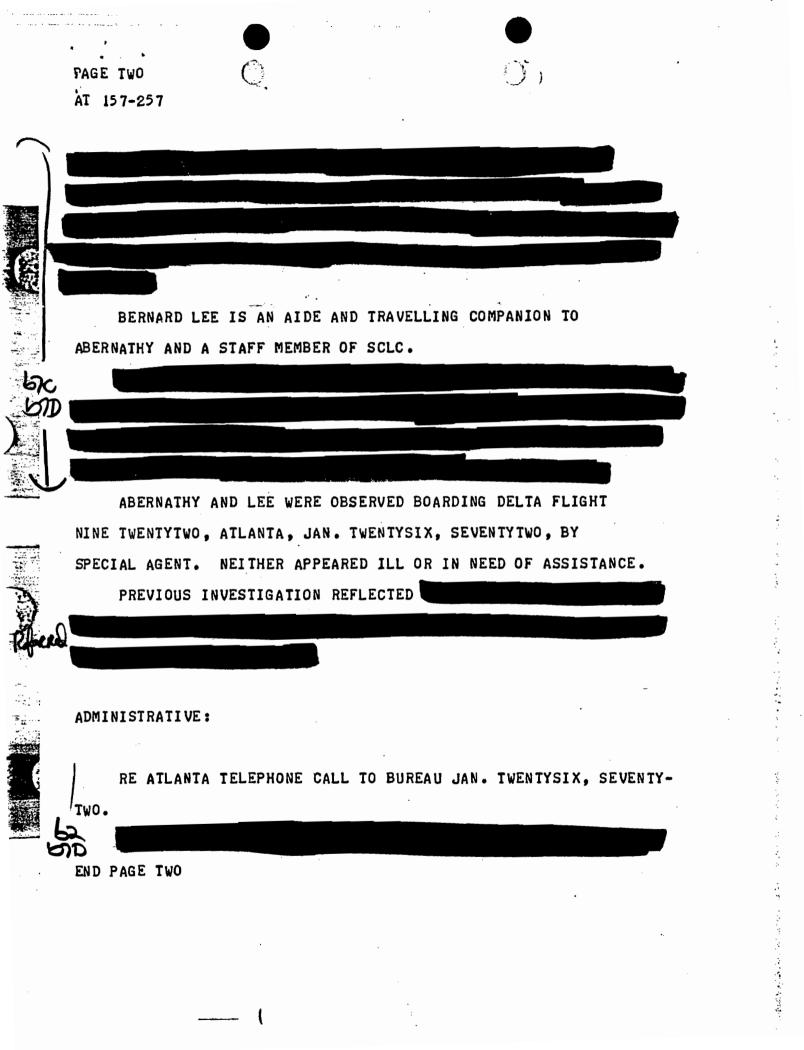
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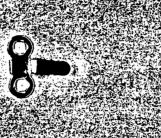
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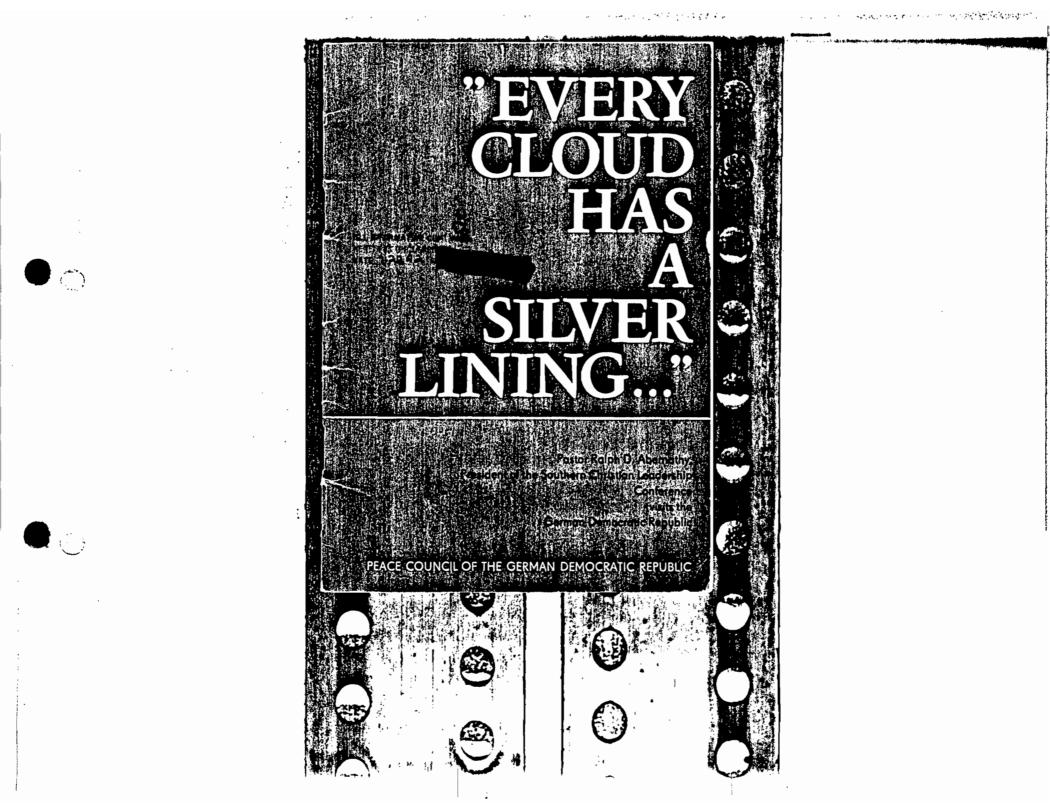
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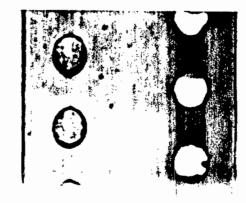
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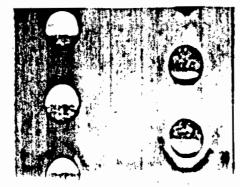
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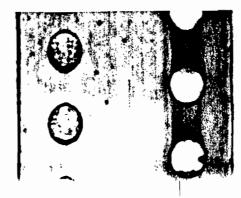
When Pastor Ralph David Abernathy emerged from the plane arriving from Moscaw in the evening of September 27th, 1971 he was no stranger to the people of our country; they had followed with close attention and sympathy the various stages of his life of struggle and suffering in the ranks of the Afro-American civil rights movement. Thus the welcome extended to him by Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, by the light of the TV lamps shining on to the already dark landing-strip, came from the depths of his heart. With Dr Abernathy were his wife, his closest co-fighter Dr Wyatt T. Walker, press secretary of the Conference, pastor of a Baptist community of 1,000 in Harlem and also advisor on city and community questions to the Governor of New York State, and Dr Jaseph E. Lowery, head of the Central United Methodist Church of the State of Georgia and pastor of a community of 2,000 mainly coloured people, and others.

The Germon Democratic Republic received the envoys of the 25 million black citizens of the United States, representatives of the real America of all colours with warm sympathy and friendship.

The doily newspapers of the five political parties extended brotherly greetings to the delegation and the entire GDR press joined in. "We welcome Dr Ralph Abernothy os the envoy of Angela Davis, his own and our black sister. Our hearts, our respect ond our actions ore with them and with all fellow-fighters," the Berlin evening paper wrote.

Free of racism, national arragance and feelings of enmity towards other peoples, the radio, TV and press of the GDR have wan the right to take this attitude towards the courageous Afro-American leader and champion of civil rights, for they have from the very beginning of the black liberation movement in the USA been on the side of the oppressed who are rising up and forming their ranks for struggle. Unlike "public opinion" in the





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FRG, which is permeated by white arrogance and supports the misdeeds of the ruling circles in the USA, the clear statement of support for the Afro-American liberation struggle by all the governing forces of the GDR has never at any time faltered.

The GDR was on the side of Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy in the 1950's when they orgonised the historic boycott of the omnibuses of Birmingham against the authorities of the Ku-Klux-Klan state of Alabama-that powerful revolt against those who scorned human dignity.

Millions of citizens of our country followed with passionate interest the great liberty march from Selma to Montgomery and indignantly condemned the racist mob attacks on the peaceful, unarmed marchers.

When Dr King and Dr Abernathy marched to Washington at the head of a huge army of civil rights fighters, the call for liberty and human rights which rang out there was whole-heartedly supported here by a liberated population. The people of the GDR have always been on the side of the other America; they have never confused oppressors and oppressed.

When Martin Luther King, the great Afro-American hero of liberty and peace, was killed by a paid assassin as he stood on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4th, 1968 and sank into the arms of his best friend Ralph Abernathy, the horrifying news aroused deep sympathy, anger and indignatian throughout the GDR.

All the more attention was then directed to the man to whom the dying Nobel Prize-winner had called upon with his dying breath: "Ralph, you must lead my people across Jordan."

The mass media of the GDR has again and again reported news of the Baptist preacher of Atlanta, now 45 years old, who once abandoned a promising university career in order to devote all his powers to the civil rights movement. His determined and uncompromising championship of Angela Davis, the young black scientist and communist, has long been a model of courage, incorruptibility and loyalty to the people's cause for the

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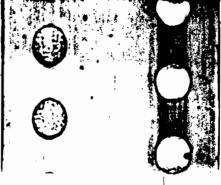
youth of the GDR and has been approved by young and old. Ralph Abernathy's mobilising speech-("I accuse the American system!")-delivered on February 2nd, 1971 at a meeting in honour of Angela Davis' birthday in the crowded Manhattan Centre in New York, his appearance at the General Assembly of the World Peace Council in Budapest, described as sensationol in political circles in western countries, and his decision ta visit Nixon's most prominent political prisoner in Marin County prison, aroused amongst the population of the CDR an increasingly strong wish to meet this important Afro-American politican face to face. The GDR Peace Council delegation at the Budapest meeting seized this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to the courageous civil rights champlan.

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Dr Abernathy was able to accept this invitation in autumn 1971, following a visit to the Soviet Union and before his attendance as guest of honour at the 4th All-Christian Peace Assembly in Prague. For two days, from September 27th to 29th, he was the guest of the GDR Peace Council and of the 17 million inhabitants of the socialist German state. The number of hours available would normally be too few to establish a cordial contact, but great experiences and deep impressions never to be forgotten can sometimes be compressed into a very short period of time. This report includes the most important events and typical episades which accurred during Rathe Abernative with a devine for a barbar

which occurred during Ralph Abernathy's visit and mission of good will to the GDR.





## Meeting in the City Hall

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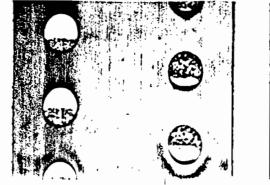
### Visit to the Church League

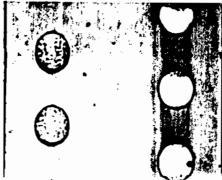
On the morning of September 28th, after a short visit to the newly-built city centre which has arisen out of the ruins of the war and the former dark, crowded slum area, Dr Abernathy and his friends entered the redbrick gates af Berlin's city hall, re-built as an exact replica af the old city hall. Lord Mayor Herbert Fechner accarded them a hearty welcome. He said in his short speech that it was an honour for all Berliners that such an outstanding Afra-American fighter for civil rights should visit their city hall. The population of the GDR stood firmly on the side of all the oppressed in the USA and sympothised with the upright champians who appased racial hatred and discrimination. Ralph Abernathy was a splendid representative of these people.

"We know that we have good friends here in the GDR and that our friendship has become firmer," the President of the SCLC replied. He willingly camplied with Herbert Fechner's request to sign his name in the Golden Book af the GDR capital, which already contains the names of many prominent contemporaries. The two shook hands with a cordial grip which expressed readiness and the determination to continue the fight against the common enemy in clase alliance.

Dr Abernathy was given a cordial welcome by Berlin Bishop Dr Albrecht Schönherr and other churchmen when he visited the seat of the League of Evangelical Churches in the GDR. Pastor Rolf Dammann, Secretary-General of the League of Evangelical-Free Church Communities (Baptists) in the GDR, was also present. Here, too, Pastor Abernathy sensed the same spirit of constant sympathy for Black America's struggle for freedam as that prevailing throughout the GDR. Together with their fellow-clergy, Dr Abernathy and his friends recalled the letter recently written to him by Bishop Maritz Mitzenheim and other leading GDR theologians which was so tharaughly permeated by the idea of solidarity. They had expressed their thanks to Dr Abernathy for his decision to take up his stand for the prisoner of San Rafael in a letter re-printed in many newspapers. "For us Angela Davis has become a symbol of the world-wide struggle against racial discrimination and imperialist oppression and explaitation," the letter said. "We are thankful that more and more Christians are overcoming the dangerous mistake of anti-communism and fighting with others for a world of social justice and peace ... Please tell all our Christian brothers and sisters in the USA that we support their struggle against racial discriminatian and fascist oppression."

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### Interview with "Neues Deutschland"

Before entering the university named after the great humanists Wilhelm and Alexander Humboldt in the early afternoon of September 28th, Ralph Abernathy gave a correspondent of "Neues Deutschland", leading GDR daily newspaper, an exclusive interview on problems of the struggle against imperialism in the USA.

"The white racists of the USA have never abandoned their intention to destroy me and all others who have stood up for justice and equality. I believe that this will remain their intention so long as the evil plague of racism—a part of the system of imperialism, colonialism and war-still exists on American soil", he said in the interview, which appeared the following day on the front page of the paper most read in the GDR and sent to sixty countries.

"In the American Declaration of Independence and in the Preamble to the Constitution Thomas Jefferson and the founders of the United States wrote nearly two hundred years ago that all men are equal and have been given the same rights by their Creator. America must hark back to the demands put forward at its own cradle. In our country people still preach democracy and at the same time deny the right to take part in democracy to the poor, the black and other minorities.

"Injustice must die if democracy is to live in the USA. This is the programme to which I have dedicated my whole life. For this I have been to prison thirty-one times, been beaten up and been the victim of brutal treatment. And the supporters of this system know that the moin reoson for putting me and my friends in prison is because we have not given in to their despicable practices. That is why we who want to make the Americon dreom of the past come true for all men ore cruelly persecuted."

Asked why he had joined the ranks of those defending Angela Davis, he replied: "Angela Davis is a symbol of what can happen to all black Americans and all men of good will in the USA if they champion the cause of the disinherited and oppressed. That is why it is our duty to defend Angela Davis. Anyone who does not raise his voice against her persecutors todoy must share the blame if the disgrace which the Germans brought upon themselves under Hitler is one day repeated in the USA.

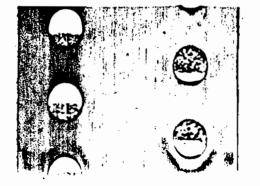
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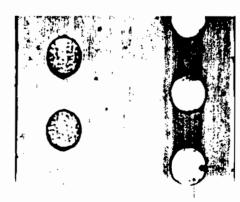
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"I join in the defence of Angela Davis because she is a genuine human being and I am convinced that she is being unjustly treated. Mỹ support of her rests on the fact that her fate can avegate every young Negro in America today. If her persecutors win, I and everyone else who has dared to protest against injustice will be the next to suffer.

"No, history must not be repeated. That is why I am doing my utmost to help defeat the forces of fascism in America."







### Amongst the Students

Leaving their car on Unter den Linden in front of Berlin's Humboldt University, Ralph Abernathy and his friends at once found themselves in the midst of an enthusiastic meeting even before the big demonstration of solidarity could begin in the Senote Hall. Together with the Chancellor. Professor of American Studies Dr Karl-Heinz Wirzberger, hundreds of students had gathered spontaneously to give them a rousing welcome. Songs of the other America ring out, students press red and white carnations into the guests' hands or raise aloft posters bearing the most popular slogans of aur day: "Stop the war in Vietnam1" and "Release Angela Davis!" Ralph Abernathy and Joseph Lawery link arms with a student carrying the anti-war slogan.

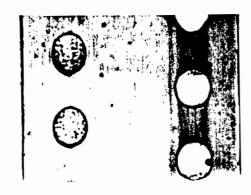
When aur Afro-American friends raise clenched fists in the militant greeting of the black liberation movement and make the V-sign, the sign of canfidence in victory, enthusiasm spreads through the ranks of the GDR youth organisation in their blue shirts and blouses. American workers' songs, clapping and shouts of welcome accompany them to the Senate Hall.

Those assembled here understand the greatness and the future prospects of the other America. They see in Ralph Abernathy an envoy of the black people whose ancestors were abducted from the coasts of Africa more than four hundred years aga and brought to the "New World" in the dank galleys of slave ships. But they also see in him the representative of the Black America which sent fifty-faur of its sons to join each of Gearge Washington's battalions in the great war of liberation and fought in hundreds of thousands for freedom and human dignity under Lincoln, in the forces of a President who before being struck down by the enemy carresponded with Karl Marx and made one of the first communists, Joseph Weydemeyer, a General of the Army of the Northern States. These are facts which the anti-cammunists of modern America prefer to forget, along with the gloriaus traditions of the black citizens of their country.



Portrait phota: Pastor Dr Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)





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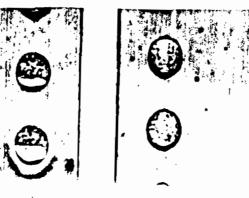
Cordial welcome by Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, at Berlin-Schönefeld Central Airport

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GDR press headlines paying tribute to Rolph Abernathy as the courageous comrade-in-arms of Martin Luther King and firm defender of Angela Davis



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In the City Hall of the GDR capital. "Berlin is proud of your visit," said Lord Mayor Herbert Fechner when he welcomed the American friends



Signing the Galden Baok of the GDR capital

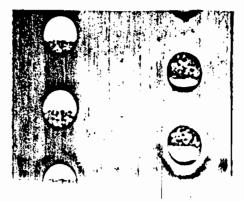


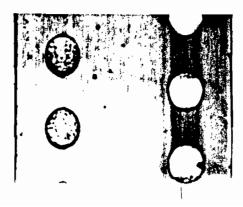
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Chancellor Professor Dr Wirzberger (first row right) extends a cordial welcome before the gates



Greeting with flowers before the gates of Humboldt University an Unter den Linden







Speech delivered at the university at which Karl Marx ance studied

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Ralph Abernathy responded to the avatians of students and scientists with clenched right hand and the V-sign of confidence in victory



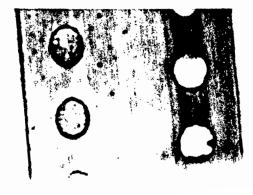
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In the crowded Senate Hall of the University



Block hands spontaneously grasp white hands as the American moss song "We shall overcome", with its proclamation of longing for liberty and confidence in the future, rings out





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The badge of honour of Humboldt University presented by Dr Karl-Heinz Wirzberger, Chancellor and Professor of American Studies

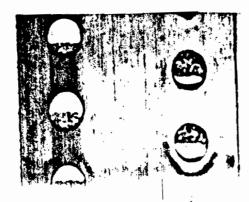


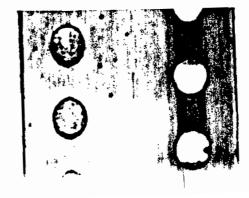
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A sign of friendship: Rolph Abernathy writes in the book of honour of Humboldt University



A joint demand: "End the War in Vietnam!" Dr Jaseph E. Lowery (left) and Dr Rolph Abernathy are visibly moved by the Berlin students' welcome





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Martin Luther King, later murdered by racists, preached from this pulpit in September 1964

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Service in the crowded Church of St Mary – the old main church in the new Berlin city centre

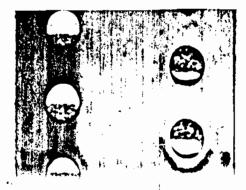


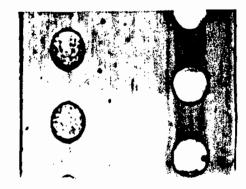
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Pastar Ralph Abernathy and his wife with Bishap Albrecht Schönherr and Professor Dr Günther Drefahl (third and first from right) during the service



Festive dinner in honour of Dr Abernathy and his friends in the GDR Government Guest-House on Thölmann Plotz. Senior Church Counsellor Dr Gerhard Latz, Vice-President of the GDR Peace Council, delivers the speech of welcome





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Ralph Abernathy conversing with Professor Albert Norden, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the SED ond member of the Presidential Committee of the World Peace Council



The great Afro-American people's leader receives the German Peace Medal from the hands of Professor Dr Drefahl

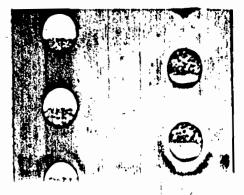


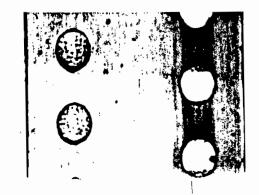
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Friendly meeting: Gerald Götting, Chairman of the Christian-Demacratic Unian and President of the GDR People's Chamber and his deputy Wolfgang Heyl (left), receive the guests from America at Otta Nuschke Hause



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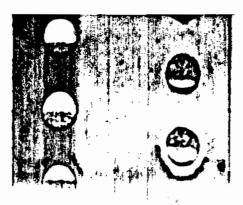
Press conference at the airport before departure from the GDR: Ralph Abernathy sums up two eventful days

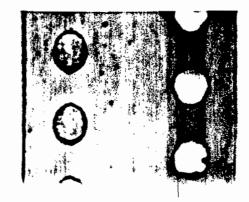


"As pastor and theologion I am of the opinion that the GDR embodies what we aspire to in the world."  $\label{eq:general}$ 



"I am already looking forward to my next visit to your Republic," says Ralph Abernathy to Werner Rümpel, Secretary-General of the GDR Peoce Council (left), who together with other outstanding public figures poid a cordial forewell to the Afro-American guests on their departure for the 4th Ali-Christian Peace Assembly in Prague





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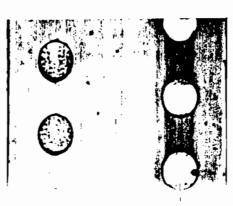
Only a few days after Ralph Abernathy's visit to the GDR the deep sympathy of the GDR citizens with the struggle against racialism and imperialist exploitation, for a peaceful world and justice was monifested at a powerful meeting in Frankfurt/Oder in which Fania Davis-Jordan, Angela's sister, taok part

The Senate Hall is packed to the doors and every window-sill is crowded. In his welcoming address Professor Wirzberger recalls that two great Negro Americans-Paul Robeson and William DuBois-received honorary doctorates of Humboldt University in the same hall. Amidst bursts of applause, and with visible emotion, Ralph Abernathy addresses the academic youth of the GDR:

"The knowledge that so many young people are on our side gives me new hope and new courage in the conviction that we shall be victorious In our common struggle," he said. There was complete silence when he spoke of the bitter fote of Angela Davis. The thoughts of young and old, of grey-haired professors and first-year students, were at that moment with Angela Davis, the brave young communist in the power of an enemy prepared to go to any lengths.

Black ond white hands were firmly clasped towards the end of the meeting when the American mass song-"We shall overcome"-rang out. Although ideologies may not always be the same, the readiness to line up as soldiers on one and the same front against imperialism is common to all.





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Although only a few hours remained to send out invitations to the service planned for the early evening at St Mary's Church, thousands turned up for it. Many of the Christians and non-Christians gathered here were also present on that memorable day in September 1964 when Martin Luther King, spending a few hours in the GDR capital, preached from the same pulpit as that from which Ralph Abernathy spoke. Their thoughts returned to the brief meeting with the man already destined to die by the American racists even before Bishop Schönherr recalled him in his words of greeting.

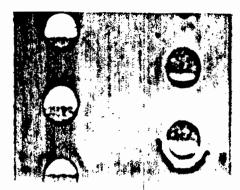
Martin Luther King had became a symbol of the struggle for the dignity of man, said the Bishop. But Ralph Abernathy now took over the pulpit from his teacher and friend who had died too soon-not only in the literal but also in a figurative sense. Dr Abernathy marched fearlessly along Martin Luther King's road. Bishop Schänherr paid express tribute to Dr Abernathy's persistent and courageous struggle for liberty for Angela Davis, communist and champion of civil rights. Christians in the GDR would not only continue to follow with sympathy the Black Americans' struggle against discrimination; they would also do their utmost to give them active support, the Bishop concluded.

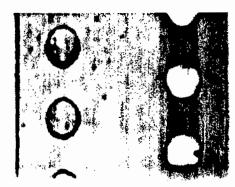
Pastor Abernathy spoke on the imperative message of the Gospel. He said that the warm reception and proofs of friendship which he had received in the GDR were a tremendous encouragement to carry on the struggle against racism and injustice with even greater devotion. He was against all unworldliness in theology and called for a gospel of action and not mere rhetoric. Preaching the Gospel ta the poor also meant working out a programme of action to overcome poverty.

Referring to the double-tongued nature of official US politics, Dr Abernathy said that the USA liked to be called a "Christian nation" but that fewer than 10 per cent of the population controlled more than 90 per cent of the wealth of the nation, while one fifth of all US citizens-about forty million people-lived in desperate poverty. In interpreting a Bible text, Dr Abernathy spoke about what could be called good news which fills mankind with joy: "If the USA withdrew its troops from Vietnam, if Angela Davis were free, if the 40 thousand million dollars spent on sending men to the moon were spent to help those discriminated against because of their race to win back their rights, if there were no more political prisoners in the USA and the black population received their rights-that would be really good news."

He was well aware that his critics and opponents at home were suspiciously watching what he did and said in Europe. He could only reply, with Martin Luther: "Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me!"







The eventful first day spent by Pastor Ralph Abernathy and his friends in the GDR ended with a reception in the Government Guest-House on Thälmann-Platz given by the Peace Council. Here the American friends met outstanding representatives of the German warkers' and farmers' state: Professor Albert Norden, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the SED and prominent representative of the world peace movement, Gerald Götting, President of the People's Chamber of the GDR and Chairman of the Christian-Democratic Union, Dr Heinrich Töplitz, President of the Supreme Court of the GDR and Deputy Chairman of the Christian-Democratic Union; Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, Werner Kirchhoff, Vice-President of the National Council of the National Front, and other representatives of the academic world and of the women's and youth organisations. Also present were members of the five political parties in the GDR and of all the churches, including Bishop Albrecht Schönherr and Archbishop Leonti, Exarch of the Moscow Patriarch in Central Europe. Fritz Flint, Deputy Secretary of State for Church Affairs and member of the Christian-Democratic Union, also had a seot at the head of the gaily decorated table.

Senior Church Counsellor Dr Gerhard Lotz, Vice-President of the GDR Peace Council, welcomed the guests and introduced Professor Narden, who then welcomed them on behalf of the party of the communists of the GDR. He pointed out that the receptian was being held in a building not many yards away from Hitler's Reich Chancellory, where the German fascists had once forged the racialist and aggressive plans which shocked the world and issued the orders to have these plans carried out. The GDR's readiness to support the civil rights movement in the USA was especially strong just because of the bitter experiences of racism under the Nazis in Germany. "We are against racism because it is a component of the war of aggression to which twenty million Soviet citizens, six million Poles and mony other people fell victim up to 1945," he said. Referring to

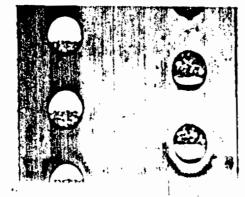
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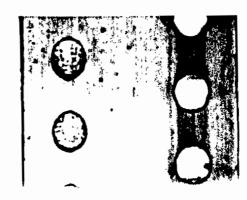
Europe, Professor Norden stressed that: "We champion European security so firmly today because we want to be assured that the present frontiers will remain, so that no new war-with its inevitable racist aims-can ever again break out over Europe and then, as we know from experience, spread throughout the world. We are in favour of peaceful co-existence with the FRG, with West Berlin, with the USA. We want to be left in peace and to build up our state in peace. We are firmly on the side of the sons and daughters of the American civil rights movement," he went on. "Yaur efforts are also a help to us, for we know that this great movement to which people like you, Angela Davis and many others belong also helps us in our struggle. Our people in the GDR know very well who Dr Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy and Angela Davis are because we talk to everybody, from kindergarten to university, about your struggle."

To the accompaniment of applause from all present, he assured his friends and fellow-fighters against imperialism, racism and war: "We shall preserve the alliance with all those who are fighting with us for the same aims,"

The member of the Political Bureau of the SED and the representative of the Afro-American popular movement, men of different backgrounds and different ideologies, who are nevertheless closely linked by a common loyalty to peace, liberty and human dignity, embraced cordially.

In the course of the evening Professor Dr Drefahl presented Ralph Abernathy with the German Peace Medol on behalf of the Presidium of the GDR Peace Council. Dr Abernathy was deeply moved and hod to pause for a few moments before replying. "My heart is overflowing with joy." he began. "You have made me feel like a human being today. I myself live in a society which is always trying to make me believe that I am less than a man and not capable of doing anything good or useful. But from the day I became a man I have never ceased to fight for equality for the black population of the USA."





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## A Guest of the Christian-Democratic Union

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The grandson of a plantation slave and son of poor parents who spent their entire lives in a society which oppressed them, he spoke very openly about the difficulties which confront every genuine son of the people in his struggle. He was especially pleased, he said, that his wife was able to live through these wonderful hours in the GDR with him. Sometimes, when he had to say goodbye to her to go to prison again, she had osked him: "Why? What is the sense of a life like this, How long will I still hove to be fother and mother of our four children?"

He, too, sometimes felt tired. At such times doubts crept in. "There have been times when I wanted to give up, go off on a side-track, not keep stroight on. Times when I was in danger of stumbling. Times when my strength seemed to dry up and I thought everyone had already forgotten us," Rolph Abernathy said.

In this threatening situation God had sent him on a trip to the Soviet Union, a trip which had also brought him to the GDR. And addressing himself quite personally to his friends in the socialist German state, he recalled an old saying often used in the American south: Every cloud has a silver lining...

"You in the GDR are now that silver lining for me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. So long as I have breath in my body I shall go on fighting against racism, imperialism, war and poverty."

Referring to the high award he had received, he said: "There is one thing you must know. There will be dirt on this medal, for I shall wear it in prison and fighting on the streets. You can be sure of this, that I shall always be worthy of this honour and shall not disappoint you."

He closed his short speech with the words: "President Kennedy once said in West Berlin that he was a Berliner. I want to change that and say: I am a citizen of the German Democratic Republic!"

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Ralph Abernathy had some business to attend to in West Berlin on the morning of September 29th and he asked the secretary of the Peace Committee there to accompany him. When he returned to the GDR capitol he visited Otto Nuschke House, the seat of the Christian-Democratic Union, early in the afternoon, on the invitation of its chairman, Gerald Götting. They had on extremely friendly talk.

Gerold Götting told Dr Abernathy of the correspondence which he hod had for many years with Martin Luther King and obout a personal meeting in Geneva. He recolled a letter written by the first SCLC President in May 1965. "Your support inspires me and all those who are pledged to fight for human rights. You can rest assured that your approval is of inestimable volue in our struggle and for our future success," Martin Luther King hod written to Gerald Götting.

And in a letter of January 8th, 1968 there was the following moving passage: "Amidst the aganising, almost doily criticism and insults your letter is like a reviving and refreshing spring of love and good will. This is surely the encouraging spirit we all need so much in order to carry on with our work."

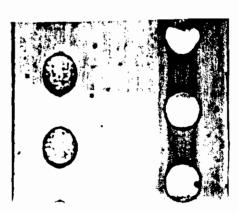
Gerald Götting stressed his joy in making the acquaintance of the man who had token over the testament of Martin Luther King. Christians and Marxists and the entire population of our country felt closely linked up with him and his friends.

Dr Abernathy was deeply moved when he received from the hands of the Chairman of the CDU the first copy of a licensed editian of Coretta King's book—"My Life with Martin Luther King"—printed by the CDU publishing house. Expressing his thanks for this valuable gift, he said: "Every minute of my stay in your wonderful country was filled with joy and valuable political experience. I go back to my country the richer for having learned to know and appreciate the German Democratic Republic."



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Two hours before his departure for Prague Ralph Abernothy gave journalists of the GDR press, radio and TV another opportunity to ask questions of him. Replying to a reporter who osked him what was the strongest impression he would take with him of the GDR, he replied: "For me the people of the GDR were my greatest experience. I have seen that they are happy and friendly to all progressive forces. I have found here no starving people and no super-rich people, but people who are enjoying the great blessings of their country. What we are still fighting for in the USA is what has already been achieved in the GDR. That is why I feel myself closely bound to the population of the GDR."

To an ADN (GDR news agency) correspondent he said: "From now on I am a part of the international movement for recognition of the GDR under international law. For the GDR is an historical fact. It is stupid of any country to try ta ignore the GDR."

Asked what had happened when he visited West Berlin, Dr Abernathy replied: "Seven years ago, when I accampanied Dr Martin Luther King on his European tour, we stayed in West Berlin and Dr King paid a shart visit from there to the GDR capital to preach in St Mary's Church." Much has changed since then. This time he and his friends had stayed in the GDR capital and paid a short visit to West Berlin. "I was homesick for the GDR after a few hours. There was too much there to remind me of America." West Berlin seemed quite different to him this time, he said. But this was obviously not because of the city itself, but because of himself. "It is I who have changed."

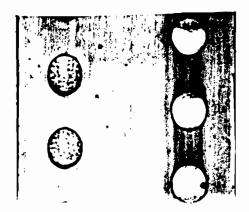
Dr Abernathy was surrounded by cameramen, press photographers and radia reporters right up to the last minute and the final leave-taking was without formality or polite conversation—a leave-taking between friends and comrades-in-arms. Two days are normally a very short time to make friends with a complete stranger, but Ralph Abernathy was no stronger to the GDR. He takes more than recollections of friendship with him-much more. And he leaves much more behind him: a much stronger conviction amongst the population of the GDR that we must always give our support and solidarity to the America of the oppressed, who are pratesting, rising up and fighting. The "Auf Wiedersehen" spoken ot the gangway thus has literal meaning.

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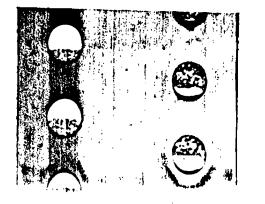
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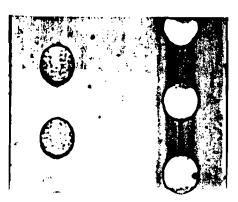
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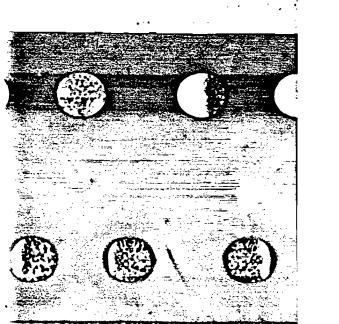
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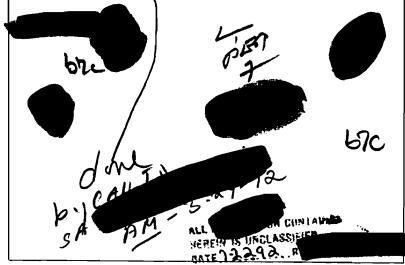


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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Attached states the FBI Office in Buffalo, New York, received an anonymous telephone call from male individual who stated "Abernathy will be assassinated before leaving Buffalo," after which he hung up. Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), reportedly was scheduled to give a talk in Buffalo on 3-23-72.

The information regarding the anonymous telephone call was furnished the Buffalo Police Department and Secret Service. Buffalo Office is being instructed to make certain police appropriately notify Abernathy of threat.



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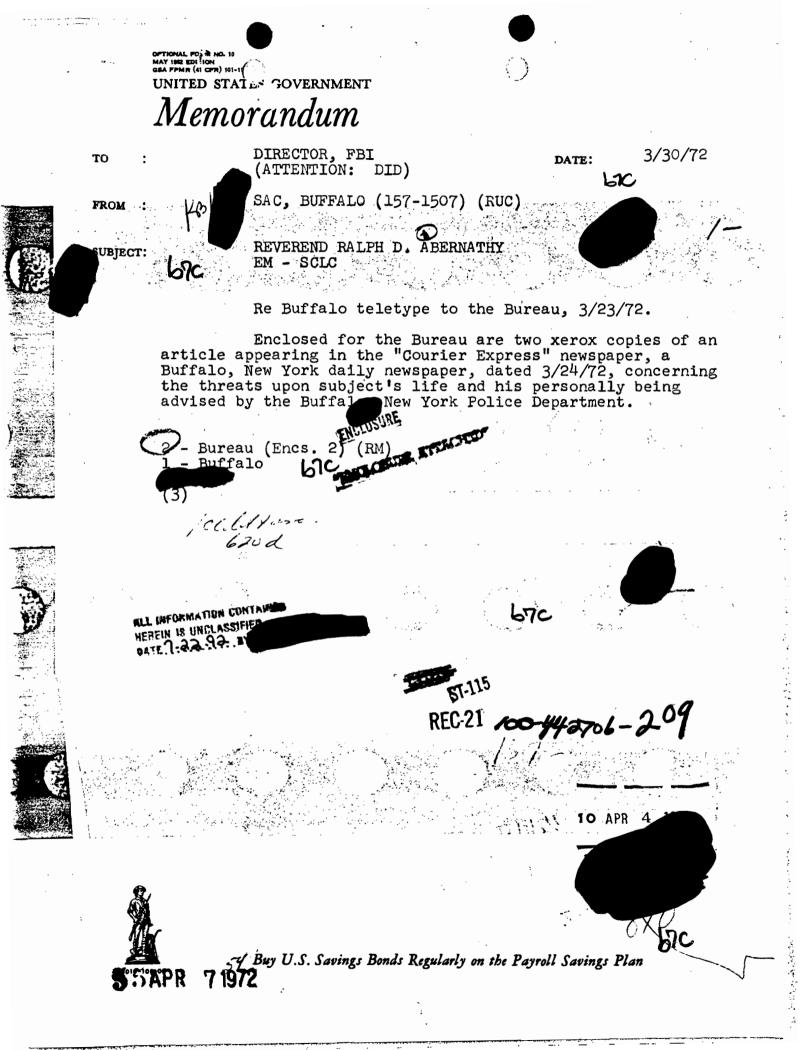
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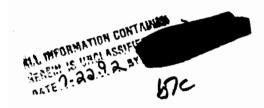
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Two xerox copies of an article appearing in the "Courier Express" newspaper, dated 3/24/72

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# Dr. Abernathy Raps Vixon on Major Issues

The hard-hitting, politically active Rev. Dr. Ralph U. Aber-nathy, Martin Luther King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Confer-ence, appealed here Thursday night to the nation's black and white voters to "drive the reactionary forces from the command posts of power in this country.

He ripped into President Richard Nixon's Administration, especially on the school busing issue. His responsive, racially mixed audience - nearly all of it college students - often ap-plauded or answered "Right on!" as he spoke at D'Youville College in an Ethnic Week event sponsored by the Bluch Students' Assn.

### Told of Threats

Dr. Abernathy said police met him at the plane, which was delayed more than three hours by bad weather, and told him there had been threats here against his life. He declared he was under police protection but added:

"I'm not scared by bullets. I don't have time to think about dying.

Dr. Abernathy then quoted the late Dr. King, with whom he was closely associated in the Montlater equal rights actions:

"If a man has nothing to die for, he has nothing to live for."

### **Offers** Suggestions

Dr. Abernathy built his speech around defining and suggesting solutions for abuses he said are hurting the nation he loves. Among them, he listed:

Vietnam: "The President should end the war, not wind it down. More bombs have been dropped in Vietnam than in WW II and the Korean war combined. We must end all war."

- Too much military. spending. "Let us stop building bombs ind to start rebuilding our fities — Buffalo included." But too often, he warned, "urban renewal is urban removal of black people." Educational System

-"An educational system that is irrelevant and dishonest. It fills jails with poor, young blacks but fills college campuses mostly with privileged whites, he complained. He said whites saw nothing wrong in busing their children many miles past delapidated black schools to superior facilities but now call it wrong to bus inner city blacks to superior schools in the suburbs. Dr. Abernathy accused President Nixon of trying to tamper with the courts, celled this contrary to the American principle of separation of powers and warned that it's the road to

dictatorship. Basism, "The responsibility to stop it begins with the President. We must stop trying to keep our children apart. The sooner we get together, the happier we will be . . . Whites must share power with blacks, wom-

### Secret Government'

en, the poor and the young."

-"Secret and unrepresenta-tive government." "I'm tired of an illegal war opposed by the great majority of the peo-ple and tired of lies about Attica, Cambodia, Paris peace talks and shootings at Kent State and Jackson State Universities. We the people must use our influence for honest, open, represent-ative government," Dr. Aber-nathy insisted.

He accused "President Nixon "trying to turn back the ck" in a way that endangers clock" civil rights gains won by the

Southern Leadership : Christian Conference under Dr. King. "I'm no separatist:" Dr. Aber-nathy concluded. "I'm for Intogration. It's impossible to destroy black America without destroying white America. Black is beautiful, but so is white, and the most beautiful color in the world is black and white to(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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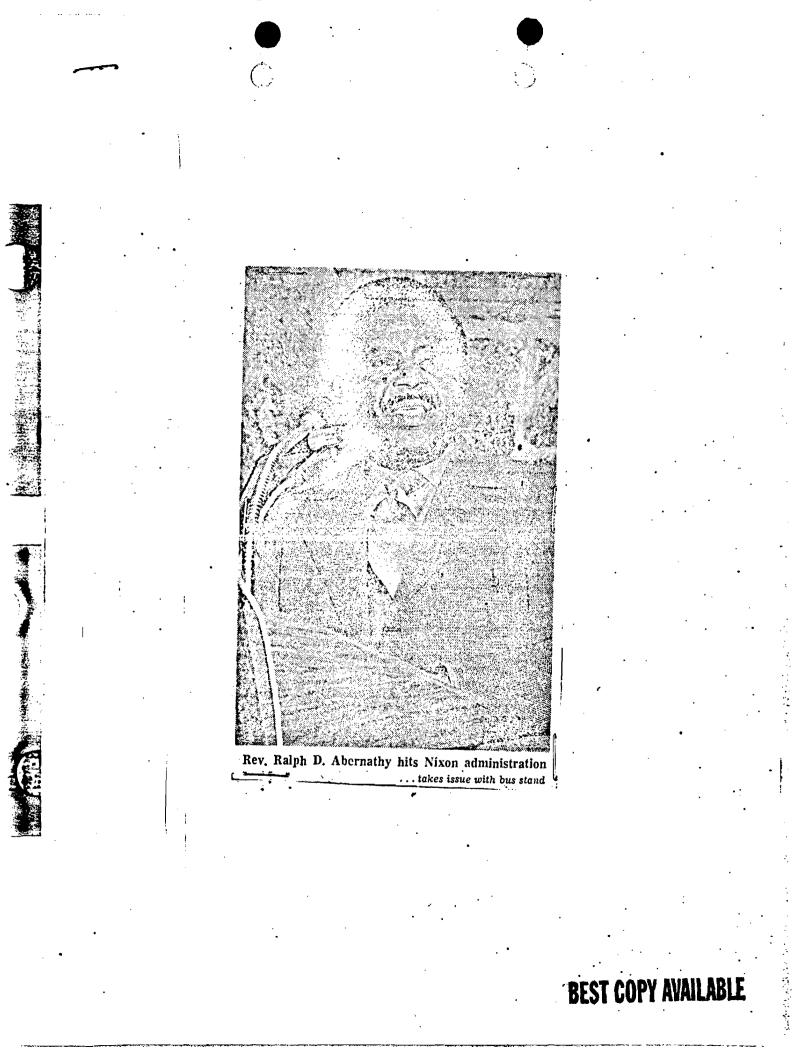
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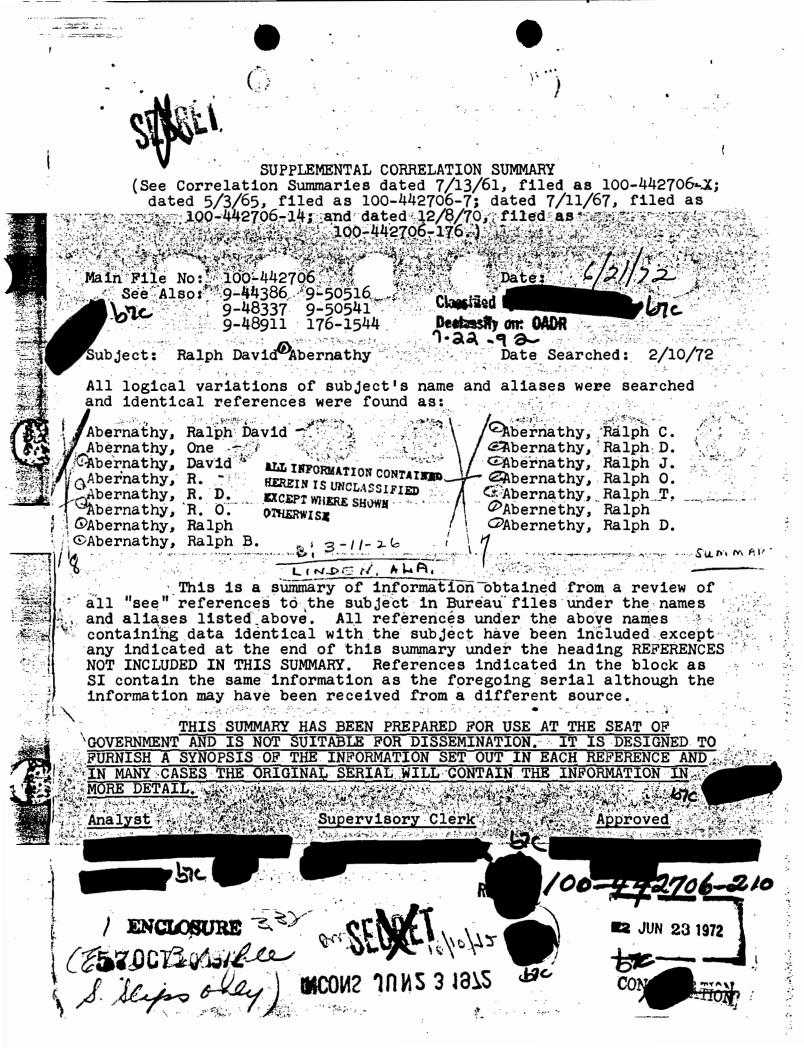
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BPPBlack Panther Party
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SCLC Leadership Conference

ABBREVIATIONS

Army Intelligence advised that a 1964 Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)(100-225892) letterhead bearing the address 38 Park Row, NYC, listed Ralph Abernathy as a member of the CORE Advisory Committee.

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The Phoenix Office revealed that was active in organizing persons from the Hopi and Zuni Indian Reservations to take part in the PPC at Albuquerque, New Mexico, during May 1968. At this time he was known to have been associated with Ralph Abernathy during fund raising efforts.

157-14592-7 p.5

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The following references pertain to the 5/1/69 edition of the number "Issues and Action" published by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CALCAV)(105-170160). The newsletter stated that Rev. Ralph David Abernathy was one of the sponsors of the National Council to Repeal the Draft (NCRD), 201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., WDC. The NCRD had recently been formed to work for the complete and total abolition of the draft.

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0n 6/17/69 NYC Transit Authorit; Police Department, Brooklyn, NY, furnished a combination diary and address book, which was the property of This book was found on a BMT LL Train by Transit Authority Patrolman Included in the address book part was the following: Ralph Abernathy, Private (404) 522-2494, SCLC - 522-1420. (No further details) 100-384411-319 p.2

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100-332485-51 ep.9(5/29/69 letter enclosed) 100-352389-132 ep.18(6/1/69 letter enclosed)

D. bernathy, SCLC head and a PPC leader, in the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) (62-111181) demonstration in San Francisco, California on 11/15/69. As of 4/14/69 Abernathy was cochairman of the NMC. He spoke at the 11/15/69 rally held at the Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park. He criticized President Richard Nixon for failure to end US participation in the Vietnam War and for inattention to domestic problems.

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62-111181-2434 p.4 -2807 p.4 -3014 p.2; ep.2 -3336 p.2 -3352 p.1 -3368 p.2 -3523 ep.6,10,15 -3558 ep.36 -3896 p.18,42

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On 1/9/70 advised that a rally\* was held at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh in protest of the death sentence given Marie Hill, a young North Carolina Negro girl, following her conviction on a charge of murder. Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, was one of the speakers.

> 100-457531-2 p.5 (24)

\*Probably in January 1970

Army Intelligence furnished a report dated 3/4/70 captioned American Servicemen's Union. Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC, was listed as an initiating sponsor of the Emergency Conference Committee, 417 East 47th Street, Chicago, Ill.

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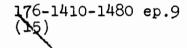
offering money in efforts to have someone kill Reverend Abernathy (Ralph). It was not anticipated that Abernathy would visit Seattle; however, his wife, Mrs. Abernathy, was expected to be in Seattle on or about 3/11 or 12/70.



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Calif., advised that John Radford Froines, a defendant in the Chicago conspiracy trial, spoke at the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont on 3/12/70. Froines spoke concerning the indictment against him, the charges and the trial. He stated that the testimony of Ralph Abernathy was irrelevant and immaterial (no further details).





The serial indicated that the above mentioned may be identical with

105-12869-206 p.1

advised that in December 1970, the headquarters of the Georgia Black Liberation Front (157-16918), formerly located at 570 Magnolia Street, had been closed for several months. The group occupied a building belonging to the Hunter Street Baptist Church which was pastored by Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President in Atlanta, but this house was razed on instructions from Abernathy in mid-September 1970, and the group was forced to abandon the building at that time.

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Kent State University (KSU),

in a memorial service honoring KSU's students shot in May 1970. Butz gave a brief speech advocating non-wielest Kent, Ohio, advised that on 9/28/70 Tim Butz gave a brief speech advocating non-violent measures to end the war in Vietnam and then he and Ralph Abernathy led a march to Taylor Hall at KSU.



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The following references pertain to Ralph David Abernathy and his association with Dom Helder Pessao Camara, Catholic Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, from 3/5/70 to approximately November 1970 in Brazil. Camara's diocesan bulletin contained a statement calling for a worldwide campaign to awaken the conscience of all the people of the world to the great human cost of poverty, racism and war. This statement, .signed jointly by Camara and Abernathy, was not made public in Brazil but may have been published in Europe and possibly the US.

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The following references pertain to the Movement Speakers Bureau (MSB) (100-454802) from approximately October 1969 to November 1970. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC Director and long-time civil rights activist, was listed in the MSB catalog and brochure as being available for speaking engagements through the MSB, NYC.

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Paul H. Sherry, Editor, addressed to "Dear Friend with the Movement", prepared on the letterhead of the United Church Board For Homeland Ministries. This letter enclosed a flyer describing the November-December 1970 special issue of the "Journal", which included conversations with Ralph Abernathy concerning social change.



Copy of letter and flyer enclosed 105-184369-526 ep.11,12 (19)

The 1/8/71 issue of the "Daytona Beach Morning Journal" carried an article captioned "Goals for Poverty War". Hosea Williams, SCLC National Program Director, had arrived the previous day with three other SCLC workers to wage what he termed a "nonviolent" war on poverty. One of the individuals arriving with Williams was the Reverend Bernard Lee, Executive Assistant to Doctor Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President.

> 157-17951-6 p.46 (Ng)

Birmingham Office advised that the newly elected Negro officials were sworn in at the Greene County, Ala., Courthouse on 1/18/71 after a parade through downtown Eutaw. Speeches were given outside the courthouse and the principal speaker was Ralph Abernathy, SCLC.

44-43221-10 p.1,2

The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President, in connection with the Commemoration of the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr., from approximately 4/4/69 - 4/3/71. Petitions urging Congress to pass a bill declaring January 15, King's birthday, a national and legal holiday were to be mailed to Abernathy for presentation to the President and Congress of the US. He was scheduled to meet with the Daytona Beach, Fla., Ministerial Committee to speak at one of the Daytona Beach Churches in connection with the commemoration of King's birthday and was also scheduled to speak in NYC at a demonstratic in connection with the anniversary death of King. On 1/15/71 Abernathy spoke at a WDC church eulogizing King and stated that Black people would take January 15 as a legal holiday regardless of the action of Congress.

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The following references pertain to Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC leader, in connection with Student Agitation (62-112228) from 5/6/70 to approximately 4/16/71. Abernathy was scheduled to speak on "Black Rights" at the Colorado State University (CSU), to hold a press conference with the CSU campus newspaper concerning Cambodia, and to go to Gainesville in support of black students at the University of Florida. On 6/1/70 he spoke at an SCLC rally held at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Miss. Abernathy emphasized the non-violent stance of SCLC, which supported the rights of blacks in the Jackson black boycott and teachers' grievances and indicated he would leave Jackson on 6/2/70 for Atlanta, Ga. On 6/4/70 he arrived in Jackson from Atlanta and addressed a group of blacks who supported the boycott of white merchants. Later that day he spoke at an SCLC rally in Jackson regarding the "Road to Freedom". He departed Jackson on 6/5/70 en route to Atlanta.

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62-112228-54-212 p.2 -213 ep.3,4,6 -218 p.2; ep.2-16 (copy of 6/1/70 speech enclosed) -219 ep.2,4,5 -221 ep.1,5

62-112228-63-146 ep.10

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The following references in the file captioned "Black Panther Party" pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy from approximately 5/1/69 to 4/21/71 in California, Illinois and Mississippi. Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate in BPP meetings, benefits and affairs and was arrested. He was a sponsor of the "Committee to Defend the Panthers" which was located in NYC. He delivered a eulogy

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at the funeral service for Fred Hampton, Illinois BPP Deputy Chairman, who was shot and killed. Abernathy was scheduled to participate at a teach-in at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, Canada.

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The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President and West Hunter Street Baptist Church pastor, in connection with the May Day Collective (MDC)(100-464219) and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (100-459771) from 2/22/71 to 8/14/71 in Florida, Georgia, Nevada and WDC. The MDC of the PCPJ sent out mailings soliciting nationwide support for demonstrations planned for 5/1-5/71, WDC. One of the mailings was an undated flyer captioned "Declaration of War Against Repression-A Call to Action" by Abernathy and Dr. George A. Wiley, Executive Director, National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO). Abernathy advocated a war against repression which would begin with marches on State Capitols in support of demands of the NWRO for a guaranteed annual income as well as an end to political repression and war. He participated or was scheduled to participate in press conferences, meetings, rallies and affairs including the MDC Conference that was to be held in Abernathy's church in Atlanta, on 8/13-17/71. He spoke at the 8/13/71 session and stated he was on his way home from the SCLC Convention in New Orleans. On 8/14/71 Abernathy would not permit MDC to hold any further activities at his church apparently because of the large number of homosexuals attending.

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100-463195-50 ep.20,21 (flyer enclosed) -635 p.11,15 -982 p.2 -1046 ep.3 -1074 ep.6,22 -1082 ep.1,3,5,8

100-459771-253 ep.7 -263 ep.1,7,11 -370 ep.7,17,47,49-52,54

100-464219-1 ep.2,12,13 (flyer enclosed) -182 ep.41,42,44-46,48,52,57,76,88 -197 ep.3,4 -198 ep.1 -232 ep.5 -257 ep.12

157-12709-674 p.3; ep.1,5,12-14



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(C) On 9/22/71 furnished a flyer entitled "Free Angela Davis\*, Doc Bryant\*, Ronald Williams\* and All Political Prisoners!", which stated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC leader, had spoken out publicly in support of Angela's right to bail and a fair trial.

Flyer enclosed 100-463244-4 ep.5

\*Leaders of the Alabama Black Liberation Front

Chicago PD advised that the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace (BEM)(100-448287) held a rally in Chicago, Ill., on 10/1/71. A BEM peace award was given to Rev. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, at this rally.

100-448287-79 p.1

University Conference (62-112109) Newsletter". An article captioned "Briefly Noted", indicated that the Angela Davis Legal Defense Fund had issued a pamphlet on the case called "On Trial: Angela Davis or America?" The pamphlet contained items by Ralph Abernathy (no further details).

62-112109-401 ep.15

Fiery Cross" (61-10406). This booklet carried an article captioned "Along The BLACK Front", which had a photograph of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President, and stated that during his tour to Russian religious sects, Abernathy told a Russian Orthodox congregation, "We are one people though we hold two different ideologies, thoughts and beliefs." He was in Russia at the invitation of officials of the Russian Orthodox Church to help promote "World Peace and understanding". Abernathy said the Russian citizens were friendly and cordial and many were committed to Christian principles in the Soviet Union.

61-10406-84 encl.#1 p.24 Photograph (16)



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The ll/ll/71 "San Francisco Examiner" carried an article captione "Searches Hit By Angela's Attorney". Ralph Abernathy of SCLC was among the spectators at Angela Davis' (100-439922) trial\*on ll/ll/71.

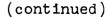
100-439922-A "San Francisco Examiner" 11/11/71

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The following references set out actual or potential meetings and affairs in which Ralph David Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate. Abernathy spoke at many of these meetings and acted in a leadership capacity. He also criticized the FBI.

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6/26-30/69 (scheduled)	Atlanta	Women's Inter- national League for Peace and Freedom	61-1538-917 ep.12	) Rel
8/12/69 (scheduled)	Baltimore	National Organizing Committee of Hospi- tal and Nursing Home Employees	100-442529-2895 ep.: 3	2, (6)
8/26/69	Chicago	Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention	157-14481-27 ep.1	(23)
9/21-23/69	Oklahoma City	Coalition of Civic Leadership	157-15014-7 ep.1-4	(13)
10/15/69 10/15/69	Redlands, Calif. Los Angeles	Vietnam Moratorium Committee	100-454565-502X1 p. 17	7, (24)
10/23/69	Charleston, S.C.	National Council of Distributive Workers of America		(76)
12/8/69	Newton, Mass.	Cultural Committee of the Boston College Student Council	105-165706-5-210 ep 2	.1, (30)



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3/8-14/70	Decatur, Ill.	Millikin University campus organization For Soul Only	157-17231-1 ep.1	()~)
6/19/70 (scheduled)	WDC	BPP	105-165706-53-296 p.5	(1)
9/3-7/70	Atlanta	Congress of African Peoples	157-16554-61 ep.2 -73 ep.3 -167 p.1 -270 ep.2 -275 p.28, 29,46 -290 ep.3 -327 ep.35 -344 ep.5 -A "The Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution" 9/6/70	FEET FEEDER
10/16-18/70 (scheduled)		Vietnam Moratorium Committee	100-454565-1040 p.2	(32)
12/5/70	Georgetown, S.C.	AFL-CIO United Steel Workers Strike Georgetown Steel Company	157-19522-15 p.1-3; e, ep.1,2	(22)
12/14-17/70	WDC	Black Caucus	157-20574-1 p.2,3	(15)
1/29-31/71	Daytona Beach	SCLC	157-20818-2 p.11,12	(15)
2/2/71	NYC	New York Committee To Free Angela Davis	100-461284-39 ep.2 -48 p.A, 20	A Contraction
2/2/71 (scheduled)	Manhattan Center, NY	BPP, The Young Lords, New York Committee to Free Angela Davis and leaders of the people's movements	World" 1/1	
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4/5/71	NYCSERET	SCLC and National Welfare Rights Organization	157-12709-668 p.2-	4 (133)			
4/24/71	WDC	National Peace Action Coalition- PCPJ	100-460998-325 p.1 100-463195-672 p.1 (criticized FBI) -986 ep.4	(25)			
4/24/71	WDC	PCPJ	100-448092-178 ep.	8 762			
5/2/71 (scheduled)	WDC	PCPJ	100-463195-949 p.4	(8)			
5/2/71	WDC	People's Peace and PCPJ	100-463195-683 p.1	$\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle$			
6/19/71	Cairo, Ill.	Cairo United Front	100-448092-420 ep.	83 10			
6/25/71 (scheduled)	Milwaukee	PCPJ	100-459771-559 p.1 -589 ep. -595 ep. -609 ep.	$\frac{2}{7}$			
11/15/71 (scheduled)	Chicago	Coalition for United Community	157-14481-113 ep.2	(22)			

The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference" pertain to the SCLC civil rights activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President and pastor of the Atlanta West Hunter Street Baptist Church, from approximately April 1968 - December 1971. These activities took place in numerous cities throughout the US, East Germany, Hungary and Sweden. Abernathy was the late Martin Luther King's successor as SCLC President and struggled to carry out King's ideals. Because of lack of confidence in his own abilities and the fact that he and the SCLC Executive Vice President did not have confidence in each other, the SCLC administration was jeopardized. Abernathy participated at meetings and affairs including the PPC in WDC, which led to his arrest, the World Peace Assembly in Budapest and national religious conventions. He spoke at the Senate Hall of Humboldt University in Germany, visited Berlin's Lord Mayor Herbert

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Fechner, and was awarded the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award. According to a German publication Abernathy was imprisoned 31 times in the US. In September 1971 he was en route to Russia for a speaking tour and on his return to the US he was to stop in Prague, Czechoslovakia to address the All-Christian Peace Assembly.

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100-438794-3131 p.1; ep.1,2 Photograph -A "The Independent American"

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The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, in connection with civil rights and racial matters from 11/26/68 to approximately 1/20/72 in various cities throughout the US and Canada. Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate at numerous meetings, rallies and affairs including the PPC in WDC, the Save Marie Hill Day Demonstrations in North Carolina, the Second Annual National Survival Day in Cairo, Ill., and the National Welfare Rights Organization demonstrations. He acted in a leadership capacity and spoke at the majority of these affairs. A number of these activities led to Abernathy's arrests. He held press conferences and in one instance called for the discharge of a North Carolina Highway Patrolman who killed a Negro who had attempted to escape custody and was killed in the ensuing struggle. Abernathy spoke regarding Black voter registration sponsored and endorsed a march and convention and participated in rallies and marches in support of strikes, pickets and desegregation of public schools. He spoke at the Black Caucus of the White House Conference on Children in WDC. Abernathy criticized the FBI and US participation in the UN and Vietnam.

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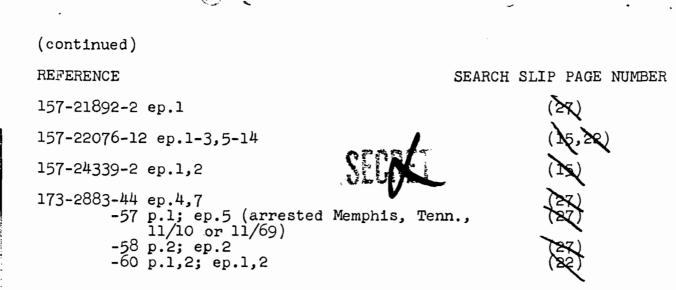
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The following references pertain to publications which contain information regarding Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, from 7/17/70 to 1/23/72 in WDC and Soviet Union. Abernathy participated in an anti-war campaign in WDC, went on a week-long lecture tour of the Soviet Union, pledged his support to a programme proposed by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and co-sponsored a protest contempt by the British Government for the Irish People in New York. He spoke against racism, imperialism, poverty, injustice, the war in Southeast Asia and in defense of communist Angela Davis.

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7/4-5/69	Cleveland	National Antiwar Conference	100-446997-11-9 ep.6 100-454491-59 ep.12 -64 ep.15	STE
3/7-8/70	Chicago	Emergency Committee Meeting for Defense of the BPP	100-3-69-12039 ep.3 -12042 ep.5	tet .
5/1-3/70	New Haven	Committee to Defend the Panther 21	105-165706-32-1179 p. 7	6, (10)
6/19/70	WDC	BPP	105-165706-53-243 p.1	(25)
8/8-9/70	WDC	BPP	105-165706-53-436X3 p	.1 (192)
8/22/70	Oxford, N.C.	Black Solidarity Day	157-18541-1 p.1	(22)
10/1-7/70	Tallahassee, Fla.	Malcom X United Liberation Front	157-16639-21 p.1	(74)
10/22-25/70	Stockholm, Sweden	International Com- mission of Inquiry into US War Crimes in Vietnam	100-458551-15 ep.5	TRZ
11/14/70 (unable to attend but sent tele- gram)	Georgetown, S.C.	United Steel Workers of America	157-19522-11 p.2; ep. 2	1, (22)
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6/26-27/71	WDC	Congress c Peoples	of African	157-16554-34-15 157-16554-53-22		(H)
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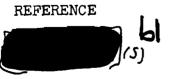
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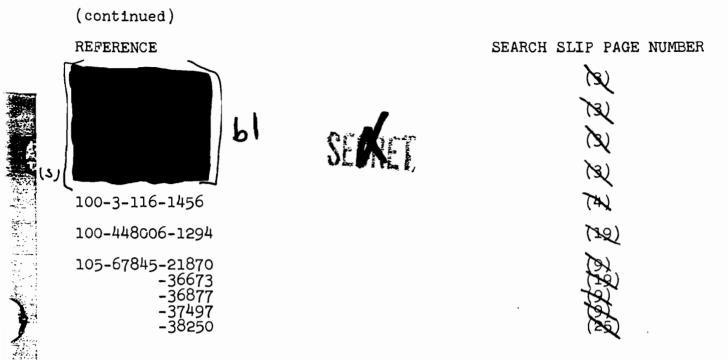
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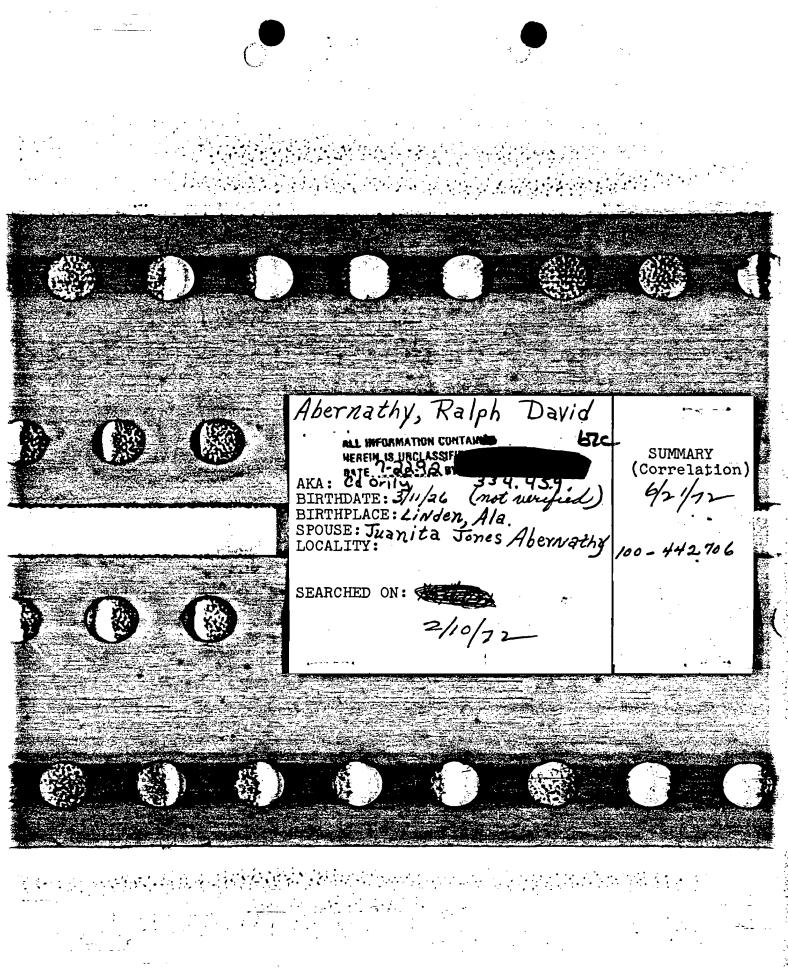
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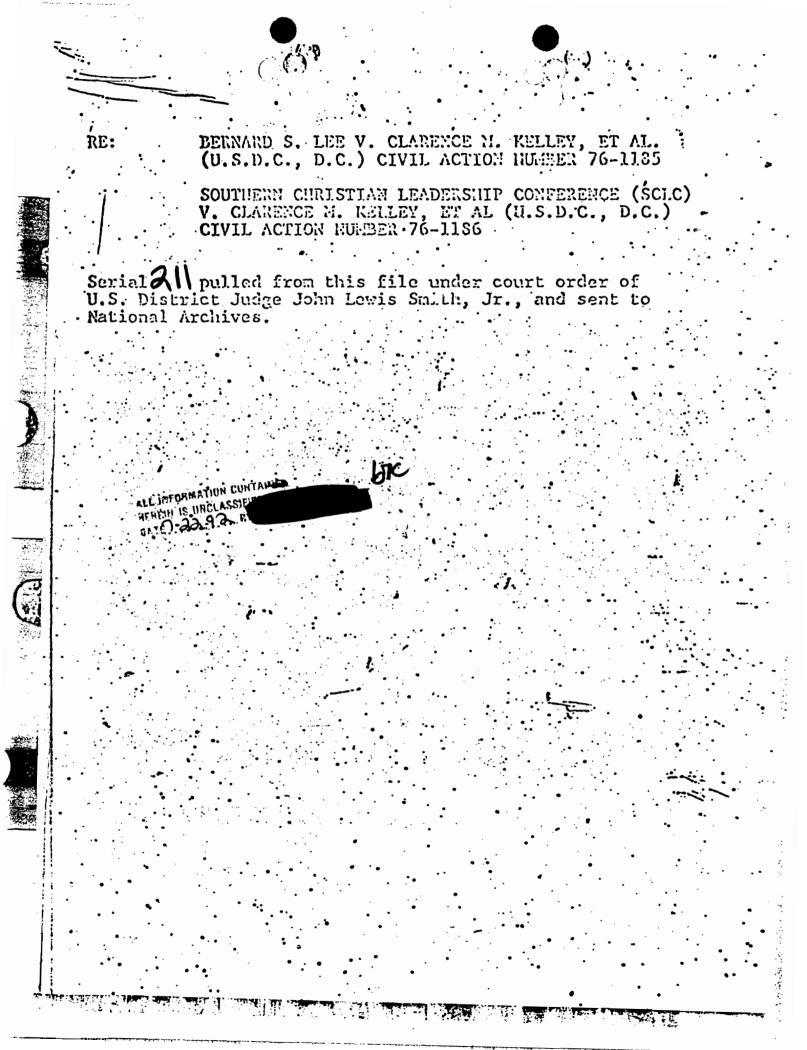
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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-2037) (9)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION OF CITY SANITATION WORKERS, CHARLESTON, W. VA., 10/16/72 CIVIL UNREST

Re Pittsburgh teletype dated 10/16/72, and Pittsburgh mitel to Bureau dated 10/17/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM and for Atlanta 2 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

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Advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Resident Agency, Charleston, W. Va., that he had received information that approximately 50 Negro and white City Sanitation workers planned to demonstrate at the City Council meeting to be held on October 16, 1972, at 8:00 PM, in the City Hall. stated the strikers reportedly planned a sit-in at the meeting of the City Council. The strikers are to appear at the City Council meeting in connection with a tenweek old strike by Sanitation Workers of the City of Charleston during which time 52 of the approximately 150 workers who originally went out on strike have been fired by the City Administration and will not be rehired. stated the strikers originally walked off their jobs in a dispute with the City Administration in which the strikers demanded recognition of their union. The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local #1548, and the demand that a grievance procedure be established. Mayor John Hutchinson stated the strike was illegal under the laws of the State of West Virginia which forbids striking by public employees. Mayor Hutchinson refused to meet the

On September 27, 1972, Kanawha County Circuit Judge Frank L. Taylor, Charleston, W. Va., declared the strike to be illegal and enjoined the strikers from striking and from

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picketing City Hall or any other city buildings or functions. The union stated Judge Taylor's injunction would be obeyed and most of the workers returned to work. The City Administration fired 52 of the strikers for alleged misconduct and criminal acts during the strike and would not rehire these individuals.

On October 15, 1972, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). arrived in Charleston, W. Va., and spoke to a group of approxi-mately 300 persons at the First Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va., and spoke in support of the sanitation workers. During his remarks to the people assembled at the church, Reverend Abernathy reportedly stated, "The only way we're going to win this strike is to shake the very foundation of The SCLC must send staff members here to Charleston this town. to organize and we must move in powerful non-violent demonstrations." Abernathy reportedly stated the recent court injunctions against the strikers would no longer be obeyed. He stated, "These are our First Amendment rights. It guarantees our right to orderly protest and we're going to picket that city dump and we're going to picket city hall." Abernathy also reportedly stated, "All I've got to do is send out the call and we can get some professional agitators in here and we've got some professional agitators from way back." Abernathy indicated he was leaving for Mississippi the following day but would return to Charleston within a few days. Abernathy also reportedly stated, "My new strategy for Charleston is to put up or shut up." He stated he would ask Governor Arch Moore, Governor of West Virginia, to intercede in the strike "or else he will see his capital city thrown into turmoil.

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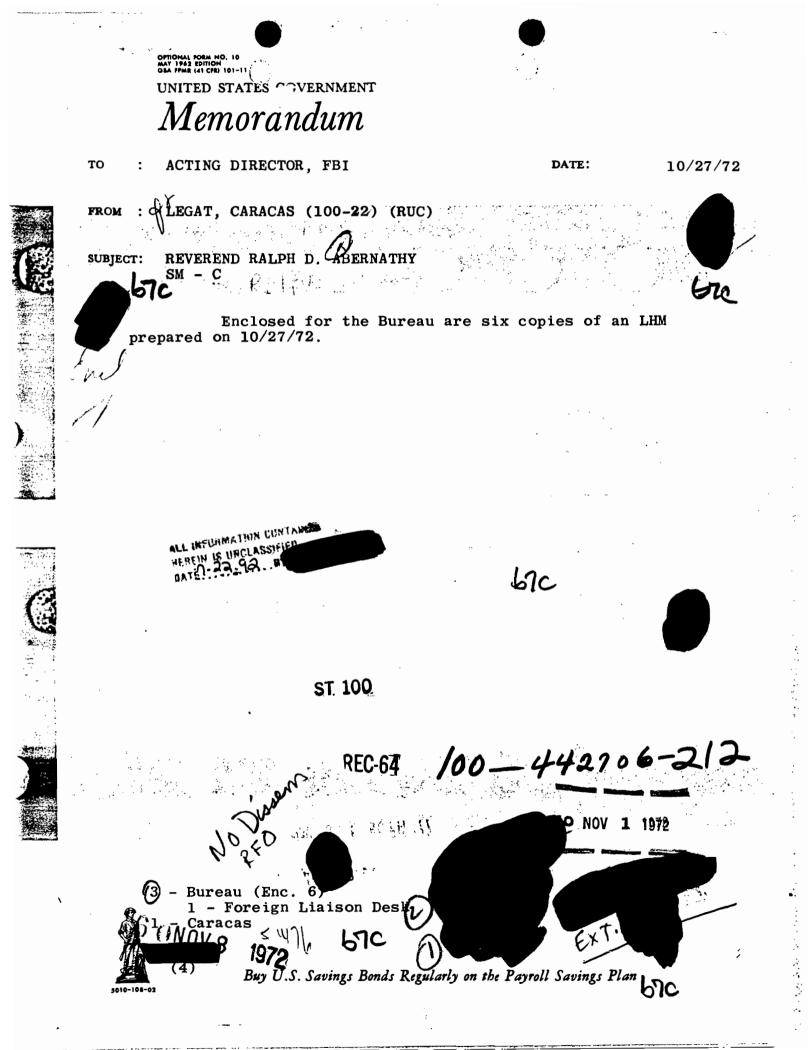
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bib no violence or sit-in occurred at the City Council meeting on October 16, 1972. Approximately 200 individuals attended the Council meeting in support of the 52 fired sanitation workers. A resolution presented by members of theCity Council to rehire the fired workers was tabled by City Council. After the resolution was tabled, the Reverend Ronald English, Pastor

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of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, W. Va., was given the floor to present a resolution pledging continued support to the fired strikers. In his resolution, Reverend English resolved to exercise "freedom of speech, press and assembly, picket and conduct economic blackouts, and use every peaceful means to replace the cruel mockery of political patronage with the true operation of human dignity in the City of Charleston."





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October 27, 1972

# REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

The October 20, 1972, issue of 'Tribuna Popular," official newspaper of the Communist Party of Venezuela (Partido Comunista Venezolano) (PCV), published daily in Caracas, Venezuela, reported an interview with PCV leader Dr. Ricardo Molina/Marti, upon his return to Caracas after having attended the World Peace Conference in Santiago, Chile, October 4 - 9, 1972. C.P. Marthe

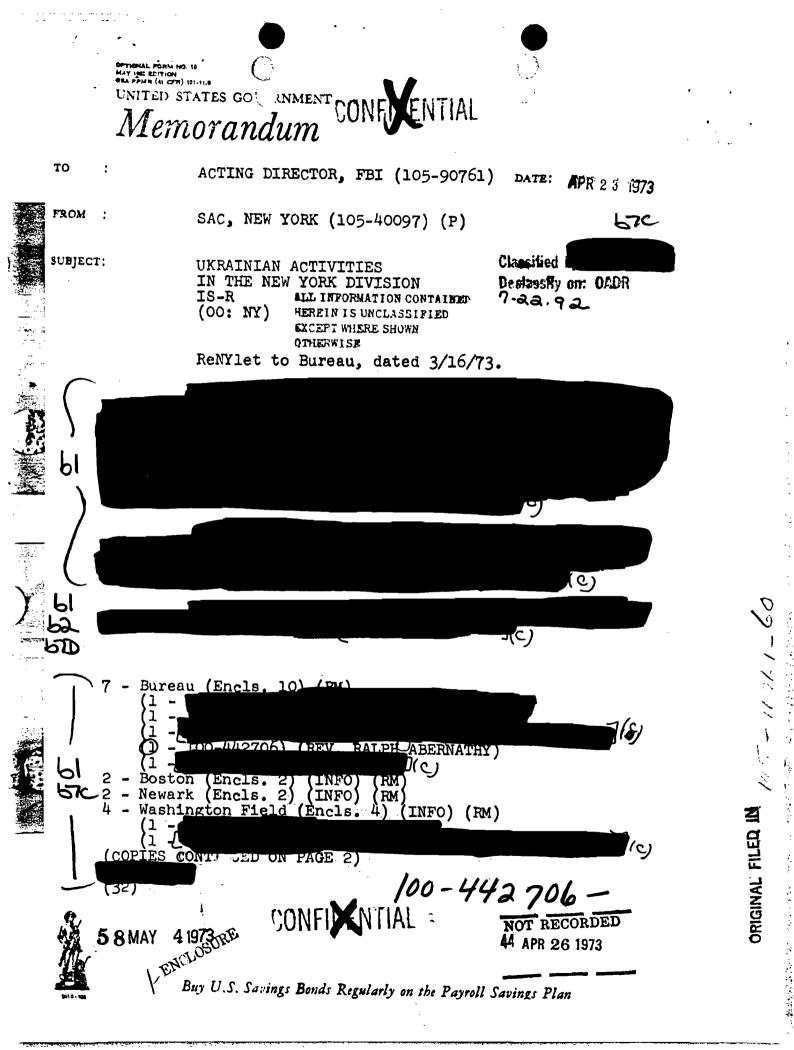
In the course of the interview, Dr. Molina Marti disclosed that the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, prominent leader of the Negro civil rights movement in the United States, had been present in Santiago as a delegate to the convention.

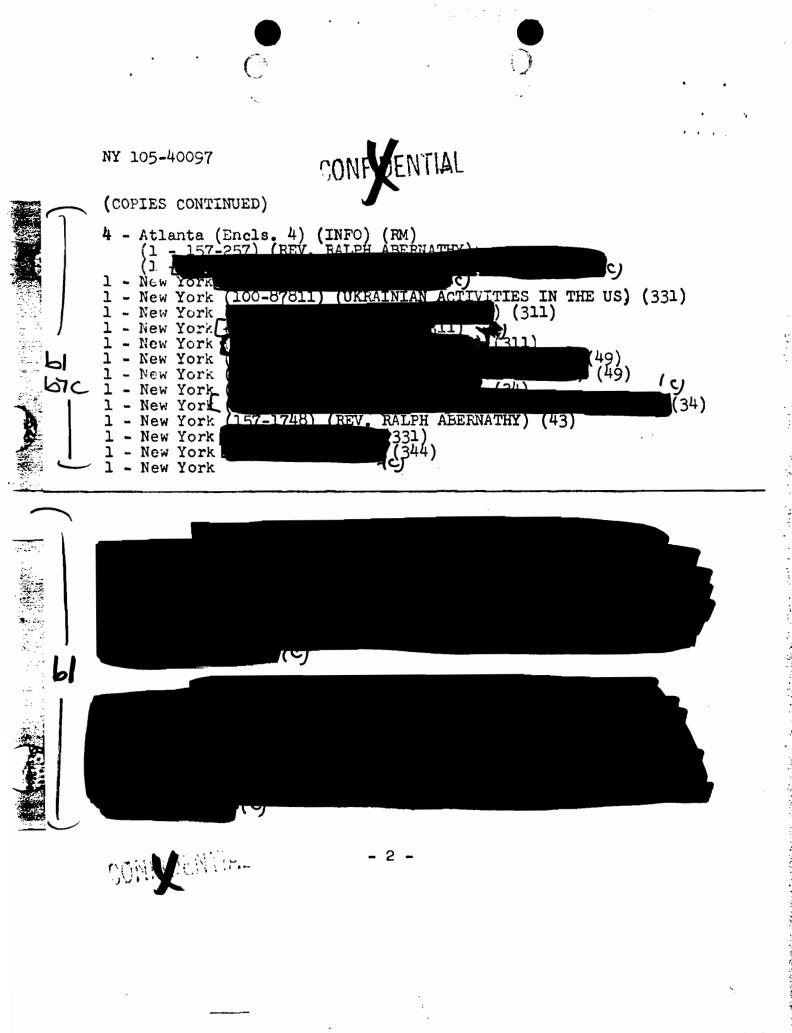
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In Reply, Piease Rafer to Flie No. New York, New York APR 2 3 1973

# Ukrainian Activities in the New York Division

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 13, 1972, that the Committee for Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners (CDSPP) was formed in January, 1972, to protest the January 12 and 13, 1972, arrests in the Ukraine of 19 Ukrainian intellectuals by the KGB (Committee of State Security), the Soviet security police.

According to the CDSPP was formed mainly through the efforts of a small group of Ukrainian emigre students, from the Ukrainian Student Organization (USO) in New York City (NYC), led by Yarko Koshiv and Roman Kupchinsky.

> On January 15, 1970, the who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the USO maintained its headquarters at the Ukrainian National Home, 140 Second Avenue, New York, New York (NY, NY). According to the USO had existed in NYC a number of years previously and had died out due to lack of interest, but in 1966 or 1967, the USO had been revived by a group of students from New York University (NYU) and Columbia University for the purpose of affording students

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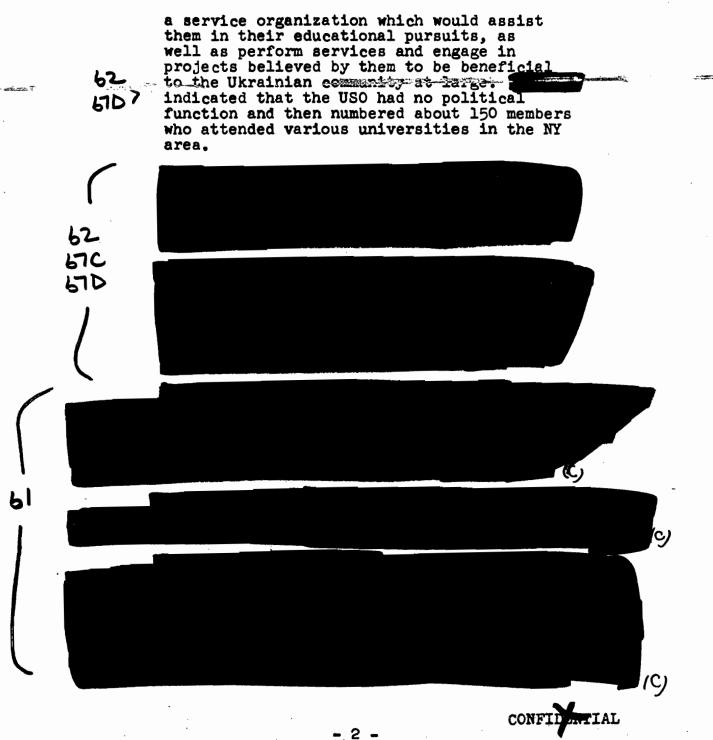
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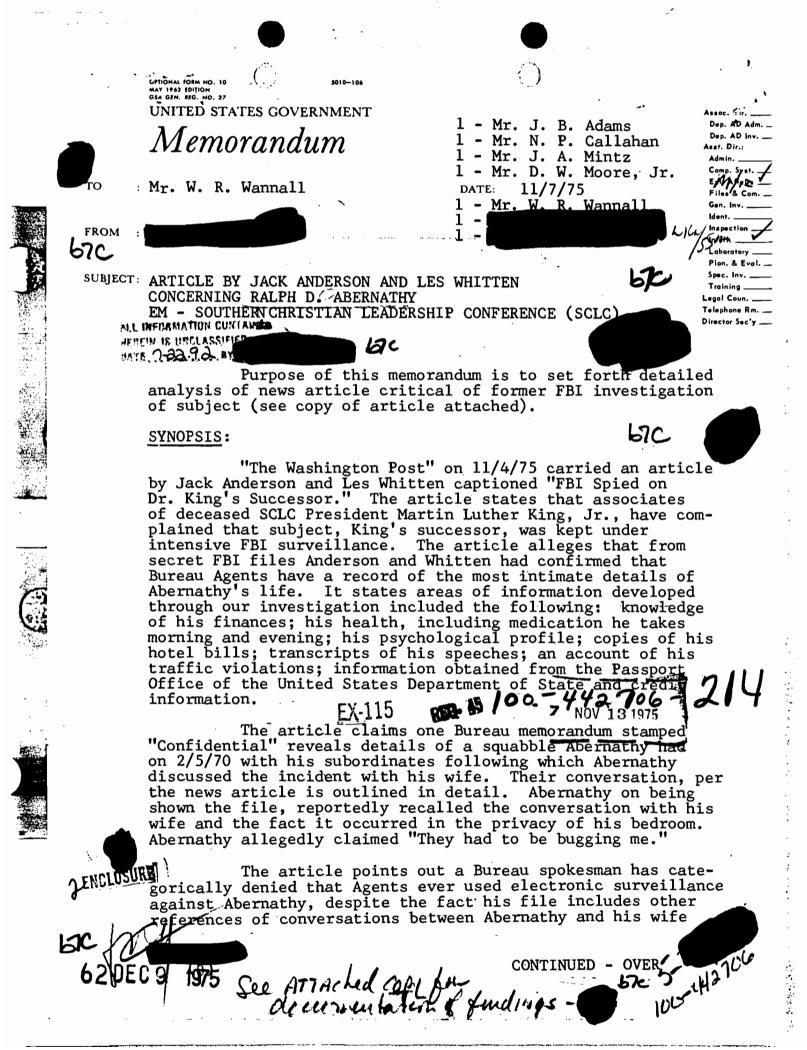
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The article alleges the Bureau, under former Director J. Edgar Hoover was almost paranoiac about black leaders. It indicates Anderson and Whitten have had access to other "secret dossiers" on such prominent black leaders and prominent persons as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis, Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta King, Muhammad Ali, Harry Belafonte, Dick Gregory and Eartha Kitt. The article further states the writers have seen dozens of "dossiers" on black leaders whose only crime is voicing the tribulations of black people who have done nothing more than organize their ranks and who are guilty only of peacefully petitioning their government in redress of grievances.

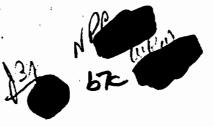
Detailed responses to each point as revealed by our files are set forth in the following Details:

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

Each item referred to by Anderson and Whitten as it pertains to Abernathy is based on information contained in our files with the exception of Abernathy's allegation that he was the subject of electronic surveillance by this Bureau. A review of Bureau files indicates Abernathy was never the target of an electronic surveillance, however, as result of his activities and association with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC, which were targets of duly authorized electronic surveillances, he was overheard on numerous occasions on these technical surveillances. These technical surveillances were deemed necessary and resulted in development of positive information concerning communist influences on King and the SCLC.

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# DETAILS:

The 11/4/75 issue of "The Washington Post" carried an article by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten captioned "FBI Spied on Dr. King's Successor."

### Anderson Allegation

The article claims associates of the late Martin Luther King have complained that King's successor, Rev. Ralph Abernathy was kept under intensive FBI surveillance.

## Bureau files

Abernathy was never subject of active Bureau investigation until he assumed the Presidency of the SCLC organization headquartered at Atlanta, Georgia, following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in April, 1968. However, as a result of our investigations of King and the SCLC we did develop information concerning Abernathy's activities prior to the time active investigation was instituted.\*

## Anderson Allegation

The article claims the Bureau's investigation of Abernathy developed information on the most intimate details of his life including knowledge of his finances; his health including medications he takes morning and evening; his psychological profile; transcripts of his speeches; an account of his traffic violations; passport data; credit information; an account of a 2/5/70 squabble between Abernathy and his subordinates including a later discussion of that incident with his wife which when shown to Abernathy lead to his allegation "They had to be bugging me."

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\*Atlanta Division advised this investigation was closed 8/21/74.

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Abernathy's file does not contain a psychological profile as such. However, we did develop information in approximately mid 1969 indicating Abernathy was suffering from an inferiority complex which affected his judgment and caused him to make poor decisions. It was reported that Abernathy's e motional problems were taking the form of "egomania" and that two of his associates were of the opinion Abernathy should seek assistance from a psychiatrist to determine if his neuroses were deteriorating into a psychosis. This information was reported by the a technical surveillance on Stanley Levison, an SCLC adviser with known CPUSA connections and activity.

FBIHQ's file on Abernathy contains no copies of hotel bills he incurred. 50

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Our files also include information developed as result of our coverage of public appearances by Abernathy and in some cases verbatim transcripts of speeches he made on these occasions as obtained through live sources, informants and the news media.

Our investigation of Abernathy also developed information concerning three traffic violations incurred in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963 and 1964. This information was developed through contacts with established sources.

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We also developed passport information concerning applications of Abernathy as a result of his travel abroad on a number of occasions.

As noted above under the caption "OBSERVATIONS," Abernathy was never the subject of a technical surveillance. It is also indicated that our technical coverage of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the SCLC did result in numerous overhearings of Abernathy during the period of those technical surveillances. Bureau files indicate our technical surveillance coverage of King was operational for various periods of time from November, 1963, through November, 1965. Our technical coverage of the SCLC was operational for various periods of time from October, 1963, to July, 1964. It is, therefore, obvious Abernathy's statement that our obtaining of information concerning his squabble with his subordinates and discussion of the incident with his wife on 2/5/70 could not have resulted from such coverage. Atlanta Division's LHM dated 2/16/70 dual captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southem Christian Leadership Conference Racial Matter; Internal Security-C; Ralph D. Abernathy Racial Matter" sets



Details of the above incident are also set forth in Atlanta report dated 3/3/70 in the Abernathy case. For information it should be noted Atlanta's LHM was disseminated at FBIHQ to

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the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, United States Army, Office of Special Investigations, Secret Service, Internal Security and Civil Rights Divisions of the Department of Justice and the Interdepartmental Information Unit of the Department. No local dissemination was made by the Atlanta Division. Atlanta's report containing this information was given identical dissemination at FBIHQ and in addition was disseminated by the Atlanta office to the Naval Intelligence Service, Charleston, South Carolina, 111th Military Intelligence Group, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, and Secret Service.

# Anderson Allegation

The article states that under former Director J. Edgar Hoover the Bureau was almost paranoiac about black leaders. It alleges access to other "secret dossiers" on such prominent black leaders as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis, and Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta King. It also makes reference to such dossiers being kept on black artists, entertainers and sports figures ranging from heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and actor Harry Belafonte to comedian Dick Gregory and singer Eartha Kitt.



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There is no evidence to support the article's charge that the Bureau investigated black leaders solely on the basis of their concern for blacks and their peaceful petitioning of the government in redress of grievances.

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FBI Spied on Dr. King's Successor

# By Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

At the request of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's associates, we investigated the smear charges that the FBI had spread against him. We reported in an earlier column that the storics were grossly inaccurate.

The same associates complained that King's successor, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, also was kept under intensive FBI surveillance. From secret FBI files, we have confirmed that the agents have a record of the most intimate details of his life.

They know everything about him from his finances to his health, including the medications he takes every morning and evening. His FBI file contains a psychological profile, copies of his hotel bills, transcripts of his speeches and even an account of his traffic violations.

One FB1 memo, stamped "Confidential," reveals the details of a squabble Abernathy had on Feb. 5, 1970, with his subordinates. Afterward, the memo notes, Abernathy discussed the flare-up with his wite. Their conversation is outlined in detail.

We showed the file to Abernathy, who readily recalled the conversation with his wife. It had occurred, he said, in the privacy of his bedroom. "They had to be bugging me," Abernathy told our associate, Joe Spear.

At the FBI, a spokesman categorically denied that agents had ever used electronic surveillance against Abernathy. Several references, including other conversations between Abernathy and his wife, are attributed in the file to "confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past."

It is clear from the file that FBI agents visited the U.S. Passport Office to get his travel schedule and credit buredu offices to find out about his finances.

Under the late J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI was almost paranoiac about black leaders. We have had access

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to other recret dossiers, ineved under "Racial Matters," on such prominent black leaders as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis and Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta.

Dossiers were kept on black artists, entertainers and sports figures, ranging from heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and actor Harry Belafonte to comedian Dick Gregory and singer Eartha Kitt,

This FBI concentration upon prominent blacks has alarmed black members of Congress who asked us to testify on Capitol Hill. We brought the evidence, complete with names and details.

My testimony concluded: "To the FBI, apparently, anyone with a dark skin who dares to open his mouth is viewed as subversive. I have seen dozens of dossiers on black leaders whose only is voicing the crime tribulations of their people; who have done nothing more than organize their ranks; who are guilty only of peacefully petitioning their government in redress of grievances, as their Constitution says they have an inalicnable right to do."

Footnote: In fairness, It should be added that the

present FBI director, Clarence Kelley, has abandoned his predecessor's bias against blacks and has adopted a balanced racial policy.

Defense of Jackie – For most Americans, the famous pholograph of Jacqueline Kennedy crawling across the back of her assassinated husband's limousine in Dallas is one of the most poignant memories of the '60s.

This left the impression that she panicked at the shots and tried to save herself by leaving her dying husband.

But now, the nation's most indefatigable private investigator of the assassination, Harold Weisberg, of Frederick, Md., has discovered that certain material was deleted from Jackie's testimony on June 5, 1964.

The deleted testimony indicates that she was trying to aid her husband, not save herself. The details were so grisly that they were deleted as a matter of taste. We have decided not to reprint this portion, except to report that the First Lady apparently was trying to help keep her husband's head intact, not trying to escape from the linnousine.

The full details will be published in a 650-page book called "Post Mortem." Weisberg concludes, as he has in past books, that the assassination was the result of conspiracy. Our own investigation shows that many questions remain to be answered. But we have not seen enough evidence to contradict the Warren commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, acted alone.

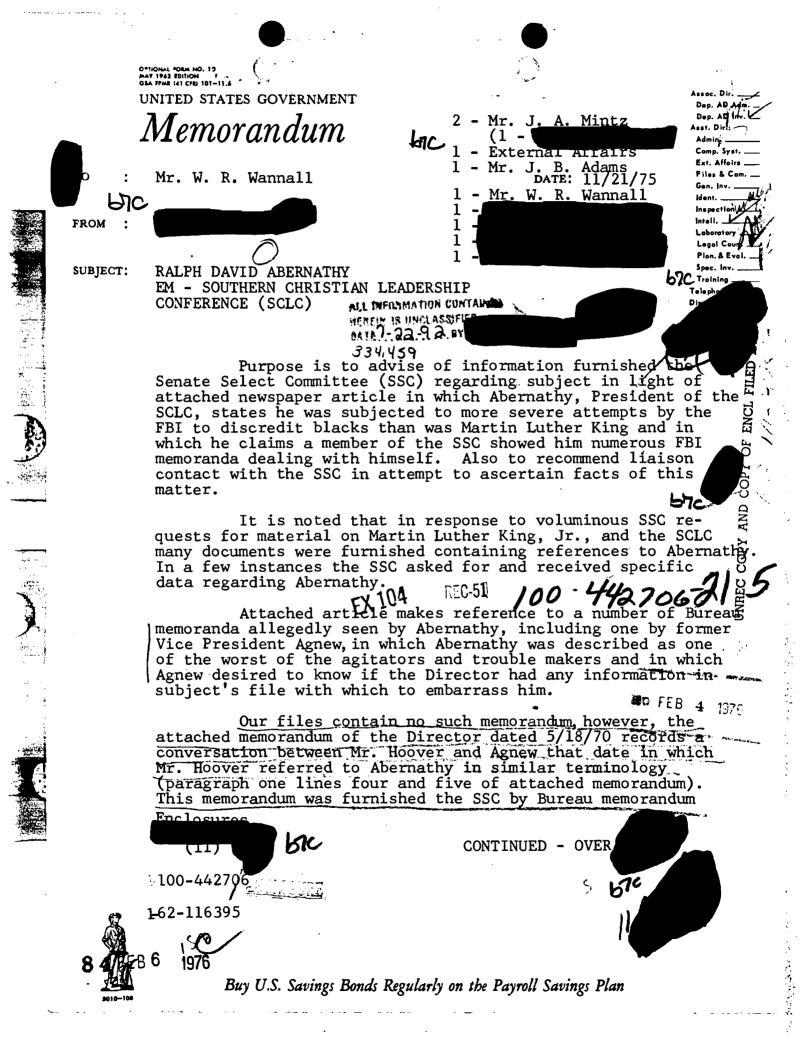
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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall Re: Ralph David Abernathy

of 8/29/75 captioned "U. S. Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities" (brackets indicate excisions made). This memorandum was furnished in response to a SSC inquiry regarding a special paper for the Vice President concerning racial disturbances in Mississippi and Georgia. Other documents furnished the SSC regarding Abernathy are: (1) Bureau letter to Atlanta 7/14/64 requesting information concerning Abernathy's escapades (2) FD-302 containing interview of Abernathy after King's assassination and (3) Correspondence with Pittsburgh office reSarding counterintelligence activity against Abernathy, including copy of congressional record 5/6/68. (All attached.)

In addition the SSC asked whether Abernathy was ever the subject of electronic surveillances (a charge also made by Abernathy in the attached article). Abernathy was never the target of electronic surveillance, however, as a result of his activities and association with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC, which were targets of duly authorized electronic surveillances he was overheard on numerous occasions. Abernathy was subject of active Bureau investigation following his assumption of the presidency of the SCLC in the spring of 1968. That investigation was closed in 8/74.

None of the attached documents furnished the SSC concerning Abernathy is classified and Legal Counsel Division concurs with Intelligence Division, that if a representative of the SSC exhibited such documents to Abernathy no violation of Federal laws is involved. Such action by the SSC, however, might constitute a breach of agreement between the FBI and the SSC which, in essence, is that information furnished the Committee is to be in confidence and not disclosed to unauthorized individuals.

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Abernathy Claims He Vias Top Target Vas FBI 'More Severe' on Hir

KANSAS CITY (AP) -Civil rights leader Dr. Ralph David Abernathy says a number of FBI memos. including one by former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. convince him he was subjected to more severe attempts by the FBI to discredit blacks than was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Abernathy said a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which disclosed on Tuesday illegal FBI attempts to discredit King, visited him last week and showed him numerous FBI memos dealing with himself, King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He said one memo was from then-Vice President Agnew to the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

ABERNATHY said that in the memo Agnew "stated emphatically and clearly that he considered me to be one of the worst of the agitators and troublemakers and wanted to anow of Mr. Heover if there was anything that could be done, if they had any infor-

REV. RALPH ABERNATHY

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mation in my file that they could use to embarrass me, embarrass my family in an effort to destroy my effectiveness, because I was most effective with the masses, the ordinary people."

Abernathy also said the FBI not only tapped his telephone and bugged his hotel rooms, but also bugged his home.

"I really think that I have been subjected even more severely to what Dr. King was subjected to." the 45year-old SCLC president said yesterday at a news conference. He was here to speak at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Symposium at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

HIS COMMENTS came when he was questioned on the FBI efforts to discredit black leadership. This included a letter to King which King interpreted as suggesting he commit suicide.

Abernathy said King was aware of the FBI campaign to discredit him and the SCLC movement, which he then headed, but did not attribute the letter to the FBI.

Abernathy said he and King thought the letter came from the Ku Klux Klan or the John Birch Society.

In Memphis, the Rev. Samuel B. Kyles, who was with King before his assassination in Memphis in 1953, said yesterday that the disclosure "calls for a whole new look at the investigative process that went into the King murder."

Kyles is head of Operation PUSH — People United to Save Humanity. •

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Reurairtel 6/26/64 which furnished the Bureau a copy of the 6/19/64 issue of "The Herald." Copies were maintained by your office. The indicated issue contained data concerning a reported court action against Reverend Ralph Abernathy which took place in Alabama apparently in 1953, and which apparently involved the alleged seduction of a 15-year-old girl.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Your airtel 6/18/64 and other recent communicationa from other offices in above caption contained additional data concerning the reported Abernathy involvement in a court action. REC-44 100-3-115-114

The Bureau desires to obtain the fullest factual information available relative to the reports Weing Miceived concerning Abernathy's escapades. Noting the apparent disreputable nature of the newspaper in question and its publisher, it is imperative that factual data be obtained from original sources. You are, therefore, instructed to furnish the Bureau information available from your files concerning Abernathy's reported involvement with a 15-year-old girl. You should also request the appropriate office to obtain full court records, including transcripts of testimony, so that the fullest facts obtainable may be in the Mands of the Bureau. Of course, no action should be taken which might cause embarrassment to the Durcau. This matter must be handled in a most discreet Mushfon and your instructions to any offices being furnished leads in this matter should contain such caution., This matter should be handled on a need-to-know basis is your and other offices.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 8, 1968 Date

. Reverend RALPH DAVID AFERNATHY, 690 La Verne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Memphis Police Department at 10:55 p.m. April 4, 1963. Reverend AFERNATHY was advised of the Agent's identity and of the mature of the matter under investigation.

Reverend AEERNATEY, who described himself as Vice President at Large and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, stated he was Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s closest associate and stated that he and Dr. KING always shared a room · Whenever they travelled together. He stated that at about 10:30 a.m. on April 3, 1968, he and Dr. KING registered at the Lorraine Motel, Membhis, Tonnessee.

Reverend ABERNATKY stated that on April 4, 1968, he and Dr. KING did not leave the motel and spent most of the day in their rcom, #306, which is located on the second floor of the motel. He stated that he and Dr. KING had been gone from their room for approximately one hour or less when they returned to the room at about 5:30 p.m. He said they got dressed as they were going to dinner at the home of Reverend BILLY KYLE and that at almost exactly 6 p.m. they started to leave the room. Reverend ABERNATHY stopped for a moment and Dr. KING walked out onto the balcony just outside the door to his room. Reverend AEERNATHY was still inside the motel room but could hear Dr. KING discussing the dinner engagement with other associates who Reverend AEERNATHY believes were standing in the parking area of the notel undermesth and to the front of the balcony on which Dr. KING was standing.

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Reverend AEERNATHY stated he heard what sounded like a firecracker and then heard the screams of versons to whom Dr. KING had been talking. Reverend AEERNATHY want then to the balcony and discovered Dr. KING lying there wounded in the right side of the face and neck. He said he believed Dr. KING attempted to speak to him but was unable to do so: Reverend ABEENATHY said he instructed someone to call an ambulance and then accompanied Dr. KING in the ambulance to the hospital where Dr. KING subsequently died.

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Reverend AEEENATHY stated that judging from the sound of the noise it appeared that the shot came from directly in front of the door and not from any great distance. He stated he did not observe anything that would indicate who fired the shot. Reverend ABERNATHY also stated that while they were in the motel room Dr. KING did not, to his knowledge, receive any telephone calls of a threatening nature or calls from persons who would not identify themselves. Reverend AEERNATHY said Dr. KING had not feared that any particular persons might harm him and Reverend AEERNATHY was unable to suggest any suspects or to provide any other information which might assist in identifying Dr. KING's killer. FBI

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BIACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS RACIAL INTELLIGENCE (RALPH ABERNATHY) (SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE)

The Pittsburgh "Point," a weekly newspaper dated 10/24/68, contains an article which indicates that Dr. RALPH ABERNATHY will speak at a mass rally at Central Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 11/2/68, as part of a drive by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to educate Black communities concerning the three a major presidential candidates.

The Congressional Record dated 5/6/68, on Jace 19 Page H3389, contains an article which indicates that the 6th 71965 edition of the "Herald," 407 Eutler Street, Anderson, S. C., South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper, contains the testimony of a 15 year old female member of ABERNATHY's church. The testimony relates to a filthy and perverted sex scandal between ABERNATHY and the girl according to the Congressional Record. It is believed that if information relating to this sordid episode on the part of ABERNATHY were made public in Pittsburgh, his effectiveness would be curtailed.

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Request of Bureau:

The Bureau is requested to authorize Columbia to obtain two copies of the 6th 19657 issue of the Anderson, South Carolina, "Herald" if available. These papers should be mailed as follows:

> Pastor Central Baptist Church 2200 Wylie Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa.

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A note should be included with each issue to read as follows:

"This paper has news about the man who is speaking at your church." It should be mailed from Anderson, South Carolina.

To be effective, these papers should reach the addressee prior to 11/2/68. The Bureau, therefore, is requested to give expeditious attention to this request.

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No action should be taken in this matter without Bureau authority.



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SAC, Pittsburgh (100-1578<sup>^</sup>)

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sc Director, FBI (100-448006)

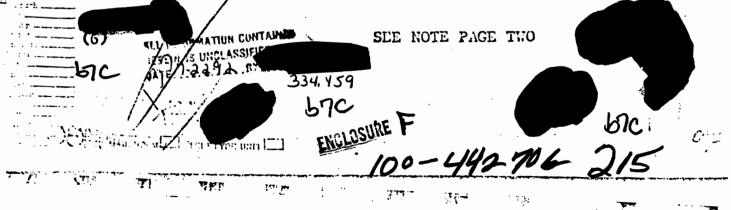
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# RePGairtel 10/25/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are three Xerox copies of page H 3389 of the Congressional Record, 5/6/68. One copy is enclosed for Columbia for information.

It is felt that the mailing of these copies of the Congressional Record from Pittsburgh to the people suggested in referenced airtel would be more effective than a mailing of the Herald newspaper from South Carolina. There would be less chance the information would be discounted as a Klan trick if the information was received from Pittsburgh in a way to indicate a member of the local community sent it. Also the same page in the Herald contains an article condemning Martin Luther King, Jr., and accusing him of traveling to Puerto Rico with a young girl. If the paper were used, this information on King would only serve to "muddy the water,", and make less effective the information on Abernathy.

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# Airtel to SAC, Pittsburgh COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; RALPH ABERNATHY 100-448006

For your information the edition of the Herald was dated 6/19/64, not 6/19/65 as mentioned in the Congressional Record.

# NOTE:

Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, is to speak at a Pittsburgh Church on 11/2/68 to educate the black community on the elections. Pittsburgh suggested that the Herald, reportedly a South Carolina newspaper, be sent to the minister and Chairman of Deacons of the Church prior to Abernathy's appearance. The paper contains an article about a sex scandal involving Abernathy and a 15-year-old girl. The Congressional Record also contains information about this scandal.

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#### RALPH ABERNATHY-PREACHER OR PERVERT

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, ever since Ralph Abernathy assumed control of the rich man's "poor people's march" to occupy Washington, most southerners who know about Abernathy have shuddered at the deceit and national prestige buildup given Abernathy as a leader.

We have kept our peace-knowing that any comment would not receive fair consideration—in all probability dis-counted as "racism."

But the news establishment, knowing the facts, continued to be silent until the Montgomery Advertiser on May 2, 1968, spoke out.

In a lead editorial captioned, "The Leader of the Great Crusade," the Montgomery Advertiser slashed into Abernathy's reputation by calling him. "an unpolished and disreputable clod". and politely, I assure you, rehashed the sex scandal involving Abernathy and a 15-year-old female member of Abernathy's church.

I have a complete transcript of the testimony of the exploited girl given at the jury trial of her husband-who was acquitted by a jury of chasing and striking at Abernathy with a hatchet.

The testimony of the youthful victim, ic New Vivian McCoy Davis, uncontradicted by Abernathy, is so filthy and perverted that I cannot—in good conscience place it in the RECORD for our colleagues' examination.

I will, however, make her testimony available on request to my colleagues, or it can be obtained from the Herald, 407 Butler Street, Anderson, S.C.-South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper-by asking for a copy of their June 19, 1964,

edition which contained a full account of the sordid background of Ralph Abernathy including the testimony.

May 6, 15

I can only add that Abernathy apparently has little control over himselfhe couldn't have control of the threatened booby trap merging on Washington under the banner of a poor people's march. But he can be used to exploit poor people.

Mr. Speaker, I place the May 2 edito. rial from the Montgomery Advertiser in the RECORD at this point:

THE LEADER OF THE GREAT CRUSADE

It is preposterous but unfortunately true commentary on the recent history of the most powerful country on earth that it is now receiving ultimatums from the likes of Ralph D. Abernathy. Abernathy succeeded to the late Dr. King's

mantle in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by virtue of an association dating from the Montgomery bus boycott.

King was at least glib and adroit in the guile by which he managed to fummox an alarming number of Americans, But Abernathy is an unpelished and disreputable clod best remembered here for what may have been a record dash from his church office on the night of Aug. 29, 1958.

Panic-stricken and screaming he was pursued by an irate, hatchet-wielding husband who had accused him of having a relationship with his wife more suited to the pages of Krafit-Ebing's Psychopathia Serualis than a family newspaper.

The wife of his assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November 1000 that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with the Reverend before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "he never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage to Edward Davis. She had been a member of Abernathy's church.

On the day Davis accosted Abernathy in his office, armed with pistol and hatchet,

Abernathy had called her. Mrs. Davis testilicd. The jury deliberate. - only 10 minutes, obviously invoking the unwritten law, before acquitting Davis of attempting to do in the preacher.

Yet, basking in the reflected glory of King. Abernathy emerged from the revolting case unscathed in the eves of SCLC.

In 1960, he was signally honored by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, the subsequently deposed dictator of Ghana, by being invited to Accra for a "Conference on Non-Violence and Positive Action for the Security of Africa."

This was heady stuff for a man who, but for his color and the accident of time and place, would never have been heard from. But he was to go on to loftler things, despite his unsavory background, finally being elevated to King's throne after the tragedy in Memphis.

Monday he led the vanguard of a movement which is trying to intunidate Congress not only into massive redistribution of the wealth to the poor (along with the shiftless). but into changing foreign policy. Vietnam is only one item of the agenda of the amerphous mass which may number in the tens of thousands (hundreds of thousands, some say) who will attempt to immobilize Washington by late May.

In their initial protest Monday, the Abermatic and business ties with Portugal and South Airica. The United States must not be encumbered, the formal statement said. "with the support in any way of racist 1127706 for issues porsibility societies abroad." Although Abernathy keeps modifying the old line about non-violence, this is once muit

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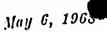
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#### WILBUR MILLS HONORED BY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Mr. DORN, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, WILBUR Mills, car esteemed and beloved colleague from Arkansa's, was honored by Clemson University in my congressional district on Saturday, May 4.

When Clemson University honored our distinguished colleague, WILBUR MILLS, Clemson was in turn honored. As chairman of the great Committee on Ways and Means for more than 10 years, WILBUR Mitts has exercised a great and beneficial influence on this Nation, and indeed on the entire free world. His wise counsel and superb leadership in international trade, taxation, social security, and fiscal responsibility has profoundly influenced the destiny of this Nation and the course of freedom in the Western World.

WILLUR MILLS was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Clemson University for his statesmanship and leadership in preserving the economy of cur country and for his forthright stand for fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it was fitting and proper that our great colleague be honored at Clemson University, named for Thomas O. Ciemson, son-in-law of John C. Cal-

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# CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - HOUSE

houn, and the first Se 🎙 houn, and the first Set itendent of the Department of Agric 2., Clemson University is on the old plantation of the immortal John C. Calhoun, one of the five greatest Senators of all -time.

Mr. Mills, while f: the Calhoun mansion-one of the best kept shrines in America-was presented a gavel and pounding block made from a tree grown on the Calhoun mansion grounds by Dr. Wright Bryan, Clemson vice president and former editor of the Atlanta Journal and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The lovely and charming Mrs. Mills accompanied her distinguished husband to the Clemson campus. His excellency, the Honorable Robert E. McNair, Governor of South Carolina, and our own beloved and great colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina, MENDEL RIVERS, chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, were present for this, one of the most momentous occasions in the history of my congressional district and indeed the State of South Carolina. The dynamic and able president of Clemson University, Dr. Robert C. Edwards, presented this coveted honorary degree to Chairman MILLS on behalf of the board of trustees and the faculty.

Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the Clemson board of trustees is a friend of yours, the Honorable Edgar Brown, of South Carolina, who sat beside William Jennings Bryan at the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1924 and who for 40 years, as State senator and as chairman of the senate finance committee, has provided for South Carolina fiscal responsibility. Mr. Speaker, another lifetime member of the Clemson board is the Honorable James F. Byrnes. who served with honor in this House and the Senate and was perhaps best known for his distinguished service as Secretary of State and as "Assistant President" under the wartime administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Clemson University for honoring, on its graduation day, this great and good American who today is providing that leadership so essential to the future of young America.

#### EXPLANATION OF GENERAL PAIR

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Permsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 1, 1968, I left Washington by plane at 5 o'clock p.m. to go to West Liberty, W. Va., to make the keynote speech at the West Liberty State College students' mock national political convention.

After I left the floor on that date the bill, H.R. 16913, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, was passed.

I was paired generally with the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. GALI-FIANAKIS) on final passage of that bill.

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Mr. Speaker, If I h. would have voted "nay

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The SPEAKER pro : objection to the request from Georgia?

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I do not think I need : Mr. Speaker.

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

**COVER SHEET** 

# SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

## <u>PART 5 OF 5</u>

FD-36 (Rer. 5-22-\$4) FBI 620 5/8/69 Date: Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL Via . (Priority) FBI LABORATORY TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: SAC, WFO FROM: ' SIC CHANGED D LUCIUS, L. 'VALERA; aka James Stewart CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., - VICTIMS ET AL EXTORTION (00:MP)(WFO File 9-2256) (P) 67c (1) DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIMS 6905090**5**0 ET AL be EXTORT ION (OO:AT) (WFO File 9-NEW) (P) é, Title of first case in dual caption above marked 10#0 "CHANGED" to reflect name used in return address in letter, info pertaining to which is enclosed with this airtel, as subject of previous case is probably identical with subject w ho wrote this letter. ReWFOteletype to Bu, 5/1/69, and airtel and LHM of same date, both titled, WALERA as above; and Buteletype to WFO and AT, 5/6/69, titled JEFFRIES as above. - Bureau (Enc. 9) **b?c** REC 43 5 3 - Minneapolis (Enc. 3 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) 2022 - NFQ 9-44386 Ice LHIN 20 2 MAY 8 1969 (13) er Ann LIRTEL 5718 J13/69 67c *W*c Per Sent \_\_\_ . M Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned VALERA, aka Stewart, as above. Also enclosed for the Bureau are the originals of the letter and envelope from STEWART, marked obscene. Two copies of an FD 376 also enclosed for the Bureau.

Enclosed for Minneapolis and Atlanta are two copies each of same LHM. One copy of LHM designated for WFO of the U.S. Secret Service.

For the information of Minneapolis, info from Bureau teletype dated 5/6/69, to WFO and Atlanta follows:

> DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM; CHARLES EVERS - VICTIM; SAMMY DAVIS, JR. - VICTIM; HARRY BELAFONTE - VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD - VICTIM; STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM EXTORTION (OO: MP)

ReWFOteletype to the Bu 5/1/69 captioned "LUCIUS L. VALERA; CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, III - VICTIM; JULIAN BOND - VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER - VICTIM; H. RAP BROWN -VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO: MP". For the information of WFO, Atlanta was advised that the office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in receipt of obscene letter threatening lives of listed victims, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 10, 1969, with return address DALE CARL JEFFRIES, 607 Water Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Atlanta unfamiliar with name RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD.

WFO and Atlanta should coordinate these two investigations in the hope of identifying a common denominator. Attention is invited to the fact that both letters were postmarked in Minneapolis, Minnesota. WFO should furnish background info to Atlanta concerning RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD and advise appropriate local authorities in the event MAYFIELD is presently in the WDC, area. WFO advise MAYFIELD of threat.

Air Mail copy sent Miami.

### WFO 9-2256

For the info of Atlanta, RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD is described as follows: "A publically described local racial agitator in Washington, D.C. whose presence at racial disturbances has been widely reported by the local press. He was founder of Pride, Inc., in 1967, an organization funded by the U.S. Department of Labor to provide jobs for ghetto youths. He currently claims employment as a speaker at various colleges throughout the country. He is currently on probation on a marcotics charge

) U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Secret Service, Intelligence Division, and Metropolitan Police Department Intelligence Unit, WDC, advised of letter from STEWART. MPD Intelligence Unit advised of threat against MAYFIELD.

WFO attempting to contact MAYFIELD.

Investigation in LHM\_conducted by SA's

### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting in enclosed letter with the handwriting previously submitted in this case from VALERA and with handwriting in the JEFFRIES case.

The Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latent fingerprints.

### LEADS

### MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. 1. Present to USA.

2. Continue attempts to identify subject.

### WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Advise MAYFIELD of threat.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D.C. 20535 May 8, 1969

LUCIUS L. VALERA, Also Known As James Stewart; CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - Victim JULIAN BOND - Victim STOKLEY CARMICHAEL - Victim CASSIUS CLAY - Victim LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER - Victim H. RAP BROWN - Victim CARL STOKES - Victim EXTORTION

Reference memorandum dated May 1, 1969.

On May 6, 1969,

Office of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Room 2244, Rayburn Building, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., made available to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a letter received at the Congressman's office on that date, which was postmarked on May 5, 1969, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The return address on the letter was "James Stewart, 1429 N. 7th Street, Rochester, Minn.". Both the letter and envelope were on stationary of the Curtis Hotel and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The letter, a copy of which is attached in an envelope marked "Obscene", contains threats against Congressman Powell.

The writer of this letter is possibly identical with the writer of the previous similar letter who used the name Valera.

The following local authorities in Washington, D.C., have been notified of this letter:

> Special Agent United States Secret Service Intelligence Division;

ment Intelligence Unit:

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United States Capitol Police.

Attachment - 1

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 May 8, 1969

PNo. Director United States S

United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- X Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. 
  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3. 
  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U.S.
- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
  - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Direc

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 Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
 U. S. Secret Service, Washington Field Office, Washington, D.C.

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Atlanta, Georgia May 7, 1969

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<u>On Mav.6</u>, 1969,

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Offices, 334 Auburn Avenue, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, made available to a Special Agent of the FBI a letter received by the SCLC Offices on May 5, 1969, which was addressed to SCLC President Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, postmarked May 2, 1968, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The return address on the envelope was DALE CARL JEFFRIES, 607 Water Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The letter, which was obscene, contained threats against the lives of the above-listed victims. A copy of the letter and its envelope is attached in an envelope marked "obscene".

has been made aware of the letter and its contents. She stated that the name FALE CARL JEFFRIES and the date May 12, 1969, had no significance to Reverend AEERNATHY or herself.

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44386- 31 **ENCLOSURE** 



### DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIN

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Division, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, Georgia, was notified of this letter on May 6, 1969.

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The FBI Laboratory is also requested to compare handwriting with similar samples contained in the anonymous letter file.

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Present to USA.

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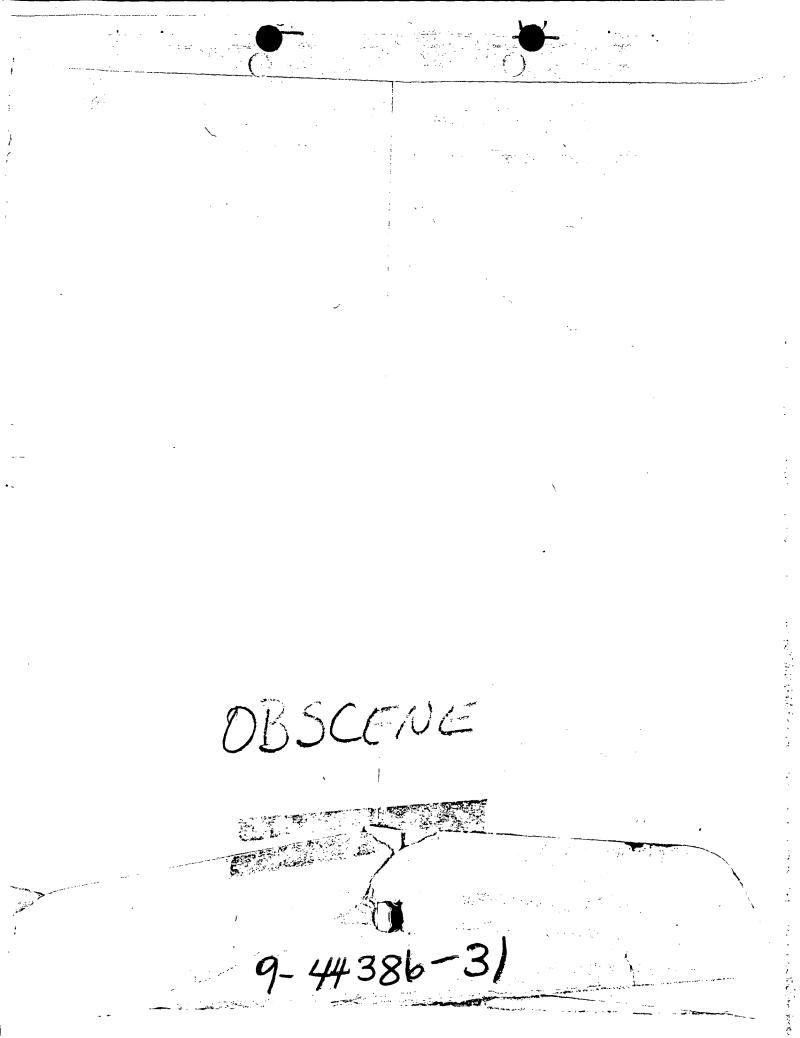
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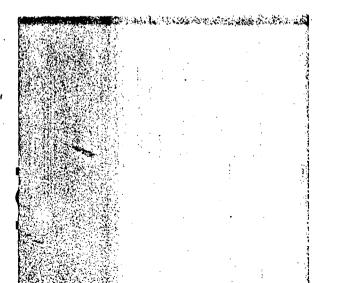


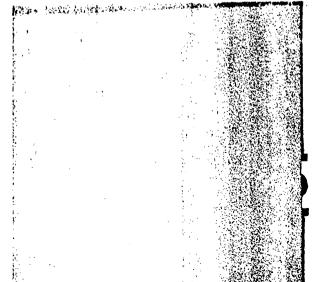


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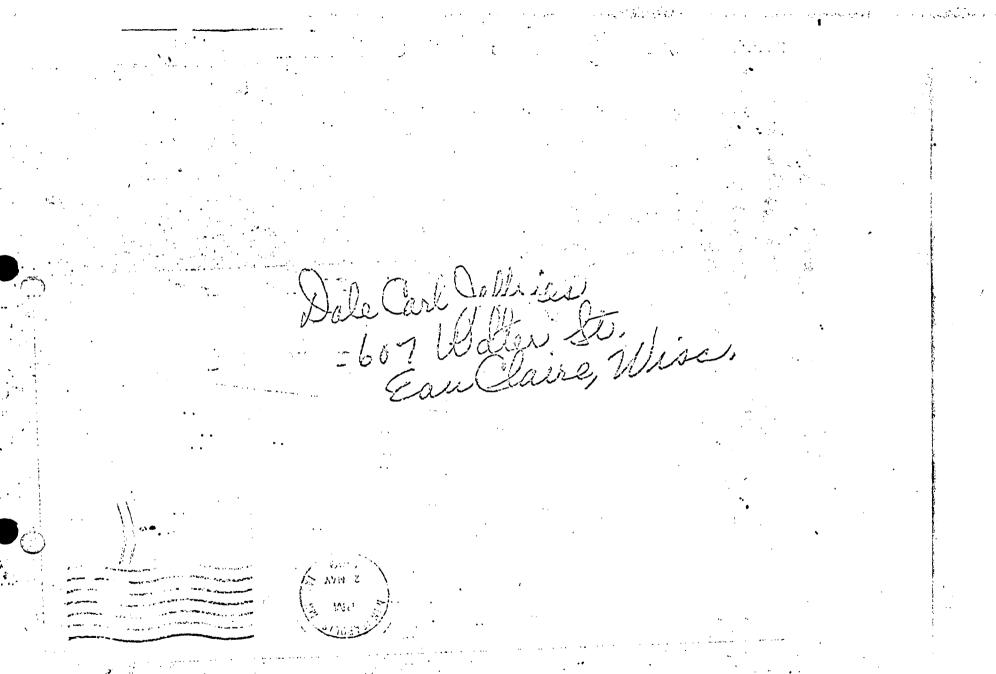


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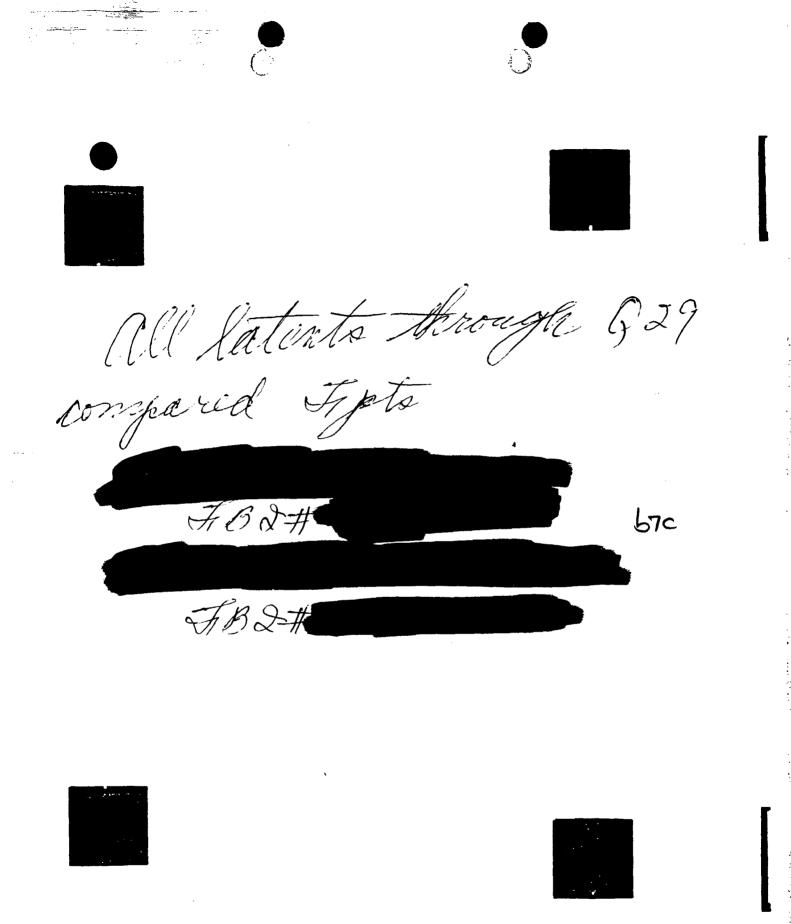


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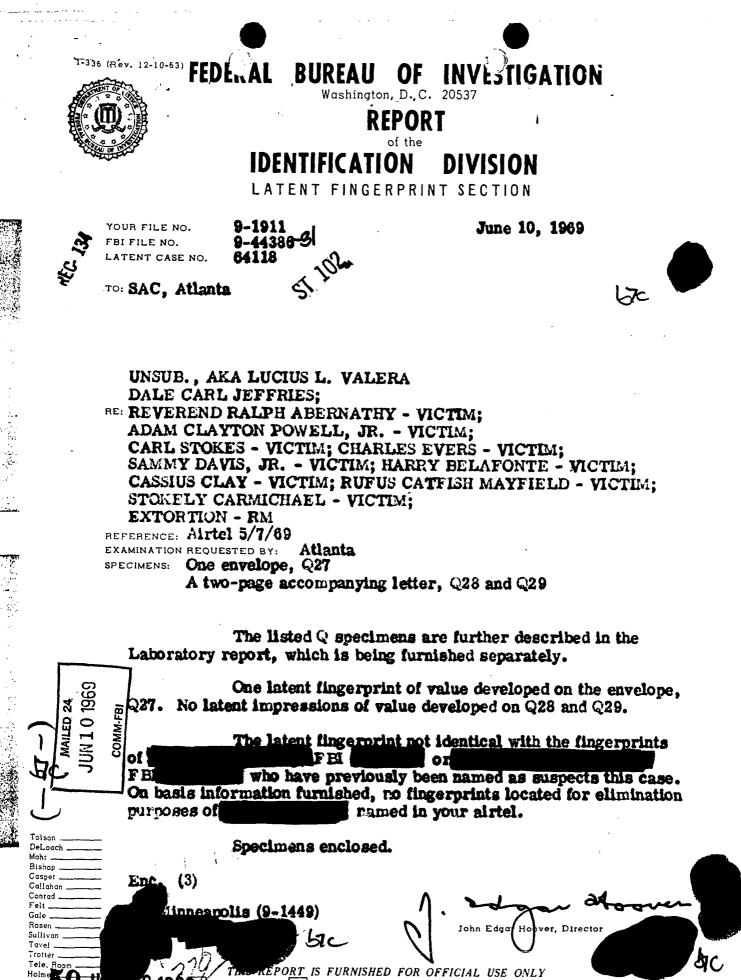


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Re Atlanta teletype 5/6/69 and Milwaukee teletype,

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The following investigation was conducted by on 5/6/69:

### AT EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

The name of DALE CARL JEFFRIES does not appear in the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, City Directory, the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Telephone Directory or the directory of Wisconsin State University at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Department, advised that subject's name does not appear in the files of this department.

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, advised

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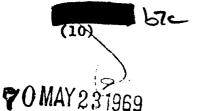
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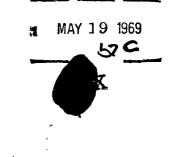
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there is no record that subject was registered in this hotel in the past 60 days.

of the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Post Office contain no reference to subject in the past or present as receiving mail, and that there is no forwarding address listed for subject.

Personal investigation reflects that 607 Water is a nonexistent address in that the numbers on Water Street jump from 601 Water to 609 Water.

On 5/7/69, the following advised that subject was unknown to them:

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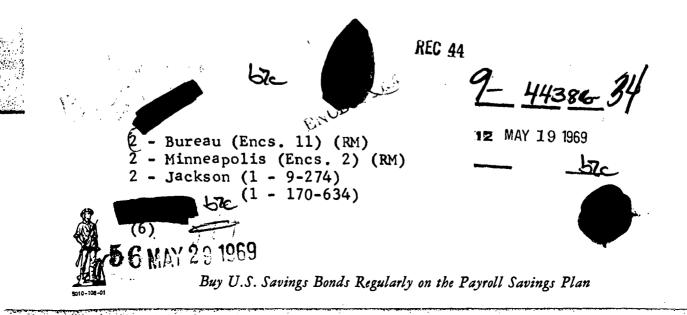


Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, New Orleans, and **67C** 

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Two copies of enclosed LHM furnished Minneapolis as office of origin.

One copy of LHM forwarded USA, Jackson, and OSI, Jackson; and two copies forwarded MIGp, Jackson.

Jackson Division contemplating no additional investigation in this matter.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi May 14, 1969

DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM; CHARLES EVERS - VICTIM; SAMMY DAVIS, JR. - VICTIM; HARRY BELAFONTE - VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD - VICTIM; STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to a previous letterhead memorandum submitted in this matter dated May 7, 1969.

In the referenced letterhead memorandum, the Atlanta Division of the FBI advised as follows:



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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Offices, 334 Auburn Avenue, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, made available to a Special Agent of the FBI a letter received by the SCLC Offices on May 5, 1969, which was addressed to SCLC President Reverend Ralph Abernathy, postmarked May 2, 1969, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The return address on the envelope was Dale Carl Jeffries, 607 Water Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The letter, which was obscene, contained threats against the lives of the above-listed victims.

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> Abernathy has been made aware of the letter and its contents. She stated that the name Dale Carl Jeffries and the date May 12, 1969, had no significance to Reverend Abernathy or herself."

<u>On May 6, 1969</u>

was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI and advised regarding the previously mentioned obscene threatening letter stated he was not afraid of anyone who writes him a threatening letter, since he has received numerous threats by different means over the past several years. stated that Dale Carl Jeffries is unknown to him.

On May 6, 1969, the following individuals were advised by Special Agents of the FBI of the obscene threatening letter which in part contained a threat against Charles Evers:

> Sheriff, Jefferson County Mississippi

Town Marshal Fayette, Mississippi

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Jackson, Mississippi

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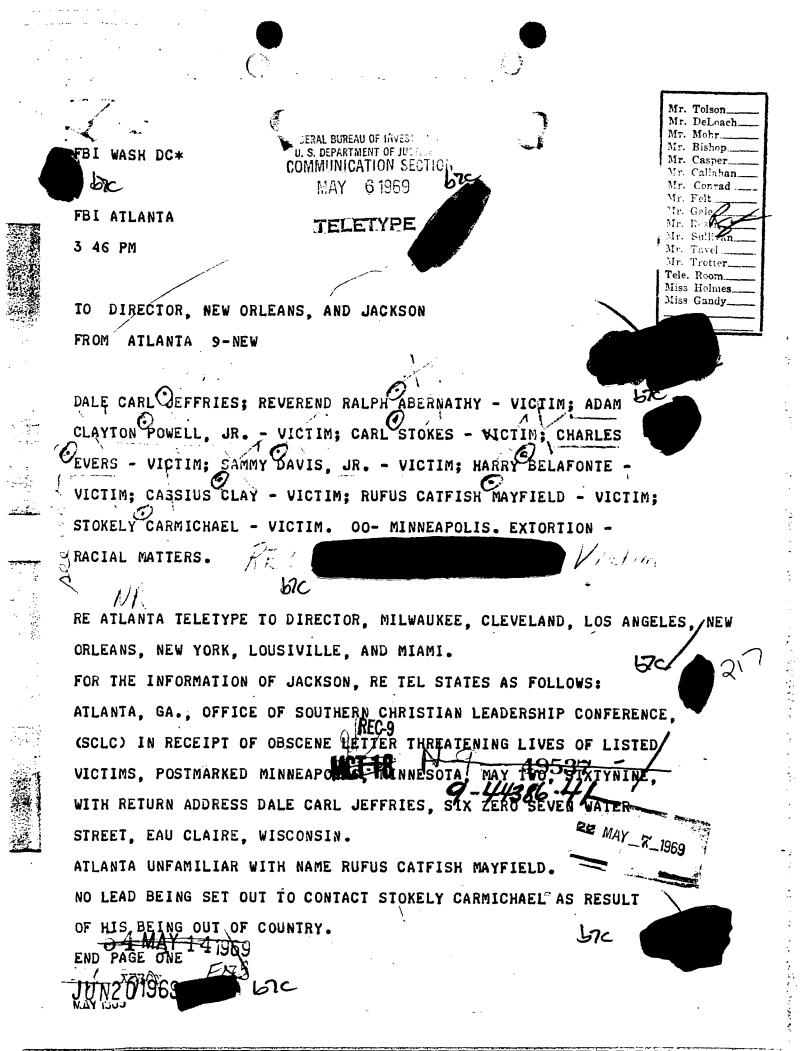
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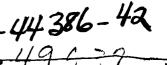
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI; MILWAUKEE; CLEVELAND; LOS ANGELES; NEW ORLEANS; NEW YORK; LOUISVILLE; AND MIAMI FROM ATLANTA (9-NEW)

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### May 6, 1969 GÉNERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Atlanta, Georgia, office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference received obscene threatening letter postmarked May 2, 1969, Minneapolis, bearing return address Dale Carl Jeffries, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Letter identified proposed victims as Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Carl Stokes and other wellknown Negroes. Bureau Offices are presently advising appropriate local authorities of the threats to the victims. This letter may be connected in some way with a similar letter received last week in the Washington, D. C. office of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. The letter directed to Congressman Powell also threatens a number of well-known Negroes including many of the same victims described in attached. The Powell letter is postmarked April 29, 1969, at Minneapolis bearing return address of Lucius L. Valera, St. Paul Minnesota. Investigation to identify, unknown subject continuing.

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RE WFO TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR FIVE ONE SIXTYNINE CAPTIONED QUOTE LUCIUS L. VALERA; CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, III - VICTIM; JULIAN BOND - VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER -VICTIM; H. RAP BROWN - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM. EXTORTION. Syc. OO: MINNEAPOLIS SINQUOTE FOR THE INFORMATION OF WFO. ATLANTA HAS ADVISED THAT THE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSMIP CONFERENCE IN RECEIPT OF OBSCENE LETTER THREATENING LIVES OF LISTED VICTIMS, POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, MAY TWO SIXTYNINE, WITH RETURN ADDRESS DALE CARL JEFFRIES, SIX ZERO SEVEN WATER STREET, EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN. ATLANTA UNFAMILIAR WITH NAME EUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD.

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NOTE:

An obscene threatening letter signed Lucius L. Valera postmarked April 29, 1969, at Minneapolis, was sent to the Washington office of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. This letter directed threats to several well-known Negroes. On May 2, 1969, an obscene threatening letter signed Dale Carl Jeffries was postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota. This letter was directed to the Atlanta, Georgia, office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and contained threats to a number of wellknown Negroes including some of those identified in the letter received by Congressman Powell.

WFO and Atlanta have been advised to coordinate investigations into these Extortion cases in the hope of identifying a common denominator. Since victim Mayfield is unknown to Atlanta, WFO has been instructed to furnish background concerning him to Atlanta and to advise appropriate local authorities. :

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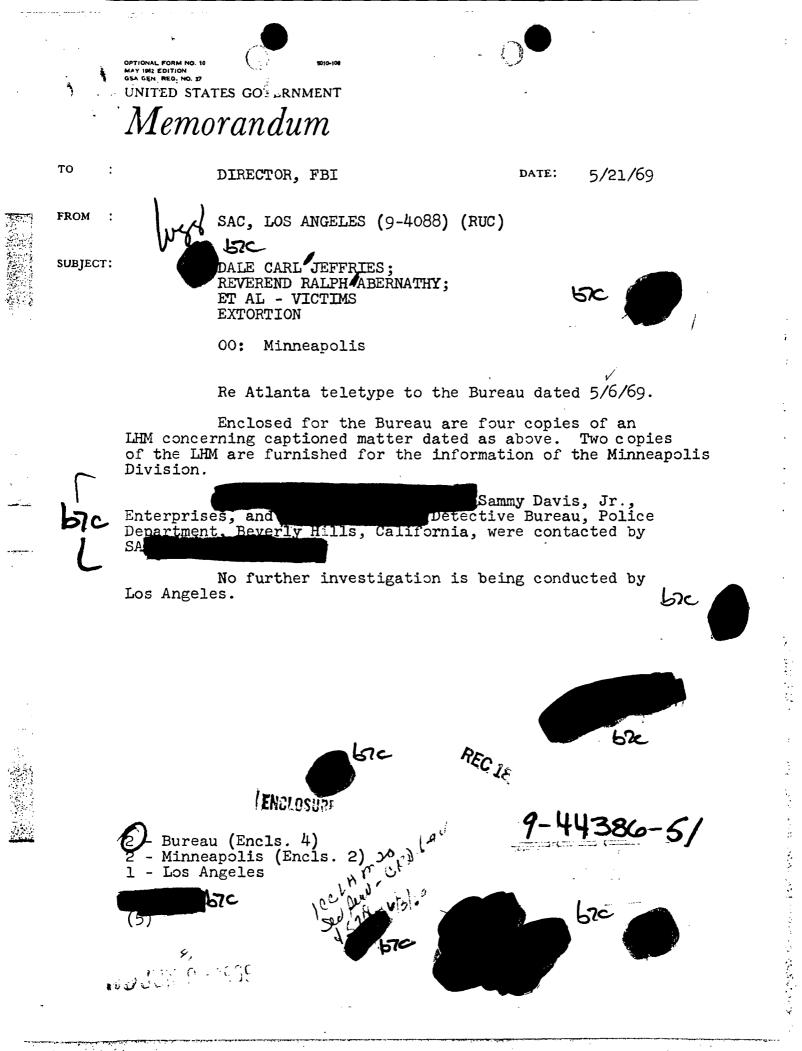
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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California May 21, 1969

DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM; SAMMY DAVIS, JR. - VICTIM; HARRY BELAFONTE - VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD - VICTIM; STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

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Sammy Davis, Jr., Enterprises, 2000 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 6, 1969, that Mr. Davis was then appearing in Mexico City, Mexico, and that his business agent was with him. She noted that Mr. Davis was scheduled to return to Los Angeles on May 15, 1969, and that he would appear in the Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, June 1 through June 10, 1969.

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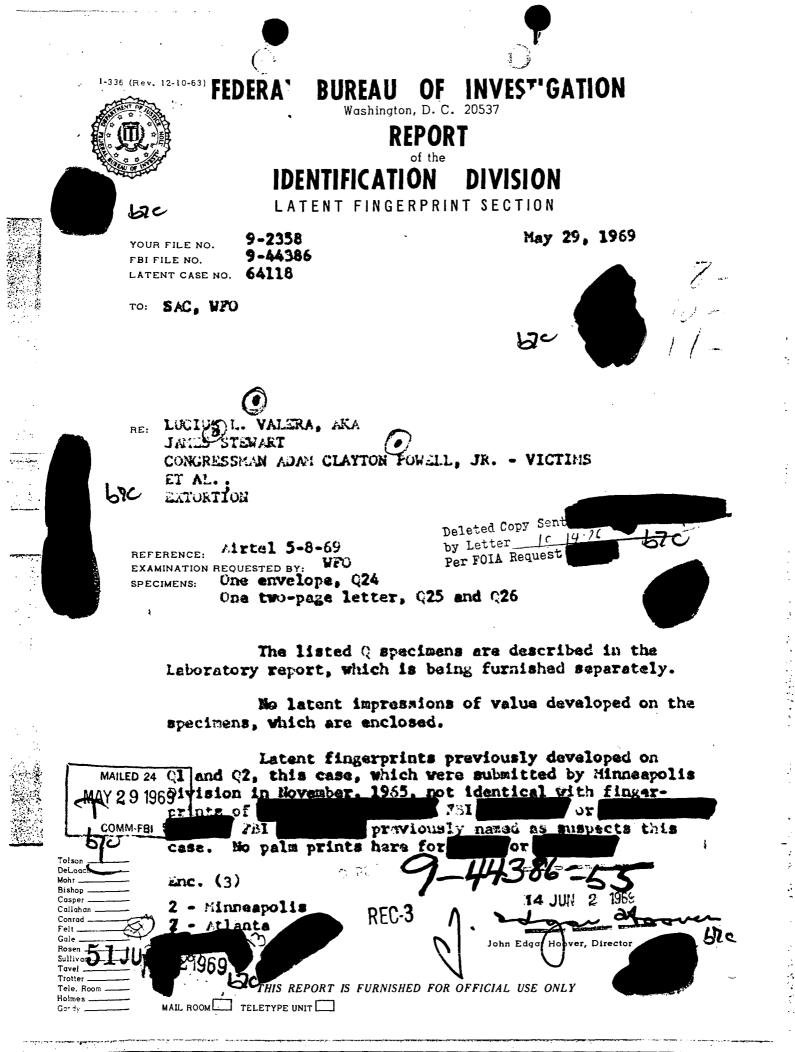
and telephonic contact with Mr. Davis and would communicate with him concerning the receipt of the letter at the SCLC Offices. Offices in noted that Mr. David is continually the object of hate mail, and that he hires permanent guards at his residence located at 1050 Summitt Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

Detective Bureau, Beverly Hills, California, Police Department, was contacted on May 6, 1969, and was advised of the nature of the letter.

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FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (9-1449)

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Re WFO telephone call, teletype, airtel and LNM, dated 5/1/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of an LHM, captioned matter. Extra copies of the LHM have been included for Bufiles 9-44336 and 157-3356, inasmuch as the same individual possibly prepared the letters in these cases. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a letter and envelope prepared by addressed to letter dated 2/19/02 and a letter dated 8/5/60, prepared by the letter having been furnished by a Minneapolis informant in 1961. Enclosed, too, is a xerox copy of a card beginning "Dear Also enclosed for which was written by the Bureau are titwo? FD-3/05.

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Investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota conducted

Minneapolis indices contain no previous information identifiable with LUCIUS L. VALERA.

The following offices advise by teletypes on date instant that local authorities and victims notified:

Chicago, 5/3/69 (Victim CLAY)

Omaha, 5/2/69 (Victim BOND)

specimens on file with the Intelligence Unit of the Minneapolis Police Department of that the Intelligence Unit of the has previously been identified with anti-Negro sentiments and is considered to be "Right Wing."

written by also furnished a xerox conv of a postcard written by both a more trial in 1968, at which trial it was noted to the travels extensively, collects hotel and motel stationery and is a prolific note writer.

advised on 5/5/69 that no subject has been identified in connection with the series of letters sent to the Mayor of Minneapolis and other individuals of prominence in this area; however, their investigation is continuing to identify this letter writer. advised one other possible suspect is

known to travel extensively and is known to be associated with "Ultra-Right causes."

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed handwriting of the and the with the letter which was directed to Congressman POWELL and clso to other letters on file in Bureau file 9-44336, and additionally compare any handwriting appearing in the FBI record of FBI # to the letter in this case.

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Upon receipt of the results of an examination conducted by the FBI Laboratory, a report will be submitted in this case for referral to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 5/29/69

Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL Via (Priority) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 670 ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY : SAC, BALTIMORE (9-1658) (RUC) FROM : LUCIUS L. VALERA, Aka. 690602075 SUBJECT James Stewart; Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, bic JR.; ETAL - VICTIMS EXTORTION (00: MP); DALE CARL JEFFRIES: 9-4/4/35 4 Reverend RALPH (RBERNATHY; ETAL - VICTIMS Deleted Copy Sent by Letter 10 - 14.76 EXTORTION (00: MP) Per FOIA Request 5.5 Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 5/12/69. ζ'n Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are three sheets of handwriting and four sheets of handwriting samples provided by on May 20, 1969. samples provided by Enclosed for Minneapolis are nine copies each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation at Cheltenham. Maryland on 5/20/69, FD-302 reflecting intervi<u>ew of</u> and FD-302 reflecting interview of Ξ The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting on the enclosed samples provided by and and against the handwriting contained in the letters postmarked April 29, 1969 and May 5, 1969, which were addressed to the Honorable ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's office in Washington, D. C. - Bureau (Enc.7)(REGISTERED MAIL) - Minneapolis (Enc.27) 2 Baltimore 25 MAY 30 :969 LEX M ALE (52 臣こ Approved: Se Per agent in Charge

insmittal Form 1 - Lab file ۱, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535 June 13, 1969 FBI, Minneapolis (9-1449) Date: To: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, James Stewart; etc.; Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.; et al. -VICTIMS; EXTORTION 00: Minneapolis Re: DALE CARL JEFFRIES; Reverend John Edgar Hoover, Director RALPH ABERNATHY; et al. -VICTIMS; EXTORTION 00: Minneapolis 9-44386 - **DP** FBIF D-690602076 AT Lab. 🕅 Baltimore EX. - 117 Examination requested by: Airtel 5/29/69 Reference: Document Examination requested: Remarks: For your investigative guidance \_\_\_\_\_\_ differences were found in the writings of with respect to the questioned and writing on the specimens submitted previously in this 5K case. Nothing of particular significance was noted which would suggest that additional known handwriting samples prepared by or should be obtained. Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) 2 - Baltimore (9-1658) Enclosures (4) (K9, K10, 2 Lab report) MAILED 24 JUN 1 3 1959 Deleted Copy Sont 10-14-71 67 by Letter\_ Per FOIA Request COMM-FBI "clson \_ Delcalt Mont \_ Bisner Casper 670 6) Callaha - e -170 Gn'e Rosen 15. ... 20 ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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# REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1449) UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, James Stewart; etc.; Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.; et al. -VICTIMS; EXTORTION Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. June 13, 1969 9-44386 D-690602076 AT

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DALE CARL JEFFRIES; Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY; et al. - VICTIMS; EXTORTION Specimens received 6/2/69 from Baltimore

K9 Three handwriting sample forms bearing handwriting of

K10 Four handwriting sample forms bearing handwriting of

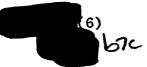
Bo Result of examination:

Due to the limited nature of the writing on K9 and K10 and an insufficient amount of comparable writing, a definite conclusion was not reached whether K9, or the K10, wrote any of the questioned writing on the specimens submitted in this case.

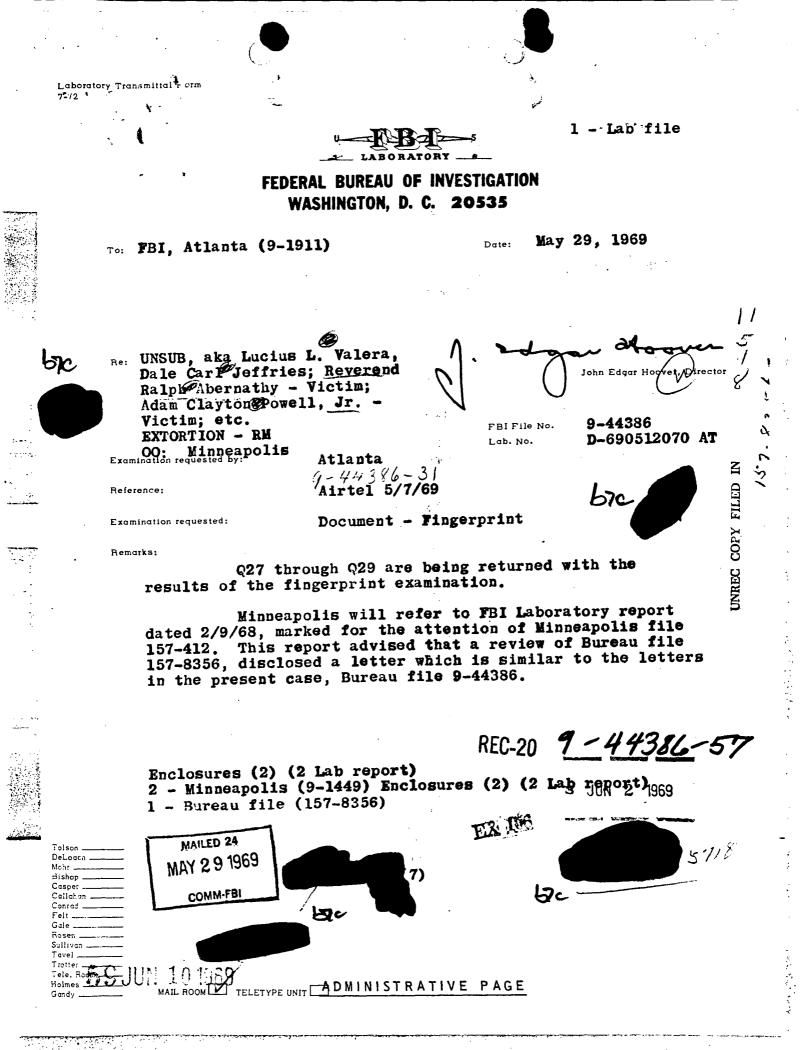
K9 and K10 are returned herewith. These specimens were photographed.



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To: FBI, Atlanta (9-1911)

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Re: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, Dale Carl Jeffries; Reverend Ralph Abernathy - Victim; Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. - Victim; etc. EXTORTION - RM

Specimens received 5/9/69

- Q27 Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS MINN. 3A PM 2 MAY 1969," bearing handwritten address "Rev. Ralph Abernathy c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia"
- Q28 Page one of two-page handwritten letter dated May 2, 1969, beginning "Rev. Ralph Abernathy: Well, black..." ending "...you on a scaffold."
- Q29 Page two of two-page handwritten letter beginning "2. While you hang..." signed "Signed K.K.K."

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned handwriting on Q27 through Q29 was written by the writer of the questioned writing on other specimens submitted previously in this case. Q29 contains hand printing in addition to handwriting. The conclusion wasreached that the hand printing on Q29 was written by the writer of the hand printing on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case.

No indented writing was found on Q27 through Q29. A six-cent U.S. postage stamp which came from a sheet of stamps was attached to Q27. Q27 through Q29 were written with a ball-point pen having blue ink.

Q27 is an envelope of Hotel Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Hisconsin. Q28 is a sheet of stationery of Holiday Inn, Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. Q29 is a sheet of stationery of Cascade Motor Hotel, Duluth, Minnesota.

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Q27 through Q29 are being returned separately. These specimens were photographed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

LUCIUS L. VALERA, aka James Stewart CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., et al - VICTIMS EXTORTION (OO:MP) (WFO File 9-2256) (P) DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVERAND RALPH ABERNATHY, et al - VICTIMS EXTORTION (OO:MP) (WFO File 9-2262) (P)

Enclosed for information of Baltimore are two copies each of LHM's titled VALERA as above and dated 5/1/69 and 5/8/69 at WDC.

For additional info of Baltimore info from Bureau teletype dated 5/6/69 to WFO and Atlanta follows: DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM

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CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM; CHARLES EVERS - VICTIM; SAMMY DAVIS, JR. - VICTIM; HARRY BELAFONTE -VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD # VICTIM; STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

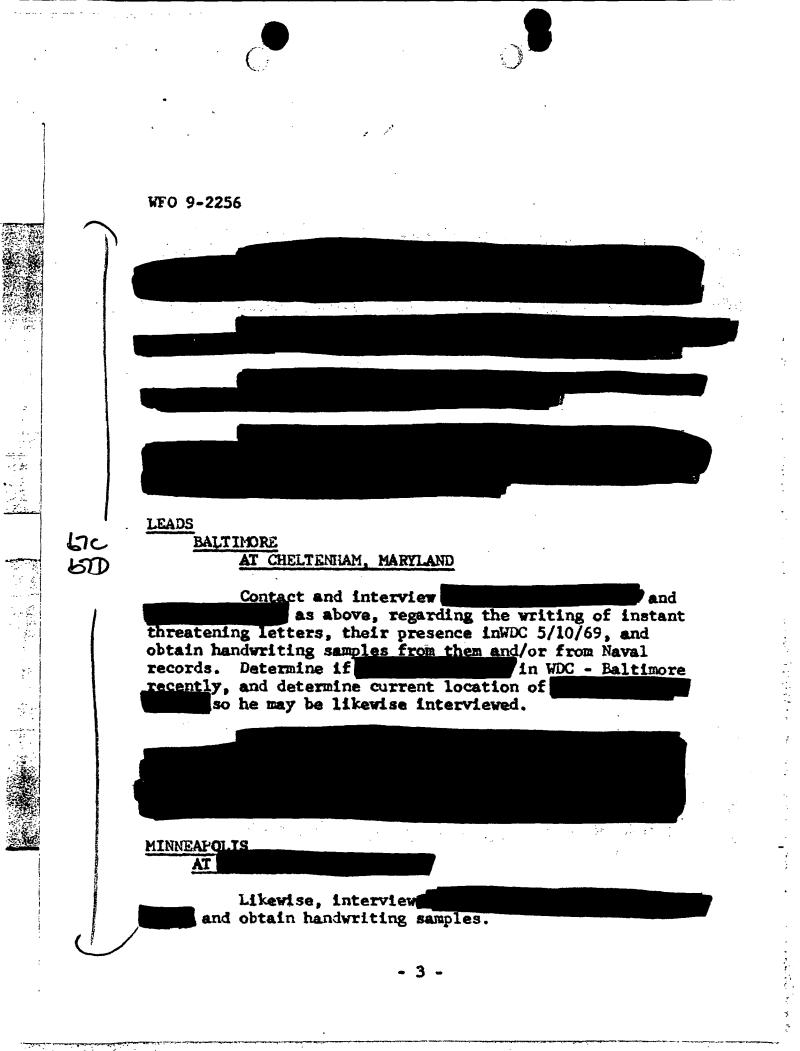
ReWFOteletype to theDirector 5/1/69 captioned "LUCIUS L. VALERA; CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. -VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, ILL. - VICTIM; JULIAN BOND -VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER -VICTIM; H. RAP BROWN - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO:MINNEAPOLIS" for the information of WFO, Atlanta has advised that the office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in receipt of obscene letter threatens lives of listed victims, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, 5/2/69, with return address DALE CARL JEFFRIES, 607 Water Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Atlanta unfamiliar with name RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD.

The Minneapolis division advised that

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WFO 9-2256

# AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Determine if any of the above recently registered at downtown Holiday Inn or Curtis Hotel-Motor Lodge. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

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DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, ATLANTA (9-1911) (RUC)

DATE: 6/30/69

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, Dale Carl Jeffries; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; ET AL EXTORTION - RM (OO: Minneapolis)

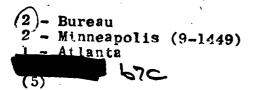


Reference Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/7/69.

<u>On\_6/26/69</u>

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 334 Auburn Avenue, SE, Atlanta, advised that she has received no further letters of the nature given to the FBI previously. She further stated that neither she nor Reverend ABERNATHY were able to offercany suggestions as to possible suspects.

Atlanta conducting no further investigation. 670



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letters which have been identified by the FBI Laboratory as having emanated from the Unknown Subject in this case. These matters in the past have been handled primarily under Bureau file 9-44386 and additionally in Bureau file 9-49584 and 9-49654.

Minneapolis is consolidating all files in this matter into Minneapolis file 9-1200, and future correspondence to the Bureau will be directed to Bureau file 9-44386, UACB.

It is noted that investigation is currently being conducted by the Minneapolis Police Department and U.S. Secret Service in connection with letters which have been directed to Mayor NAFTALIN, Minneapolis, and former vice president HUMPHRY, some dating as far back as 1965. Minneapolis will maintain contact with the Minneapolis Police Department and U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis and continue efforts to identify Unknown Subject.

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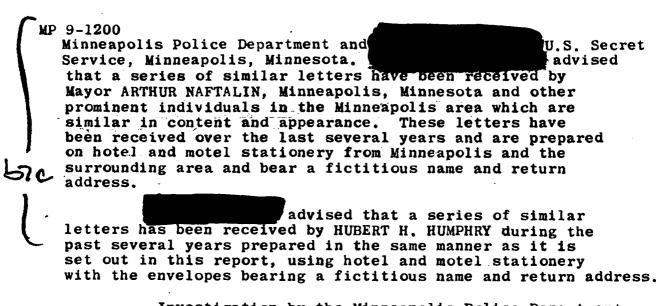


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney Minneapolis, Minnesota エト Report of: Office: Minneapolis. Date: June 30, 1969 Minnesota Field Office File #: 9-1200 Bureau File #: 9-44386 Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; LILLIAN ANTHONY - VICTIM; VICTIM; 67c Characters VICTIM: - VICTIM; FRANK KENT - VICTIM; Synonie: WALTER MONDALE - VICTIM: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM Character: EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS Synopsis: Title is changed to set forth names of victims in addition to. bic and Series of letters sent to victims 3769 - 5769 postmarked Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota on hotel and motel stationery bearing fictitious names and return addresses. Letters to victims and results of FBI Laboratory examination set forth. Minneapolis Police Department and U.S. Secret Service conducting investigation to identify writer of similar letters received by Mayor NAFTALIN of Minneapolis and HUBERT H. HUMPHRY during past several years. Minneapolis Police Department and U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, advised of this series of letters and furnished results of FBI Laboratory examination. Additional individuals mentioned in letters notified, as well as local authorities covering their residences. Handwriting comparison set forth. No suspects developed. - P -DETAILS:

## AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Copies of all letters set out in this report and the results of FBI Laboratory investigation concerning these letters have been made available to This document contains neither recommendations ner conclusions of the FBH. A basis property of the FBH and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



Investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service to date has failed to identify the Unknown Subject in this case.

> FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q16 through Q19

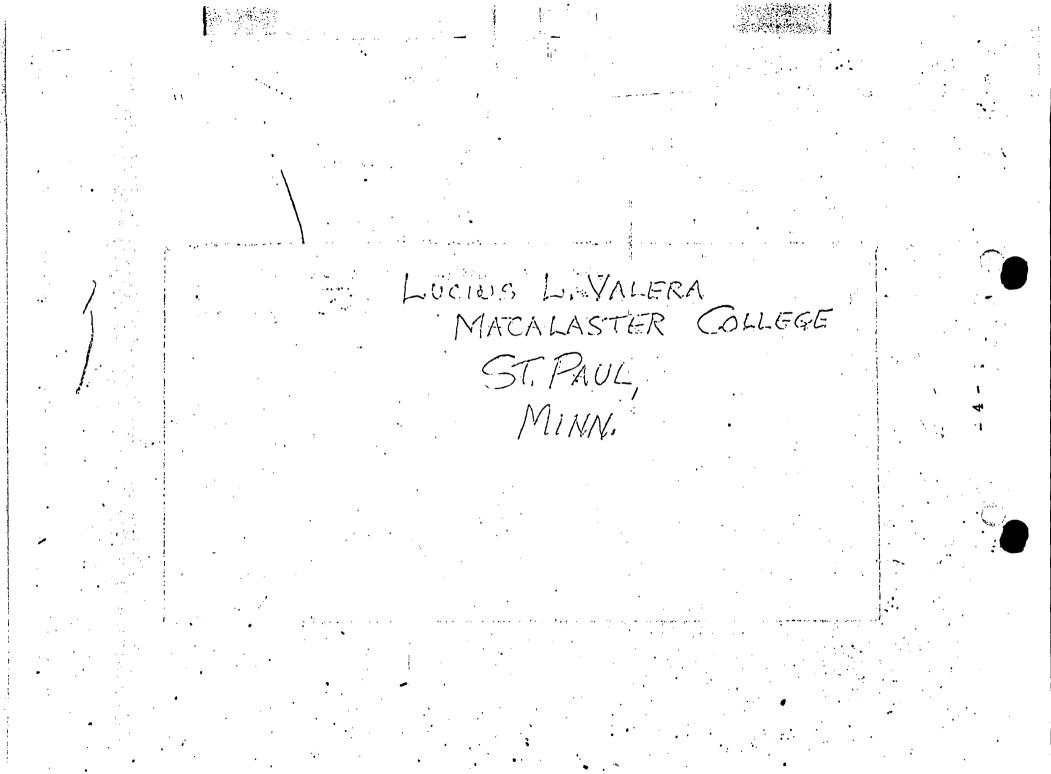


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On May 1, 1969 Office of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.,

Room 2244; Rayburn Building, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., made available to Special Agents of the FBI a letter received by the Congressman's office that morning as follows:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20535

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# FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q20 through Q23





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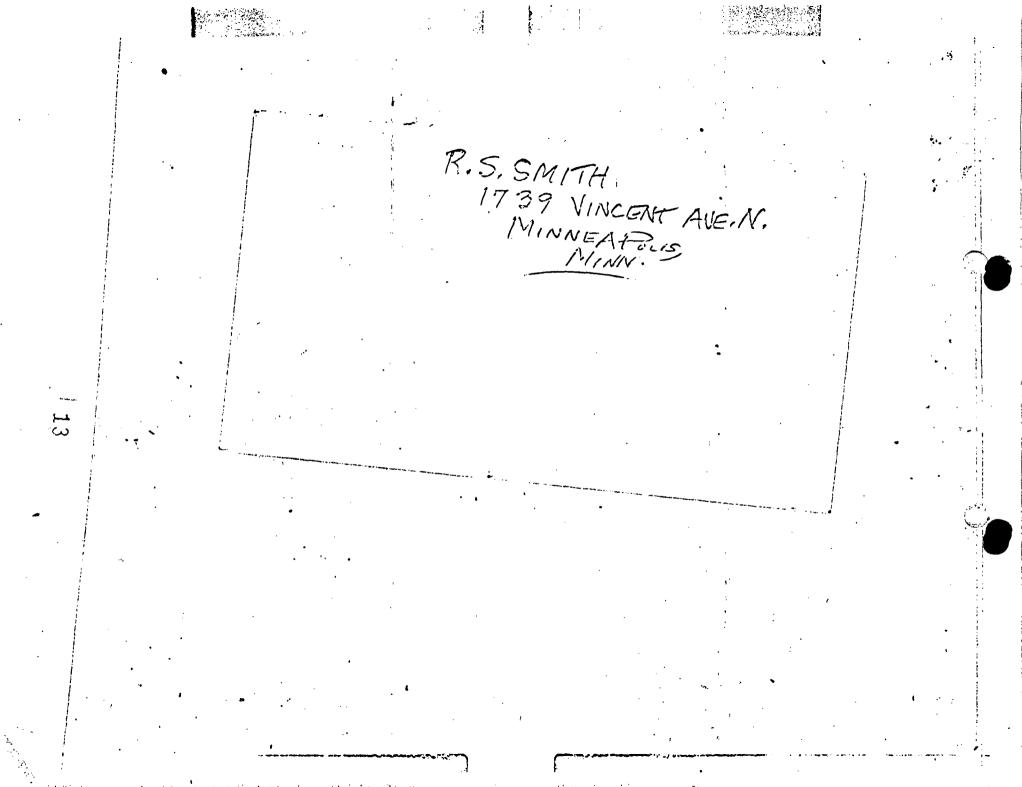
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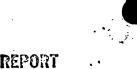


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1450)

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
 R. S. Smith;
 FRANK C. KENT, Commissioner
 Minnesota Department of
 Human Rights - VICTIM
 EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS
 Specimens received 5/3/30

Q20 Envelope postmarked "SAINT PAUL, MN 3B FM 26 APR 1969," bearing hand printed address "EN. FRANK KENT COMMUNICATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS STATE CAPITOL, ST. PAUL, MINN."

Q21 Page one of accompanying three-page handwritten letter beginning "TAKE MAYOR ARTHUR..."

Q22 Second page of accompanying three-page handwritten letter beginning "2. So, you are..."

C23 Third page of accompanying three-page handwritten letter and beginning "3. We Tennessee..."

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the hand printing on Q20 and the hand printing in the upper pertion of Q21 were written by the writer of the hand printing on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case. The conclusion was reached that the handwriting on Q21 through Q23 was written by the writer of the handwriting on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case.

Indented writing was found on G21. A separate report is being submitted concerning the results of the examination of this indented writing. No significant indented writing was found on G20, G22, and G23. A six-cent U.S. postage starp which caus from a coil of stamps was nttached to G20.

C20 is an envelope bearing the return address of Evergreen Motel, Ladysmith, Wisconsin. C21 through C23 are sheets of stationery of the Curtis Motel and Moter Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Q21 through Q23 are being returned separately. These specimens very phote 1.

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Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. May 22, 1969 9-44336 D-690508074 AT



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20335

#### To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1459)

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Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. June 2, 1969 9-44390 D-699503074 AT

Re: UNENDIA SUBJECT, aka R. S. Smith; FRANK C. KENT, Compissioner Linnesota Department of Human Rights - VICTIM EXTORTION - DACIAL HATTERS Specimens received 5/3/69

Result of examination:

This supplements FBI Laboratory report dated 5/22/69, in this case. Referenced Laboratory report advised indented writing was found on C21.

Two photographs of this indented writing are being forwarded herewith to ESI, Minneapolis.

While the indented writing on C21 is fragmontary, this indented writing corresponds generally with the context of other letters received in this case. The name "Goldsmith" appears in the indented writing in the lower right portion of Q21.





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### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q24 through Q28

On May 6, 1969 Office of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., made available to Special Agents of the FBI a letter received at the Congressman's office on that date, which letter is as follows:

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The envelope C24 and the sheets of paper C25 and C26 are stationery of the Curtis Hotel and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Q24 through Q26 are being returned separately. K7 is being returned herewith to Minneapolis. Kc8 and photographs of Q24 through Q26 and K7 are retained.

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#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q27 through Q29

<u>On May 6, 1969</u>

bic Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) offices, 334 Auburn Avenue Southeast, Atlanta Georgia, made available a letter received by the SCLC offices on May 5, 1969 which letter is as follows:

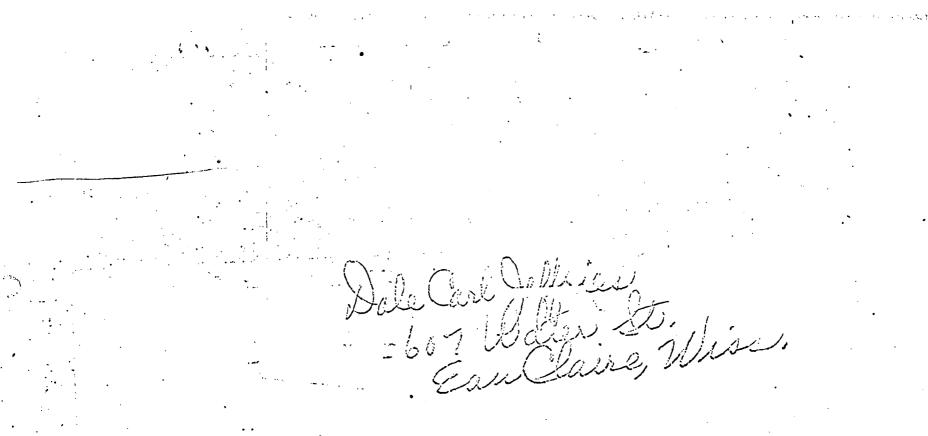
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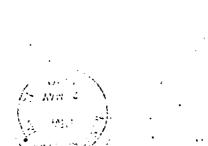
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 24505

To: F3I, Atlanta (9-1021)

Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. Nay 29, 1969 9-44386 D-590512070 AT

Re: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, Dale Carl Joffrigs; Reverend Ralph Abernathy - Victim; Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. - Victim; etc. EXTENTION - DB

Specimens received 5/9/09

- C27 Envelope postmarked "HIENEAPOLIS MINN, 3A FM 2 MAY 1909," bearing handwritten address "Rev. Balph Abernathy c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia"
- C23 Page one of two-page handwritten letter dated May 2, 1989, beginning "Nev. Balph Abernathy: Vell, black..." ending "...you on a scaffold."
- C29 Fage two of two-page handwritten letter beginning "2. While you hang..." signed "Signed K.K.K."

Regult of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned handwriting on C27 through C29 was written by the writer of the questioned writing on other specimens submitted previously in this case. C29 contains hand printing in addition to handwriting. The conclusion wascenched that the hand printing on C20 was written by the writer of the hand printing on other questioned speciment submitted proviously in this case.

No indepted writing was found on 027 through 029. A six-cent U.S. postago stamp which care from a sheet of stamps was attached to 027. (27 through 029 were written with a ball-point pen having blue ink.

027 is an envelope of Notel Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Misconcin. C28 is a sheet of stationary of Moliday Inn, Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. 729 is a sheet of stationery of Cascade Noter Notel, Buluth, Minnesota.

C27 through (20 are being returned sogarately. These specisions were photographed.

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# FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q30 through Q32

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## May 15, 1969 1 Date interviewed at the Minneapolis Office, made available an envelope and letter which he received through the mail on Monday, May 12, 1969. The envelope bore the trade name Hotel Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and was addressed to Commission on Human Relations, 4th Ave. S. & 5th St., City Hall, Minneapolis, Minn. The envelope also bore the notations: 625 Second Avenue South, 1519 Thomas Ave. No, and 2014 W. Broadway. Lines were drawn through all of the addresses except the latter. The envelope address was printed and the name of the sender was shown on the reverse side as WILLIAM S. CARLSON, 1612 South 8th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. also made available a two-page letter written on the stationery of the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the contents of which he considered obscene and threatening to his life. stated that the only other individuals who had handled the contents of the envelope to his knowledge besides himself were his landlords Minneapolis, Minnesota. bac advised that he strongly felt-this letter was sent to him as a result of ЮD expressed some concern for his personal welfare as a result of having received this threatening letter, commenting it seemed strange that such a letter would be written at this time rather than The following physical description was obtained: Name Sex Race \_ File # Minneapolis 9-1449 et Minneapolis, Minnesota 5/13/69 አገር 5/14/69 SA Dote dictoted This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency: it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. 31

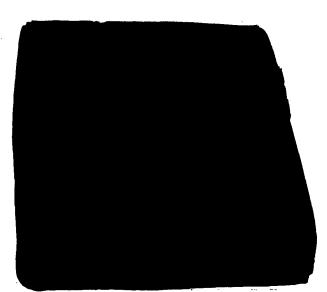
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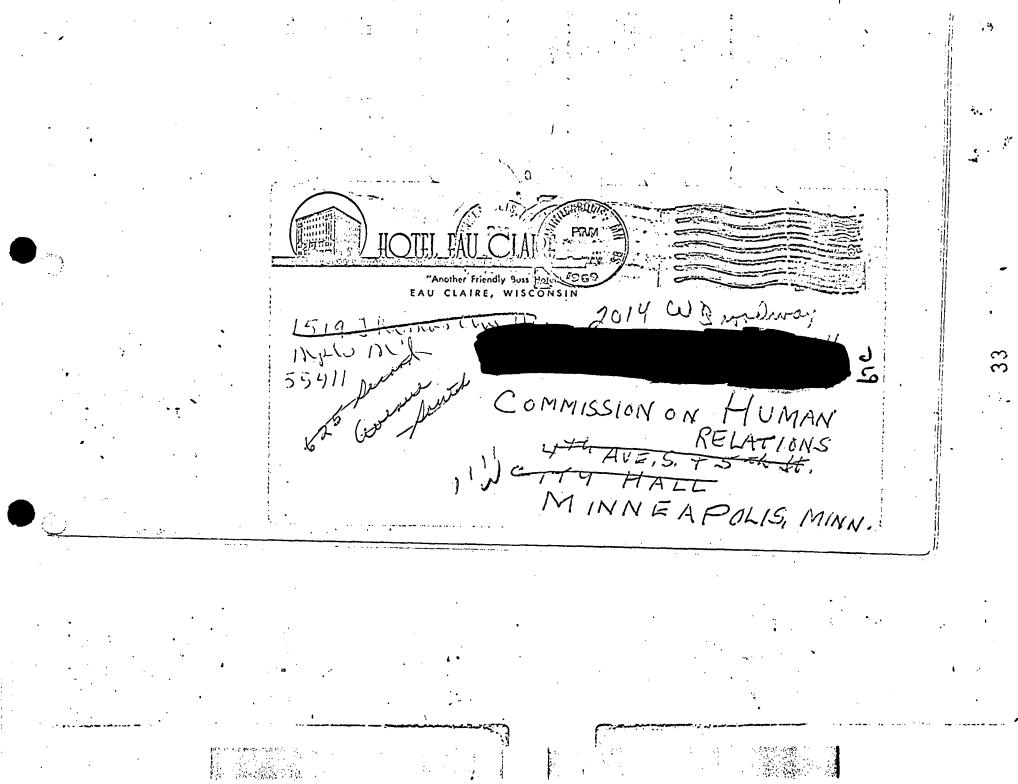
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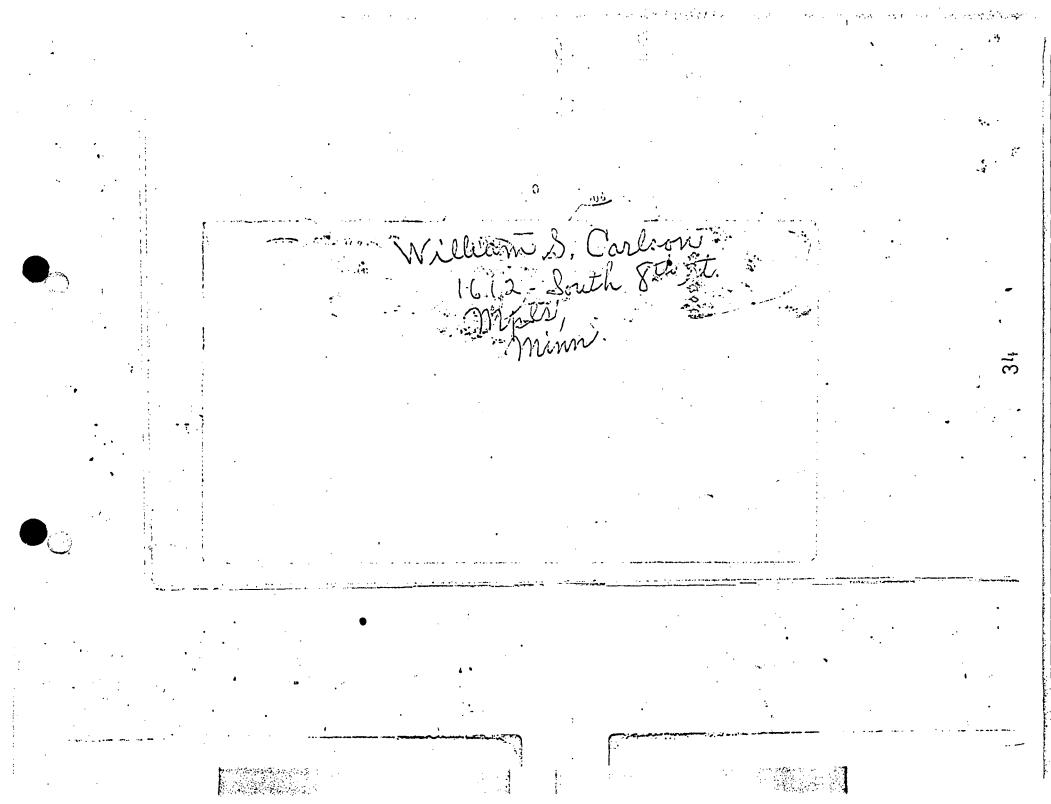
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was cautioned concerning the proper method of handling any future letters of this type which he might receive and stated he would promptly contact the Federal Eureau of Investigation.





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#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q33 through Q49

Q33 through Q38 consists of an envelope and a letter made available by Minneapolis Police Department, as being characteristic of the letters received by Mayor ARTHUR NAFTALIN during the past several years.

Q39 was made available by the second of U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota as being characteristic of the letters received by HUBERT H. HUMPHRY during the past several years.

Q40 is known handwriting of



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041 through Q44 consists of known handwriting

Q45 is known handwriting of

Q46 is a letter directed to the editor, "Minneapolis Star", bearing the signature of ABRAHAM GOLDMAN (fictitious).

Q48 contained known handwriting of

Q49 contained known handwriting of

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

#### To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1449)

Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. June 13, 1969 9-44386 D-690529094 AT

Re: UNSUB, aka; Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, et al. - VICTIMS EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

#### Specimens received 5/29/69

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- Q33 Envelope postmarked "SAINT PAUL, MINN. 1B PM 10 MAR 1969," bearing the hand printed address "MAYOR ARTHUR NAFTALIN 66 SEYMOUR AVE. S.E. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN."
- Q34 First page of accompanying handwritten letter dated 3/19/69, beginning "Arthur Naftalin. Honorable Mayor! Dear Sir: It is very..."
- Q35 Second page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "2. It was wonderful, before..."
- Q36 Third page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "3. Your former mentor..."
- Q37 Fourth page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "4. I met Jewish business..."
- Q38 Fifth page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning<sup>•</sup> "5. Cohen will make a good..." signed "Abe Goldman"
- Cc39 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MN 5B AM 25 MAR 1969," bearing the hand printed address "MR. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY WAVERLY, MINN." and accompanying two page handwritter letter dated 3/25/69, beginning "Hubert H. Humphrey: Dear..."

Cc40 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MINN, OCT 18 1961" bearing handwritten address 621 Newton Ave No. Minneapolis, Minn." and accompanying four-page handwritten letter dated 10/17/61, teginning "Dear Enclosed..." signed "Mr. David Hentges"

- C41 One-page typewritten letter dated 5/8/69, bearing the signature "Paul Clement"
- Q42 Two-page typewritten letter dated 5/5/69, bearing the signature "Paul Clement"
- Q43 Two-page typewritten letter dated 5/2/69, bearing the signature "Paul Clement"

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- Q44 One-page typewritten letter dated 4/23/69, bearing the signature "Paul Clement"
- Q45 Postcard postmarked "TWIN CITIES, MN MAR 14 PM 1969,' bearing the handwritten address "Letter Editor Mpls star 425 Portland Ave. Minneapolis Minn 55415"
- C46 Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MN\_4A PM 30 MAR 1969," bearing the handwritten address "Minneapolis Star c/o To The Editor, 425 Portland Ave. Minneapolis, Minn."
- C47 Accompanying two-page handwritten letter dated 3/30/69, beginning "To The Editor: Dear Sir: I disagree..." signed "Abraham Goldman"
- Q48 Typewritten news-type letter entitled "A SUNDAY MORNING" SERMONNETTE" bearing handwritten notations
- C49 Front page of the Minneapolis Tribune, November 14, 1965, bearing hand printing beginning "This Whole Sheet Is A..." and envelope postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 14, 1965"

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the hand printing on Q33 was written by the writer of the hand printing on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case. The conclusion was further reached that the handwriting on Q34 through Q38, Q46, and Q47 was written by the writer of the handwriting on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case.

Due to the indistinctness of the writing on the submitted photocopies and an insufficient amount of comparable writing, a definite conclusion was not reached whether the handwriting and hand printing on the other questioned specimens described above were written by the writer of the handwriting and hand printing on the questioned specimens submitted previously.

Indented writing was found on Q35. This indented writing corresponds to writing on Q34. Indented writing found on Q36 corresponds to writing on Q35. Indented writing on Q38 corresponds to writing on Q37. Indented writing on page two of Q47 corresponds to indented writing on Q47.(page 1). This indented writing has not been photographed. No other significant indented writing was found on the above specimens.

C33 through C49 are returned herewith. These specimens were photographed.

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#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q50 through Q53

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On May 27, 1969 Clerk, Minneapolis Department of Human Rights, made available a letter which had been received by LILLIAN ANTHONY, Director, Minneapolis Department of Human Rights, which letter is as follows:

-Associated Press Wirephoto Klansman Braudenburg, Left, in 1964 ...at right, Richard Hanna, self-styled Nazi ьM 28 MAY 40 Civil Rights Dept. nel M NUCCODI slis) me all ٫ n 41

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

#### To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1449)

Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. June 16, 1969 9-44386 D-690602117 AT

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Lucius L. Valera, etc.; Charles Craig Stevens; LILLIAN ANTHONY - VICTIM EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Specimens received 6/2/69

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- Q50 Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 3B 1969 AM 26 MAY," bearing handwritten address "Lillian Anthony c/o Civil Rights Dept. Court House, Minneapolis, Minn."
- Q51 First page of accompanying handwritten letter dated 5/26/69, beginning "Lillian Anthony; Mpls Civil Rights Dept: Dear..."
- Q52 Second page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "2. Some day Civil Rights will be..."
- Q53 Third page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "3. After the fifteen (15) detentions..."
- ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping bearing printing beginning "Klansman Brandenburg, Left, in 1964..."

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned writing on Q50 through Q53 was written by the writer of other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case.

Indented writing was found on Q52. This indented writing corresponds to some of the writing on Q51 and to some of the writing on Q53. Indented writing on Q53 was found to correspond to some of the writing on Q52.

The envelope C50 and the pieces of paper listed as Q51 through C53 are stationery of the Curtis Hotel and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

C50 through C53 and the item described as "ALSO SUBMITTED" are being returned separately. C50 through C53 were photographed.

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#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q54 through Q57

By letter dated May 26, 1969 Senator WALTER F. MONDALE, Minnesota, furnished the FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota with a letter and an envelope which had been received at his offices in Washington, D.C. which letter is as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D. C. 20535

#### To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1459)

Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. June 17, 1969 9-44386 D-690603044 AT

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka James P. McFarland Senator WALTER F. MONDALE - VICTIM EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Specimens received 6/2/69

- Q54 Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MN L MAY 12PM," bearing handwritten address "U.S. Senator Walter Mondale, c/o Senate Chambers, Washington, D.C."
- Q55 Page one of accompanying handwritten letter dated 5/11/69, beginning "Walter Mondale U.S. Senator, Dear Sir: What nerve do you..."
- Q56 Page two of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "2. You just a..."
- Q57 Page three of accompanying handwritten letter beginning """. "3. Your Democrats are all through..." signed "K.K.K."

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that Q54 through Q57 were written by the writer of other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case which were prepared by the unknown subject.

Indented writing was found on Q56. This indented writing corresponds to some of the writing on Q55. Indented writing found on Q57 corresponds to some of the writing on Q56. This indented writing was not photographed.

Q54 is an envelope of The Curtis Hotel and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Q55 and Q56 are sheets of stationery of the Hotel Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Q57 is a sheet of stationery of Cascade Motor Hotel, Duluth, Minnesota.

Q54 through Q57 are being returned separately. These specimens were photographed.





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#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q58 through Q60

In June 1969 a xerox copy of the following letter was made available to the FBI from the office of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. which was apparently mailed to POWELL postmarked June 1, 1965:

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20335

To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1449)

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Re: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, Dale Carl Jeffries; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL - VICTIM et al. EXTORTION - RM Date: FBI File No. Lab. No.

June 16, 1969 9-44386 D-690605006 AT D-690609002 AT

Specimens received 6/6/69 from Washington Field Office

- Q58 Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. PM 2B 1 JUN 1965," bearing the handwritten address "Clayton Wm. Powell House of Representatives Washington, D.C."
- . Q59 First page of accompanying two-page handwrigten letter dated 6/1/65, beginning "Clayton William Powell: Dear..."
- \$\cong beginning "2). You are high on our list..."

Specimens received 6/4/69

Photocopies of Q58 through Q60

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that Q58 through Q60 was written by the writer of other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case which were prepared by the unknown subject.

Indented writing was found on C60. This indented writing corresponds to writing on C59. No special photographs of this indented writing were made.

Q58 is an envelope of The Curtis Hotel and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Q59 and Q60 are sheets of stationery of Hotel Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota.

C58 through C60 are being returned with copies of this report to FBI, Washington Field. These specimens were photographed. Cc58 through Cc60 are being retained. MP 9-2100

#### FBI LABORATORY REPORT Q61 through Q64

By letter dated June 1, 1969 Senator MONDALE, Minnesota, furnished to the FBI, Minneapolis, Minnesota the following letter and envelope:

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D. C. 20535

## To: FBI, Hinneapolis (9-1459)

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Wm. Schreiber; SENATOR WALTER F. HONDALE - VICTIM EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Date: FBI File No. Lab. No

June 16, 1969 9-44386 D-690009103 AT

Specimens received 6/9/69

- Envelope postmarked "MINNUAPOLIS, MINN. 3A AM 25 MAY Q61 1969," bearing the handwritten address "Hon. Walter Mondale c/o U.S. Senate Washington, D.C."
- First page of accompanying handwritton letter dated 5/24/69, C62 beginning "Mon. Walter Mondale: U.S. Senate; Dear Sir ... "
- C63 Second page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "2. A nigger can get employment, quicker, then I .... "
- Third page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning 064 "3. You Mondale, Mubert H. Humphrey ... "

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that GS1 through C64 were written by the writer of other questioned specimens submitted proviously in this case which were prepared by the unknown subject.

Indented writing was found on C63. This indented writing corresponds to some of the writing on C62. Indented writing found on C64 corresponds to some of the writing on G63. Indented writing was also found on G62, but this indented writing is too faint to permit determination.

G61 through G64 consist of stationery of The Curtis Hotol and Motor Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1.100

GGL through GG4 are being returned separately. These specimens were photographed.

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In addition to the individuals identified above as victims in receipt of letters from Unknown Subject, the following individuals were noted as having been mentioned by Unknown Subject in the contents of the letters:

> HARRY BELAFONTE JULIAN BOND H. RAP BROWN CASSIUS CLAY LE ROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER STOKELY CARMICHAEL SAMMY DAVIS, JR. CHARLES EVERS RUFUS CATFISH MAYFIELD ADAM CLAYTON POWELL III CARL STOKES

With the exception of CLEAVER and CARMAICHEL, all other individuals mentioned above as well as local authorities covering their residence have been alerted to having been mentioned in the letters by Unknown Subject. Local authorities covering the residences of the victims in receipt of a letter from Unknown Subject have also been alerted to the nature and contents of the letter.

Each of the envelopes contained a return name and address which were determined to be fictitious. The names appearing as a fictitious return address are as follows:

> LOUELLA ANDERSON WILLIAM S. CARLSON WILLIAM FULLER ABRAHAM GOLDMAN ALICE P. GUSTAFSON D. HEAD DALE CARL JEFFERIES JAMES P. MC FARLAND J. SCHLEIFER R.S. SMITH WILLIAM SCHREIBER ALICE L. SCRENSON CHARLES CRAIG STEVENS JAMES STEWART LUCIUS L. VALERA

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#### Q16 FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION Q16 through Q64 Where Pertinent)

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Examination by the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI, noted latent fingerprints on the following items:

Q <b>20</b>	Two prints
Q22	Two prints
Q23	Two prints
Q27	One print
Q61	Three prints
Q62	One print

#### HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

As set out previously in this report, comparative analysis has been made of available handwriting of the following individuals with that of Unknown Subject:

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11 UNITED STATES UVERNMENT Memorandum то **DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44386)** DATE: 7/9/69 FROM AC, MINNEAPOLIS (9-1200) 690714003 5x SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY VICTIM ET AL 6/C **EXTORTION - RM** 16 220 11 Re report of SA dated 6/30/69 and Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated 7/9/69 captioned, UNKNOWN SUBJECT; VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS, BUFILE 44-20013. NR Enclosed for the Bureau are four letters from **67C** which are dated July, 1962, August, 1962 August, 1963 and September, 1965. It is requested that these letters, as well as the letter directed by to the Bureau dated 623/69 in Bureau file 44-20013, be compared with the writing of the unknown subject in this case. 美力 Bureau (Enc. 4) El 2 <u>2 - Minneapolis</u> 570 (4) b7c 44386. REC-34 9 -E DENS OF MELICE UE JUL 11 1969 9 Ţ 1 141 2203410B 2 716 .64 Ć. 1. 461 5 67c Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan 1010-108-02

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C., 20535

FBI, Minneapolis (9-1200) To:

Date:

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Lab. No.

July 22, 1969

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Unknown Subject; Re: Reverend Ralph Abernathy -Victim; et al. Extortion - RM

#### 00: Minneapolis

Examination requested by:

Minneapolis Letter 7/9/69

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Examination requested:

**Remarks**:

Reference:

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Minneapolis (9-1200)

Re: Unknown Subject; Reverend Ralph Abernathy -Victim; et al. Extortion - RM Date: FBI File No. Lab. No. July 22, 1969 9-44386 D-690714003 AT

Specimens received 7/11/69

K16 Two envelopes and four handwritten letters written by

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned handwriting on the specimens submitted previously which are attributed to the unknown subject of this case was not written by the writer of K16 or by the writer of the letter from the second to the Bureau dated 6/23/69, which is contained in another case.

K16 is returned herewith. This specimen was photographed.

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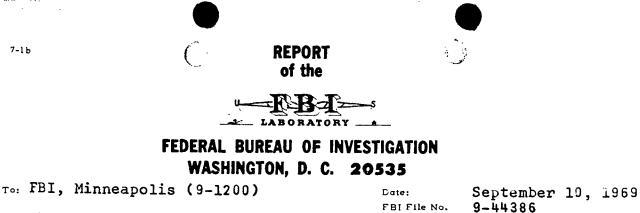


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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION TSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11 UNITED STAT VERNMENT lemorandum Тq́ DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44386) DATE: 8/26/69 FBI LABORATORY ATTENTION: FRC SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (9-1200) (P) 691829138 SUBJECT: 57 UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY VICTIM ET AL EXTORTION - RM Re Minneapolis report of SA dated 455 ハウ Enclosed for the Bureau are two letters and an envelope prepared by (Bufile 100-422071) It is noted that mas been affiliated with many extreme right-wing groups. bic It is requested that the letters by . compared with letters prepared by UNSUB in this case. Ê 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)(Info)(RM) (9-44386) (100-4220**7**1 2 Minneapolis 2 (9-1200)62 ЬD घट  $(\mathbf{5})$  $\sim 1.6$ REC-8 ST.113 ゆみ -3-8 1969 67c 50 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan be

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Laborator mittal Form FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535 FBI, Minneapolis (9-1200) September 10, 1969 To Date: bic UNKNOWN SUBJECT: **REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY** -John Edgar Hoover, Director VICTIM; et al. EXTORTION - RM RE**C-A** - 113 FBI File No. 9-44386 Lab. No. D-690829038 ΓA Examination requested by: Minneapolis 50 Letter 8/26/69 Reference: Examination requested: Document Remarks: The majority of the questioned writing attributed to the unknown subject in this matter consists of handwriting. Very little hand printing appears in the questioned writing. The majority of the writing on K17 and the writing of 50 in Bureau file 100-422071 (referred to in Minneapolis letter of 8/26/69) consists of hand printing. While resemblances in some hand printed letters were 1969 found in the purported writing of and the questioned writing, certain differences were found COMM-FB MAILED which indicate that the questioned writing may not have 0 ---been written by This can best be resolved by ۵. the submission of additional known handwriting and hand 1:1 printing samples prepared by  $\mathcal{O}$ which are comparable with the questioned writing. Any additional samples of writing should contain a majority of handwritten specimens. Enclosures (3) (K17, 2 Lab\_report) Tolson )eLoach 1 - Minneapolis 🗌 Enclosure (Lab report) lohr . 3ishop Dl - Bureau file (100-422071) Casper 121,4 allahan onrad `elt -Jale losen allivan avel 6) rotter ele. Room lolmes MAL ROOM CELETYPE UNIT londy **ADMINISTRATIVE** PAGE



Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY -VICTIM; et al. EXTORTION - RM

Specimens received 8/28/69

K17 Letter bearing stamp date 11/25/69, beginning "FROM THE DESK OF THE...," envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS, MINN...," and second letter dated 11/25/62 bearing hand printing, handwriting and signature of

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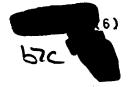
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Result of examination:

Based on the writing available for examination, a definite conclusion was not reached whether the writer of K17 prepared any of the questioned handwriting and hand printing attributed to the unknown subject in this case.

K17 is returned herewith. This item was photographed.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44386)

Bureau

Minneapolis

DATE: 1/12/70

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (9-1200)

SUBJECT OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ET AL EXTORTION - RM

Re Bureau 0-1 dated 12/17/69.

As this file indicates, this matter has been under investigation by the Minneapolis Office, U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Postal Inspectors, and the Intelligence Division of the Minneapolis Police Department for several years. There have been no letters of consequence in several months.

The person responsible for writing the letters has been very careful to conceal his identity, and the only things of any consequence that have been learned by review of the letters is that the writer is from Tennessee and he is 58 years old.

The handwriting of all logical suspects has been submitted to the Laboratory without effecting an identification

In the time since the last report was submitted by the Minneapolis Office, an exhaustive review has been made from the files of the U.S. Secret Service, postal inspectors, and the Minneapolis police intelligence division using the handwriting guidelines prepared by the Laboratory and forwarded to the Minneapolis Division.

The files of the Minneapolis Office have also been reviewed in the areas of threatening letters, racial matters, etc., and this review has not been completed.

Since the subject has written no letters for several months, the review of the files in the Minneapolis Office will be completed, and if the results are not positive, the matter will be closed administratively until further communications are received UACB.

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OPTIONAL ROBA N SA GEN REG. NO. 27 Tolson Sullivan RNMENT JNITED STATES GC 1emorandum\_ C all aban Caspe ar. Sullivan elt January 21, 1971 Gale DATE: Rosen Tavel - Mr. Sullivan 1 Walters 1 - Mr. Rosen Sovara Tele. Room 1 lolmes Gandy 1 SUBJECT : MORRIS CHESLER bri EXTORTION Ir. Hour - Mr. Bishop 1 bic Mr. Conrad 1 1 To advise that subject, who was arrested by Agents

in San Antonio, January 15, 1971, in connection with a threatening letter he wrote to U. S. Congressman Donald M. Fraser dated January 1, 1971, has now been identified as the writer of a long series of threatening racial type letters dating back to 1965. Victims who have been threatened by Chesler include former President Lyndon B. Johnson, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, numerous U. S. Senators and U. S. Congressmen, a Federal Judge, Mayors, a professional baseball player, and man others.

During 1965 a Negro female in Minneapolis, Minnesota, received a threatening communication that was signed "HEK."" This letter began a series of threatening communications, anti-Negro in nature, that has resulted in 188 unknown handwriting specimens being submitted to the FBI Laboratory. Investigation in this case was complicated by the fact that the threatening letters were mailed from numerous locations ranging from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Florida, to Texas. Laboratory examination of the submitted materials identified the varying submissions as originating from a common source and during March, 1970, detected indented writing on one submission that contained several letters from the subject's last name. Laboratory work also developed a watermark on one of the threatening letters that was attributed to a New York manufacturer. The paper was traced by Bureau investigation through Chicago to Minneapolis and ultimately to a roofing and siding firm in Minneapolis. Beginning

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Rosen to Sullivan Memorandum RE: MORRIS CHESLER

January 1, 1971, a series of threatening letters from the then dinknown subject were received by U. S. Congressman Donald M. Fraser and were referred to the Bureau. These letters bore postmark from San Antonio, Texas. Through interviews at the roofing and siding company in Minneapolis, it was determined that a former salesman named Morris Chesler had recently written that company from San Antonio, Texas

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Texas on 1/15/71, and was arrested pursuant to authorization of an Assistant United States Attorney there in connection with the threatening letter written to Congressman Fraser dated 1/1/71.

Handwriting specimens attributed to Chesler were submitted to the FBI Laboratory and have been identified as having been prepared by the same person who prepared many of the unknown handwriting samples in this case. To date Federal prosecution has been authorized and prosecution is pending at San Antonio and Minneapolis. Presentations to appropriate United States Attorneys will be made in various jurisdictions where the threatening communications were mailed.

ACTION: Attached for approval is letter to Attorney General advising him of the outstanding results achieved by our Laboratory and investigative personnel.

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D-36 (Dev. 5-22-84 FBI Date: 2/11/71 (Type in plaintext or code) ATRMATL Via (Priority)  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{O}}$ **TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44386) SAC, ATLANTA (9-1911) LOT RUC FROM: MORRIS CHESLER, aka; SUBJECT: U. S. Congressman DONALD M. FRASER -VICTIM; Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT -VICTIM: ET AL EXTORTION (00: San Antonio) Re Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, 2/4/71. Referenced letter suggests that victims in this case be advised that subject has been identified and arrested by 61C the FBI. On 5/6/69, secretary to RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President dent, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, advised of receipt on 5/5/69 of a letter threatening the life of ABERNATHY. This information was furnished to the Atlanta PD on 5/6/69. Established Bureau policy for several years, as followed by Atlanta, has been that ABERNATHY is not advised directly by Atlanta of threats. Such information is furnished appropriate personnel of the Atlanta PD, who forward it to ABERNATHY . 438 **REC- 83** Bureau يد جنيباً م -San Antonio 2-Minneapolis (9-1200) FEB 15 1971 2-Atlanta 1 - (9-1911) (100-6670D) ×. Per Special Agent in Charge OPO - 1970 D - 40

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In instant case, ABERNATHY was initially cognizant of the threatening letter and the Atlanta PD was advised.

In view of established policy and the fact no useful purpose would be served, Atlanta does not consider it prudent to advise ABERNATHY of the identification and arrest of the subject.

UACB no action by Atlanta.



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DIRECTOR, MBI (9-44306)

MORRIS CHESSLER, aka;

00: San Antonio

2/4/71 DATE:

SAC, MINNE/POLIS (9-1200) (P)

Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT -

U. S. Congueceman DONALD M. FRASER -

For information of the receiving offices, MORRIS CHESLER, date of birth Minneapolis, Minne-SIC sota, a white male, has been identified as the individual responsible for sending the vicious and obscene threatening letters in this case. It is noted that hotel and motel stationary was (cnerally used, a fictitious return address was listed and the letters were usually signed Ku Klux Klan or K.K.K. 570

CHESLER was arrested by Euleau Agents in San Autonio, Texas on January 15, 1971, charged with violation of the Extortion Statute and has been ordered to Springfield, Lissouri for a psychiatric examination.

A recep of the victims in this case is set out by office with concreasmen and senators boying designated for the attention of WFC.

It is suggested that the victims in this case be contacted and acvised that the subject has been identified and arrested by the FBI.

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Federal Judge C. CLYDE ATKINS	68	January 15, 19 Miami, Florida	
	72	January 19, 19 Miami, Florida	70 Reverend CH R. HORNER
	105-106	February 14, 1 Miami, Florida	.970 Captain THOY STEWART
	107-110	February 10, 1 Miami, Florida	.970 Rabbi HERMAN BROWNSTEIN
	111-115	February 12, 1 Miami, Florida	970 WILLIAM CRAM
	116-120	February 16, 1 Miami, Florida	970 HERBERT LEVY

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		65-67	January 8, 1970 Miami, Florida	WILHELM HAR'CEAN	
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		24-26	May 5, 1969 Minneapolis, Minn.	JAMES L. STEWAR	
bic		58-60	June 1, 1965 Minnoapolis, Minn.	KKK	
		145	May 17, 1970 Minneapolis, Minn.	GEORGE ARTHOR BLUMENTHAL	
		LITTL	E ROCK		
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	61-64	May 25, 1969 WILLIAM SCHREIBE Minneapolis, Minn.
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	153-158	July 27, 1970 Rabbi MOSES Minneapolis, Minn. GREENBLATT
	159-161	July 23, 1970 KU KLUX KLAN Minneapolis, Minn.
	162-167	July 29, 1970 Rabbi DAVID FRIE Minneapolis, Minn.
Cohgressman CLAUDE PEPPER	97	February 8, 1970 Reverend CHARLE Miami, Florida BUCK
	LINNE	POLIS
LILLIAN ANTHON	Y 50-53	May 23, 1969 CHARLES CRAIG Minneapolis, Minn. STEVENS
ROD CAREN	131-132	May 13, 1970 STRANGLER ABE Cleveland, Ohio
	133	May 1, 1970 ALLEN CRESSWELL Minneapolis, Minn.
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	138	May 20, 1970 Colonel JAMES Minneapolis, Minn. OVERTON

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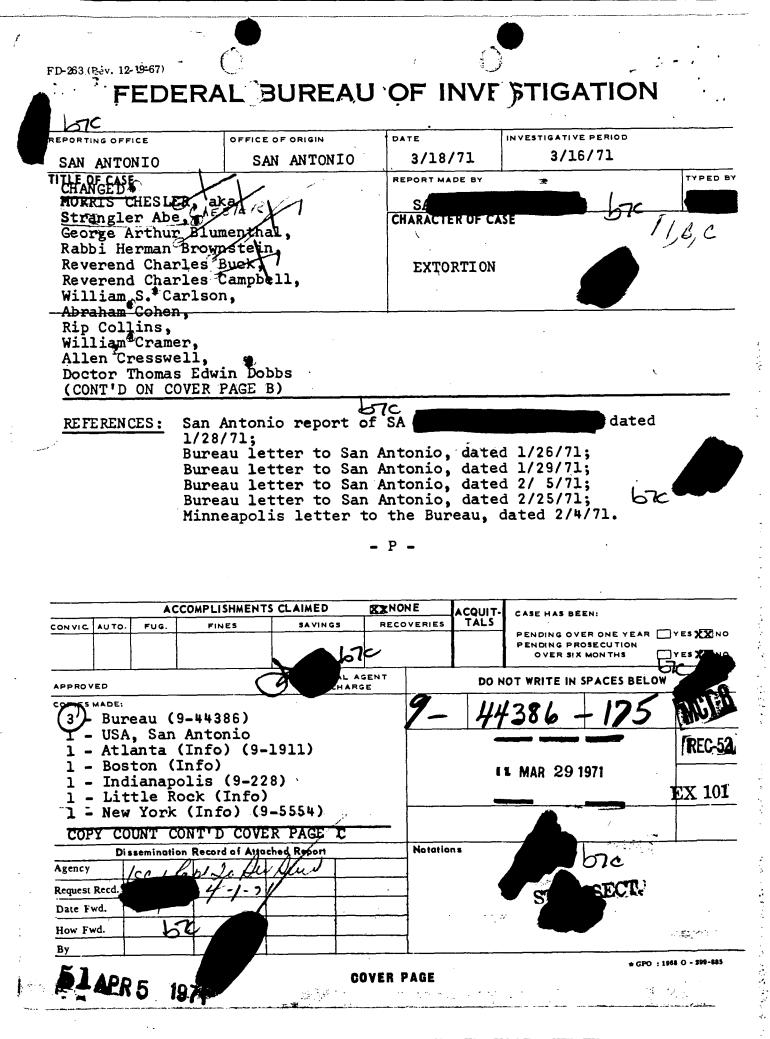
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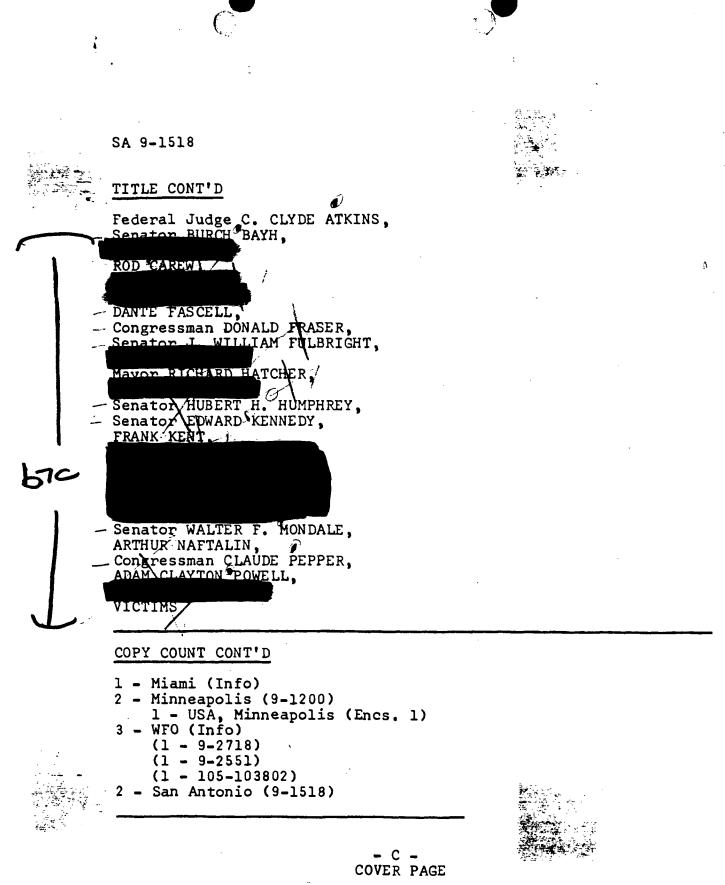
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Title is marked changed to reflect alphabetical listing of known aliases and known victims as furnished by previous Office of Origin. Title was previously carried as:

CHANGED MORRIS CHESLER, aka Rip Collins, ET AL U. S. Congressman DONALD M. FRASER - VICTIM U. S. Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT - VICTIM EXTORTION

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copies are being furnished offices which are known to have investigated letters similar to those written by subject to victims FRASER and FULBRIGHT for which he is currently being prosecuted. Three copies being furnished to the Bureau in the event they wish to disseminate to Secret Service.

## LEADS

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will follow and report prosecution.





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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Copy to: 1 - USA, San Antonio 1 - USA, Minneapolis 570 Report of: San Antonio, Texas Office: Date 3/18/71 9-44386 Field Office File #: 9 - 1518Bureau File #: Title: MORRIS CHESLER; Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, LILLIAN ANTHONY, Federal Judge C. CLYDE ATKINS, Senator BURCH BAYH, Character: ROD CAPEW Synopsis: DANTE FASCELL, Congressman DONALD FRASER, Senator J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, MANON RICHARD HATCHER, Senator HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, FRANK KENT. Senator WALTER F. MONDALE. ARTHUR NAFTALIN, Congressman CLAUDE PEPPER, CLAYTON POWELL DΔM VICTIMS EXTORTION Character: s: On 1/16/71, subject declared mentally competent to stand trial by U. S. District Judge D. W. SUTTLE, at San Antonio. Trial postboned indefinitely. Synopsis: San Antonio. Trial postponed indefinitely.

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## TO USA, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed herewith to USA, Minneapolis, is copy 67C of San Antonio report of SA dated 1/28/71.

## DETAILS:

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Bureau File #:

Office:

9-44386

San Antonio, Texas

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Character:

Synopsis:

Federal Judge C. CLYDE ATKINS, Senator BURCH BAYH, ROD CAREW DANTE FASCELL,

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Congressman CLAUDE PEPPER, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL,

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## EXTORTION

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DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44386)

DATE: 6/8/71

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (9-1518) (P)

SUBJECT:

MORRIS CHESLER, aka; Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY; ET AL - VICTIMS EXTORTION

00: San Antonio

Re San Antonio report of SA

On 6/7/71, Assistant United States Attorney HENRY J. NOVAK, JR., San Antonio, Texas, advised that subject, CHESLER has been removed to Minneapolis and will be tried there on similar charges.

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Assistant United States Attorney NOVAK anticipates that process in Texas will be dismissed upon conclusion of trial at Minneapolis.



In this regard, as no further work remains in San Antonio Division, the Bureau is requested to designate Minneapolis as Office of Origin.

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Minneapolis airtel to Director dated 6/16/71.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Conviction in this matter claimed by Minneapolis airtel dated 6/16/71.

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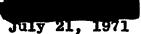


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Office:

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9-44386

Field Office File #:

Title:

MORRIS CHESLER; Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY; ET AL - VICTIMS

Character:

EXTORTION

9-1200

Synopsis:

CHESLER appeared USDC, Minneapolis, Minn., 6/15/71 and entered plea of guilty to complaint filed Winneapolis 1/18/71 charging violation USC, Title 18, Section 875(c). CHESLER referred for presentence investigation and released on \$2,500 cash bond. As of 7/14/71 CHESLER has not been sentenced.

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Details:

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On June 16, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney J. EARL CUDD. Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised as follows:

CHESLER appeared in United States District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 15, 1971, and entered plea of guilty to complaint filed Minneapolis January 18, 1971, charging violation United States Code, Title 18, Section 875 (c), in that on or about July 3, 1970, he knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Little Bock, Arkansas, a letter addressed to the Honorable J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT containing a threat to injure the person of J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT.

Mr. CUDD advised CHESLER was referred for a presentence investigation and is free on \$2,500 cash bond.

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On July 14, 1971, Mr. CUDD advised that CHESLER has not yet been sentenced.





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## AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will contact the U. S. Attorney and determine what action he is taking concerning process outstanding re subject.





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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Report of: 9-30-71

Field Office File #: MP 9-1200

Bureau File #:

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

9-44386

Title: MORRIS CHESLER; Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY; ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Imposition of sentence suspended on 7-29-71 and CHESLER placed on two years' probation.

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DETAILS:

AUSA J. EARL CUDD, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that imposition of sentence on MORRIS CHESLER was suspended on 7-29-71, by Judge MILES W. LORD and CHESLER was placed on two years' probation.

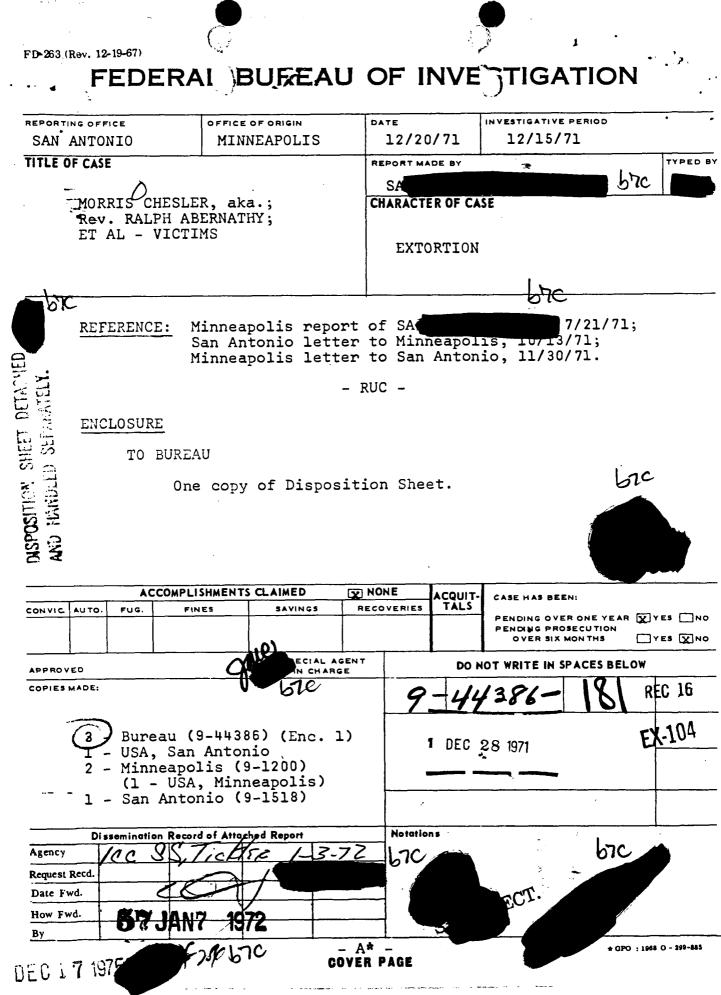


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Title:

MORRIS CHESLER; REV. RALPH ABERNATHY; ET AL - VICTIMS

Character:

EXTORTION

On 12/15/71, RUTH JONES, Secretary, U. S. Attorney's Synopsis: Office, WDT, San Antonio, Texas, advised complaint dismissed on CHESLER 4/14/71.

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DETAILS:

On December 15, 1971, RUTH JONES, Secretary. U. S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, advised that the complaint filed against MORRIS CHESLER at San Antonio had been dismissed on April 14, 1971. JONES advised, therefore, no prosecution is outstanding on MORRIS CHESLER in this district.

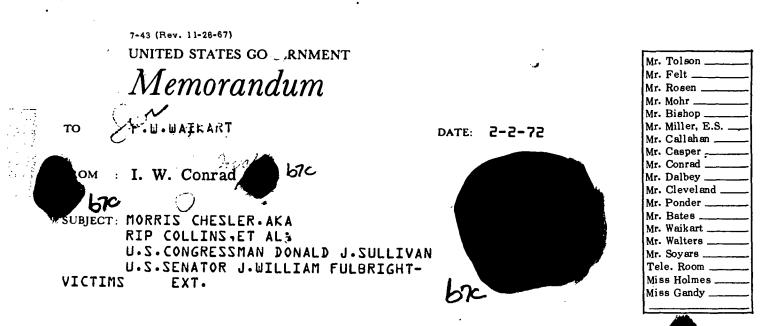


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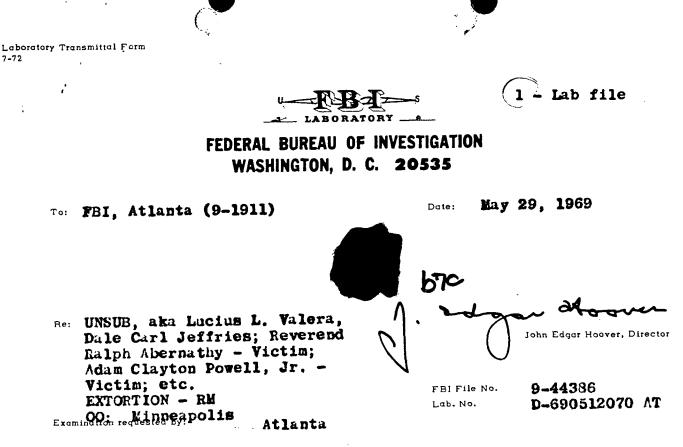
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- Q27 KI Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS MINN. 3A PM 2 MAY 1969," bearing handwritten address "Rev. Ralph Abernathy c/O Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia"
  - Q28 Page one of two-page handwritten letter dated May 2, 1969, beginning "Rev. Ralph Abernathy: Well, black..." ending "...you on a scaffold."
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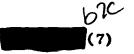
Remarks:

C27 through C29 are being returned with the results of the fingerprint examination.

Minneapolis will refer to FBI Laboratory report dated 2/9/63, marked for the attention of Minneapolis file 157-412. This report advised that a review of Bureau file 157-8356, disclosed a letter which is similar to the letters in the present case, Bureau file 9-44386.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Atlanta (9-1911)

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Re: UNSUB, aka Lucius L. Valera, Dale Carl Jeffries; Reverend Ralph Abernathy - Victim; Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. - Victim; etc. EXTORTION - RM

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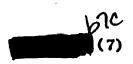
Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned handwriting on G27 through G29 was written by the writer of the questioned writing on other specimens submitted previously in this case. G29 contains hand printing in addition to handwriting. The conclusion wasreached that the hand printing on G29 was written by the writer of the hand printing on other questioned specimens submitted previously in this case.

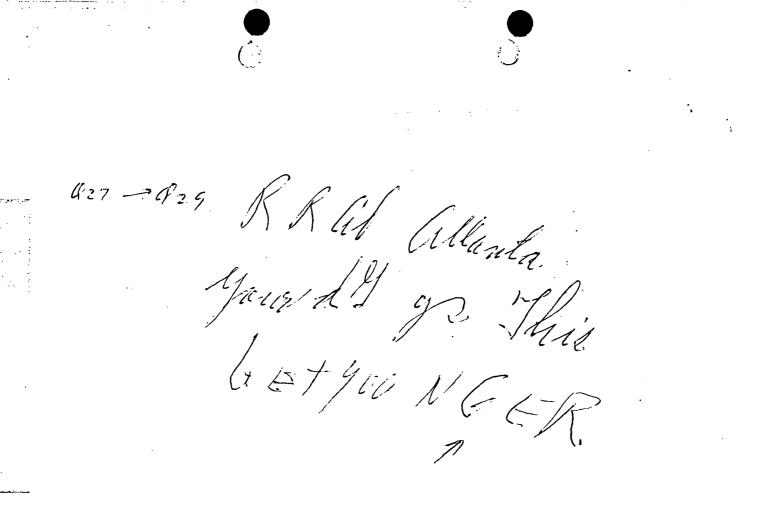
No indented writing was found on Q27 through Q29. A six-cent U.S. postage stamp which came from a sheet of stamps was attached to Q27. Q27 through Q29 were written with a ball-point pen having blue ink.

Q27 is an envelope of Hotel Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Q28 is a sheet of stationery of Holiday Inn, Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. Q29 is a sheet of stationery of Cascade Motor Hotel, Duluth, Minnesota.

C27 through C29 are being returned separately. These specimens were photographed.



7-2 LAB FILE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDED UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 5/12/69 670 Minut - alia, Lucius Laboratory Work Sheet File # 9-44386 Re: DALE CARL JEFFRIES; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON Lab. # D-690512070 AT POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - ATC VICTIM; CHARLES EVERS --- VICTIM; SAMMY-DAVIS; JR. -- VICTIM; HARRY-BELAFONTE -VICTIM; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM; RUFUS\_CATFISH MAYFIELD - VICTIM; STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RM A. 5/7/69 Minneapolis Examination requested by: ATLANTA (9-1911) 00: Date received: 5/9/69 Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint brc Examination by: **Result of Examination:** hui Q27 -> 629 Alerit A.w. on pull D's hp 029 Stut pro. 0 - h.p. no Anderited it intering Q27- G&US Starry (Muit) Blue ball plants Specimens submitted for examination Envelope postmarked "MINNEAPOLIS MINN. 3A PM bearing handwritten address "Rev. Ralph Abernathy 1969." 3A PM 2 MAY C27 XX c/O Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia" Page one of two-page handwritten letter dated May 2, 1969, (28) beginning "Rev. Ralph Abernathy: Well, black ... " ending "...you on a scaffold." **ର୍29** "2. While you hang ... " signed "Signed K.K.K." 927 En Hotel Can Charre, Eau Claire Ulis 128 - Haliday Sun, Daccentourn Munnicapeter Azg. Cascade Diotor Hotel Duluth, Minn. 1- Engile (157-5356) 2 - Minneapolis 9-1444 ab ser 5-29-169 bic



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	Re Atlanta teletype to Eureau dated 5/6/69, and Eureau teletype to WFO dated 5/6/69.
	Enclosed for the Eureau are six copies of an IHM, and for all recipient offices two copies of same IHM, dated and captioned as above, and suitable for dissemination.
	Also enclosed for the Eureau is the original of the extortion letter and envelope marked "obscene".
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Re Eureau teletype to WFO referenced WFO teletype to Eureau dated 5/1/69, captioned "LUCIUS L. .VALERA; CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. - VICTIM; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, III -. VICTIM; JULIAN POND - VICTIM; CAESIUS CLAY - VICTIM; LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER - VICTIM; H. RAP EROWN - VICTIM; CARL STOKES - VICTIM; EXTORTION. OO: MINNEAPOLIS," and suggested WFO and Atlanta should coordinate these two investigations in the hope of identifying a common denominator.

Attention is drawn to the fact that both letters were postmarked in Minneapolis, Minnesota. WFO is to furnish background information to Atlanta concerning RUFUC CATFIGH MAYFIELD and advise appropriate local authorities in the event MAYFIELD is presently in the Washington, D. C., area.

Milwukee advised that the name of DALE CARL JEFFRIES does not appear in the Eau Claire, Wisc., City Directory, telephone directory, directory of Wisconsin State University at Eau Claire, files of Eau Claire, Wisc., Police Department, or Northwestern Credit Eureau, Inc. No record, Eau Claire Fost Office, of subject ever having received mail or having ever left forwarding address. Address 607 Water Street, Eau Claire, is fictitious, as numbers jump from 601 to 609 Water Street.

The Acent referred to in the enclosed LHM is of the Atlanta Office.

#### REQUEST TO THE EUREAU

The Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latents. It is noted that the letter has been handled by Rev. RALPH ADERNATHY, SOLO Offices. Atlanta.

It is also noted that instant letter and envelope should be compared with the letter and envelope in aforementioned case on LUCIUS L. VALERA.

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## AT 9-1911

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to compare . handwriting with similar samples contained in the anonymous letter file.

## LEADS

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## AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Attempt to identify subject in instant case and afore-mentioned LUCIUS L. VALERA.

Present to USA.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES

Notify appropriate local authorities and victims

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## AT ATLANTA, GA.

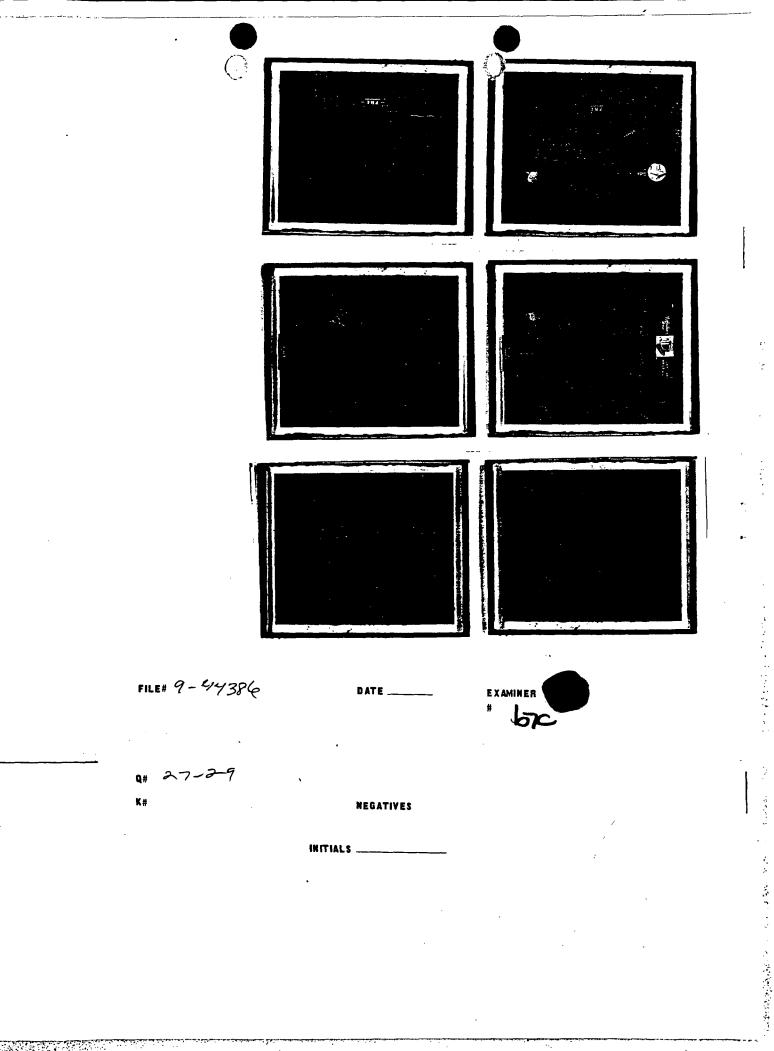
Will maintain contact with SCLC Offices, Atlanta, Georgia.

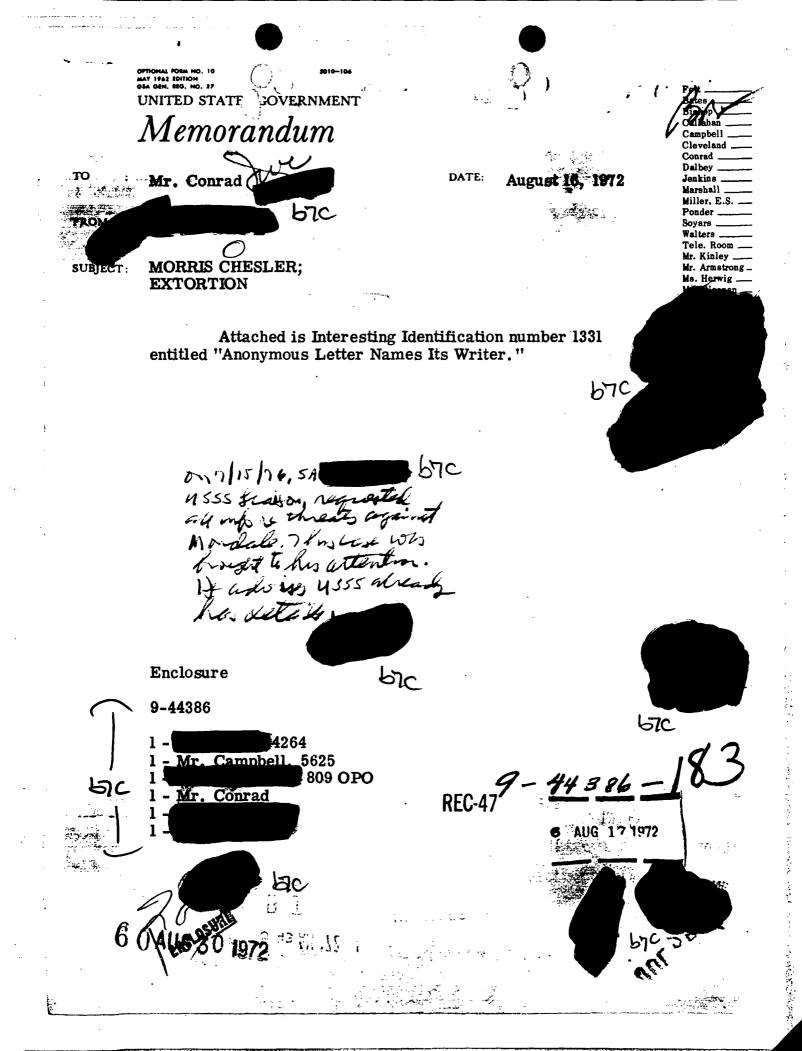
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August 16, 1972

9-44386 I. I. L. Draft #1331

## ANONYMOUS LETTER NAMES ITS WRITER

During the period from 1965 to early January, 1971, 168 questioned documents were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination in a case involving scurrilous, racist and threatening letters which had been mailed to many prominent persons including former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, Adam Clayton Powell and United States Senators Walter Mondale, Birch Bayh and Edward Kennedy.

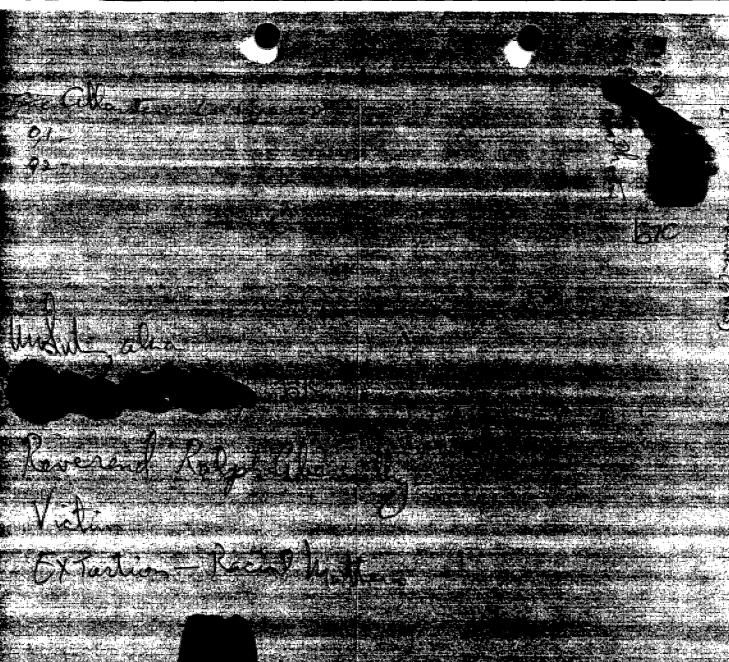
Examination by the FBI Laboratory of one of the letters revealed a distinctive watermark. Another letter was found to contain the word "Chesler" in indented writing.

Using information furnished by the FBI Laboratory concerning the watermark, the paper was traced by FBI Agents to a Minneapolis siding and roofing contractor. A review of company records revealed the firm had an employee named Morris Chesler. Subsequently, Chesler was identified as the writer of the letters by an FBI Document Examiner.

Chesler was arrested, tried, and found guilty of violating the Federal Extortion Statute, thus ending the threatening letter writing that had spanned more than a five-year period.

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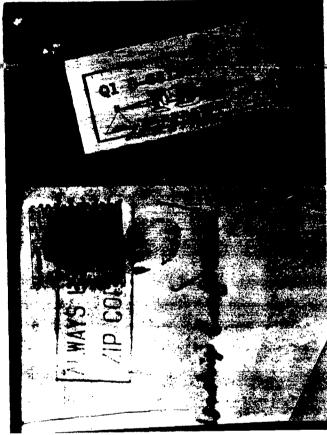
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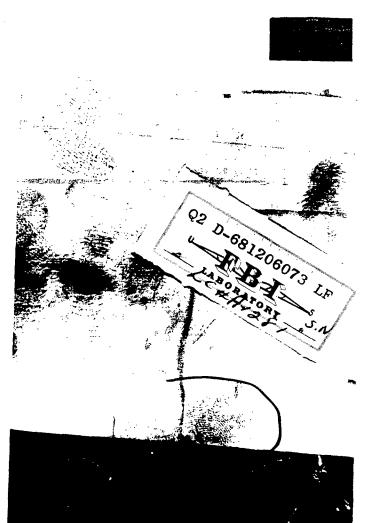






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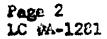
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One latent fingerprint was searched through the extortion section of our single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected. The remaining latent fingerprint, although of value for identification purposes, lacks sufficient pattern area to be searched.

The specimens are enclosed.







7-2 RECORDED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NO LAB FILE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 12/9/68 brc 52 DATE RECORDED 1/6/69 9:40 a.m. DATE RECEIVED 1/3/69 9-489 File 🖸 Re: UNSUB. aka Lab. #D-681206073 LF 670 REVEREND HALPH ABERNATHY LC. #A-1281 VICTIN EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS Examination requested by: Atlanta (9-New) L. 12/2/68 Date received: 12/6/68 Document - Fingerprint Examination requested: Examination by: **Result of Examination:** P1C 670 Inocured Q 2 S.N. Q2 to Protes N 1-6-69 noter Called CI - Basis info Jurnished \_ nuty to Secto Ofr any 19at dant of Value developed on - 91 (min) - no addited 19at doort of Value developed on - 92 (SN) Specimens submitted for examination Envelope bearing handwritten address "Southern Chris Q1 Leadership Conference Atlanta, Georgia" 67C Q2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Ralph Abernathy vill get what ..... " with east out portions of Q attached ( return address cincle pustion och ) 1 new york prc. 670 Examination completed 9/30/m ctated Date Date Time

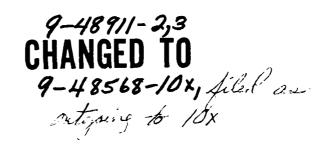
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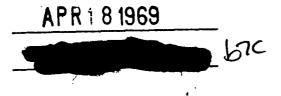


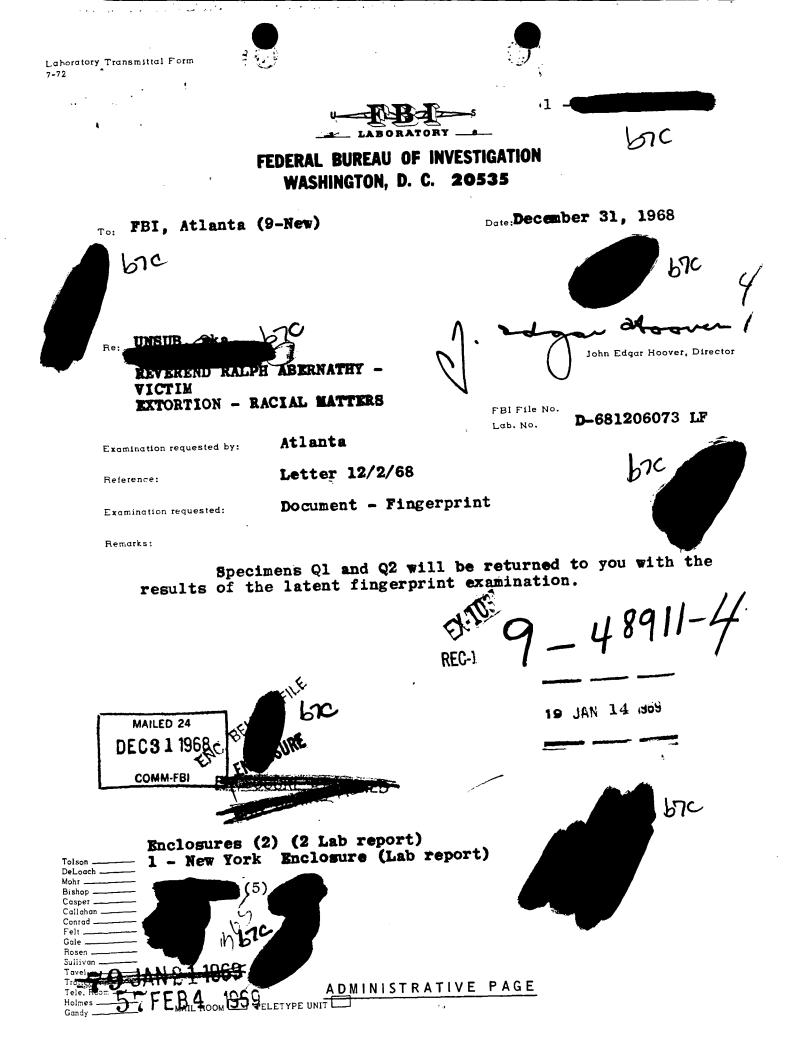


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Atlanta (9-New)

Date:

December 31, 1968

FBI File No. Lab. No.

D-681206073 LF

Re: UNSUB, aka hic REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY -VICTIM

EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Specimens received 12/6/68

- Envelope bearing handwritten address "Southern Christian Leadership Conference Atlanta, Georgia" (portion of 01 envelope cut out)
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Ralph Abernathy will get what....," with cut out portion of Q1 attached (return address and postmark)

Regult of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added thereto.

Specimen Q1 contains no watermarks, indented writing of significance, or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining its source.

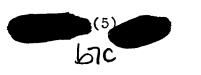
Specimen Q2 contains no watermarks. Indistinct indented writing was noted on specimen Q2, however, the text of this indented writing could not be determined.

The postage stamp on specimen Ql originated from a coil of stamps.

The physical characteristics of the submitted items have been noted and are maintained for future reference.

The submitted evidence will be returned to you separately. Appropriate photographs have been made.

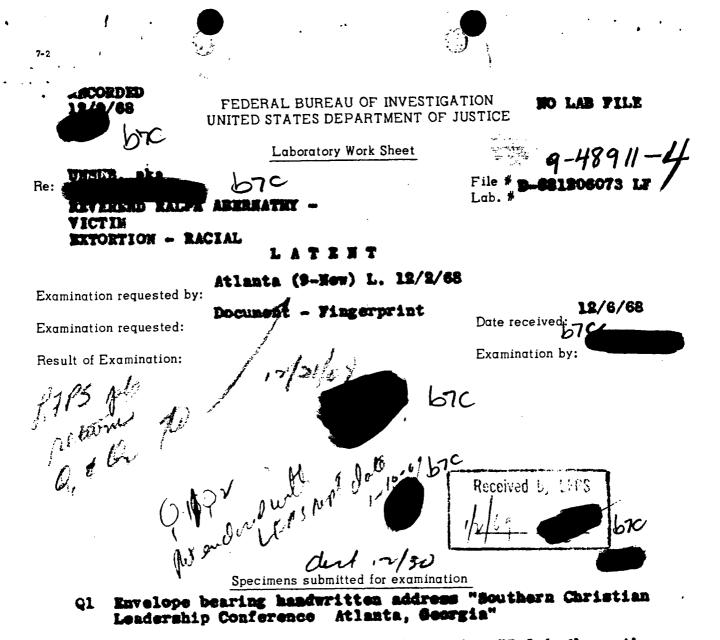
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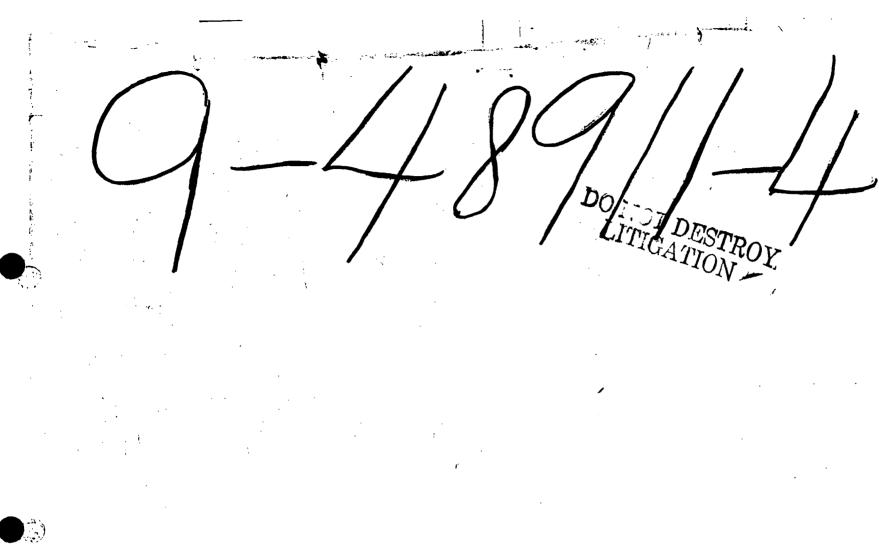
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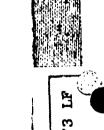
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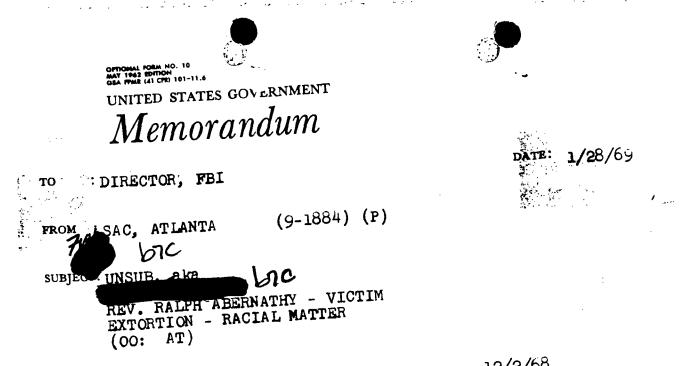
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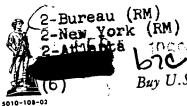
Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 12/2/68.

The New York Office is requested to expeditiously advise Atlanta of results of lead set forth in re communication in order that this case can be brought to a logical conclusion.



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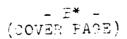
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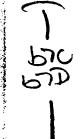
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This case was predicated upon receipt of a telephonic complaint received from Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, on December 2, 1968 received a letter addressed to Reverend ABERNATHY which was believed to be a crank letter, but one which threatened ABERNATHY's safety, should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

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The FFI Laboratory by communication dated December 31, 1968, furnished the following information:



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Atlanta (9-New)

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Date: DEC FBI File No. Lab. No. D-G

December 31, 1963 D-681206073 LT

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REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY -VICTIM ENTORTION - NACIAL MATTERS

Specimens received 12/3/68

- Ql Envelope bearing handwritten address "Southern Christian Leadership Conference Atlanta, Georgia" (portion of envelope cut out)
- C2 Accompanying handwritten note beginning "Ralph Abernathy will get what...," with cut out portion of C1 attached (return address and postmark)

Result of examination:

Specimens (1 and 12 were searched in the fnonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added thereto.

Specinen (1 contains no watermarks, indented writing of significance, or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining its source.

Specimen (2 contains no waterwarks. Indistinct indented writing was noted on specimen (2, however, the text of this indented writing could not be determined.

The postage strap on specimen (1 originated from a coll of starps.

The physical characteristics of the submitted items have been noted and are maintained for future reference.

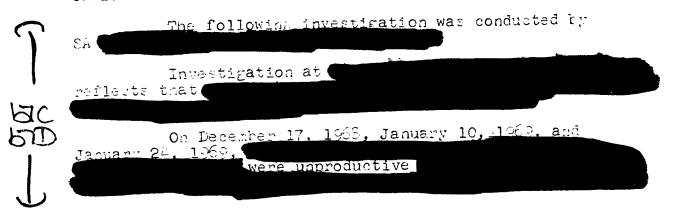
The submitted evidence will be returned to you separately. Appropriate photographs have been made.

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The FEI Laboratory by letter dated January 10, 1969, advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the envelope and handwritten note previously furnished to the Laboratory. The Laboratory indicated that no fingerprint record could be located in the FFI Identification Division concerning a

The Latoratory also indicated that one latent fingerprint was searched through the extortion section of the single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected.

By letter dated January 31, 1969, the New York Office furnished the following information:



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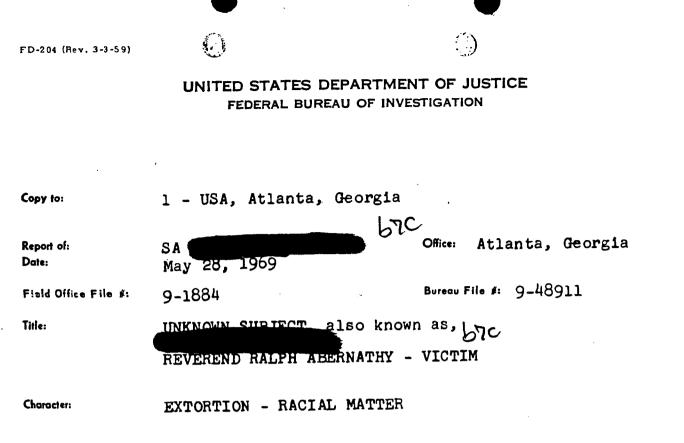


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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD			
ATLANTA	ATLANTA	5/28/69	3/28/69 - 5/1/69			
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB. aka 57C REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY				
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REFERENCE :	Report of SA	at A	tlanta, 2/17/69.			
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### ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that there are no additional investigative matters to be conducted in Atlanta and that the New York Division in connection with instant case and a Los Angeles Division case entitled UNSUB, aka; - VICTIM; - VICTIM; VICTIM - EXTORTION and, therefore, Atlanta is closing its case and submitting a copy of instant report to New York for information. – A\* – COVER PAGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ACQUIT CASE HAS BEEN: TALS RECOVERIES FINES SAVINGS CONVIC AUTO. FUG. PENDING OVER ONE YEAR TYES PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS TYES NO bre SPECIAL AGEN DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW APPROVED COPIES MADE: **REC-106** (2 - Bureau (9-48911) 1 - USA, Atlanta, Georgia 1 - New York (9-5044) (Info) JUN 5 1969 25 1 - Atlanta (9-1884) No tation s **Dissemination Record of Attached Report** Jr. Agency - 1 : P Request Recd Date Fwd. How Fwd. By 51 JUN 121969 GPO : 1968 O - 299-885 COVER PAGE



Synopula: 570 was determined was not identical with subject. 570 RALPH ABERNATHY, 570 had received no further communications of a similar nature directed to Reverend ABERNATHY. - C -

DETAILS:





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On April 25, 1969, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was contacted received no further communications of a similar nature directed to Reverend ABERNATHY.

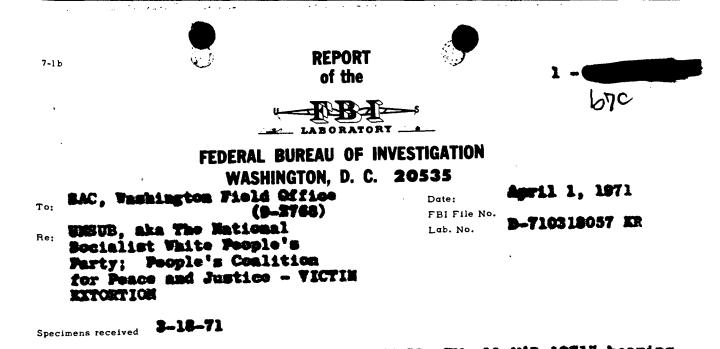
The following investigation was conducted by

at Atlanta, Georgia:

By communication dated May 1, 1969, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that Latent Fingerprints and one inked fingerprint previously reported in a case under investigation by the New York and Los Angeles Divisions were not identical with

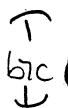
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Laboratory Transmittal Form 7-72 LABORATORT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
To: BAC, Vambington Field Office (9-9768) Date: April 1, 1971
Re: UNSUB, aka The Mational Socialist White People's Party; People's Coalition for Peace and JUBTICE - VICTIM KITORTION OO: New York Examination requested by: Washington Field Office
Reference: Alrtel 8-17-71
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks: The results of the requested latent fingerprint examination will be forwarded separately at which time you will be advised of the disposition of the submitted evidence. The UNEUE (Sector - Vietin case, mentioned in attached Laboratory report, has Bufile #9-42568, Los Angeles file 9-3924 (Los Angeles office of crigin) and New York file 9-4968. The UNEUE - Abernathy - Victin case, mentioned in attached report, has Bufile #9-48911, Atlanta file 9-1884 (Atlanta effice of crigin) and New York file 9-5044. 9-489//-
The identification of this case in the Anonymous Letter File, was set forth in attached Laboratory report, was made by Document Analyst
Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) 152 APR 15 1971
Tolson       1 - Mashington Field Office (100-51783) Enclosure (Lab report         Nohr       2 - Nov York (9-4966) (9-5044) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report         Brennan, C.D.       2 - Los Angeles (9-3924) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)         Callahan       2 - Atlanta (9-1884) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)         Callahan       1 - Bufile (9-48568)         Corrad       1 - Bufile (9-48568)         Cale       - Dufile (9-48568)         Cale       - Bufile (9-48568)         Matters       - Atlanta (14) DCADENTINISTRATION PERCET         Source       - Atlanta (14) DCADENT         Source       - Atlanta (14) DCADENT



- Q1 Envelope postmarked "FLUSHING NY 3B PM 11 MAR 1971" bearing handwritten address "People's Coalition for Peace and Justice 1029 Vermont Ave., N.V. Room 900 Washington, D.C. 20009"
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "You will probably get other letters..."

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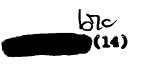
A search of specimens Q1 and Q2 in the Amonymous Letter File revealed specimens providualy received in the cases captioned "UNSUB, aka Victim Aka - Victim; Actortice," and "UNSUB, aka

Rev. Ralph Abernathy - Victim; Extertion." It was concluded that the questioned writing on specimens Q1 and Q2 in this case was written by the writer or writers of the questioned writing appearing on specimens received providualy in the two UNSUE cases, mentioned above.

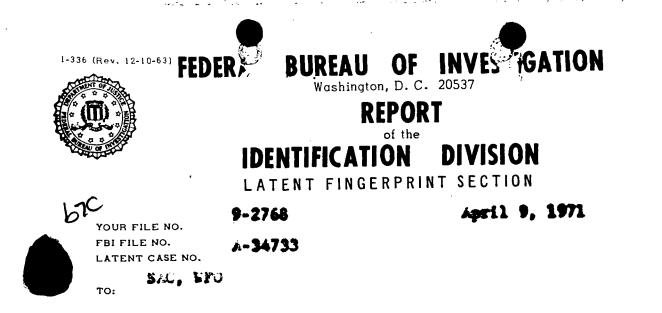
No watermarks, indented writings of value or other characteristics were noted on specimens Q1 and Q3 which would aid in identifying the immediate source of the material.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Listed 4 specimens described in separate Laboratory report.

Sixteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print developed on specimens.

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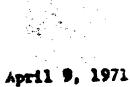
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# Remaining latent fingerprints not identical b7C fingerprints of bio palm prints located here for this individual.

Specimens enclosed.



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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) F B I 7/20/68 Date: Transmit the following in'\_ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL Via \_ (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI TO: 50 bic hr SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-dev) FROM: UNKNOWN SUBJECT SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER 00 - Sacramento CERTLAINAN On July 19, 1968, NAACP, Vallejo Branch, Vallejo, California, brought to the Resident Agency at Vallejo an anonymous letter postmarked Vallejo, California, June 19, 1968. The letter was addressed to NAACP, 1912 Broadway, Vallejo, California, 94590. The envelope contained a photograph of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING cut from a magazine and a handwritten note which is quoted as follows: "Take a good look old '(obscene) mouth' be Abernathy is another one. Someone will himself. Wait and see. You Niggers cannot get him. throw yourselves around preaching violence. It will come home to you. 'Reap what you sew.' Old Humphry is just the oposite from a '(obscene) mouth.' He is a fellow with an RIC Both sound like a Hell\_fire, alum mouth. 48337 damnation hillbilly preacher." **RFC-**71 states there has been at least one prior letter received by NAACP, Vallejo, in the same vein. On July 19, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney JAMES H. DAFFER, Sacramento, California, consulted as to ) Bureau Sacramento 6 JUL 74 1968 6 bic 570 Per Approved: \_ Special Agent in Charge bnc

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whether the anonymous letter could be considered a threat under the Extortion Statute. He is inclined to think it is not but does not want to give a firm opinion until he has researched the law on this subject. He will give an opinion Monday, July 22, 1968.

The anonymous letter will be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination for latent fingerprints and handwriting comparison for possible identification in the Anonymous Letter File.

If Assistant United States Attorney does not feel this letter is a threat within the Extortion Statute, investigation will be conducted as a racial matter in an effort to identify the sender.

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July 24, 1968

SAC, Sacramento

REC. 74 C Director, FBI

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b) C UNKNOWN SUBJECT; HEVEREND BALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM EXTORTION - BACIAL MATTER OO: SACRAMENTO

Re Sacramento airtel 7/20/68, no copy sent to Atlanta.

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Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of referenced communication. Advise appropriate local authorities of the threats made against the victim.

Sacramento refer to the FBI Handbook concerning handling of Extortion - Eacial Matter situations. These matters are to be presented to the Department for a prosecutive opinion and not the United States Attorney's Office. You may desire to consult the United States Attorney's Office to determine if this communication, from a legal standpoint, is a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. These comments should be included in an appropriate letterhead memorandum for dissemination to the Department and should be followed by an investigative closing report containing the results of a preliminary investigation.

1 - Atlanta (Enclosure)

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DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LAB

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UNSUB; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY -VICTIM EXTORTION - RM OO: Sacramento

Remyairtel, 7/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau (under obscene cover), is an envelope addressed to NAACP, Vallejo Branch, postmarked Vallejo, California, 6/19/68; a picture of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING; and a handwritten note reading, "Take a good look. . ." and ending, "hillbilly preacher."

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AUSA JAMES H. DAFFER, Sacramento, California, on 7/26/68, advised that he would consider prosecution in this b7c case and requested investigation in an attempt to identify the sender of this letter.

It is requested that the items submitted be examined for latent fingerprints and handwriting comparison against the anonymous letter file. The items submitted should be returned to Sacramento upon completion of examination.

In the event latent fingerprints are developed, they should be compared with the fingerprints of

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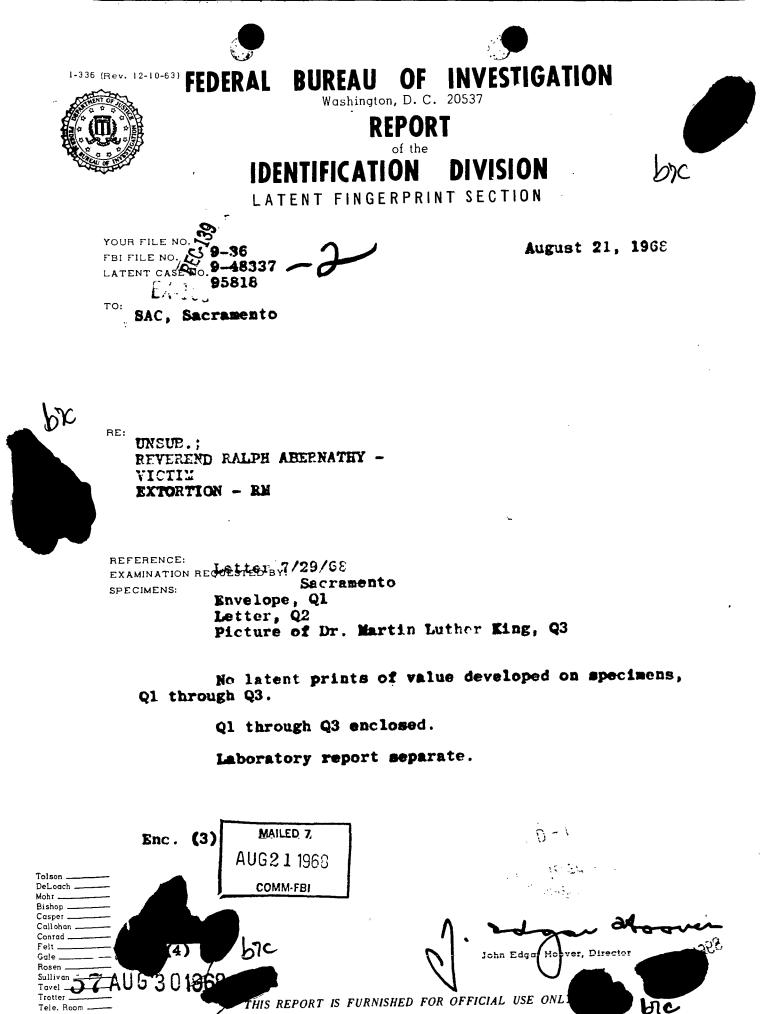
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7-2 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDED CUNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO LAB FILE 8/5/68 8/15/68 RECEIVED: Inc. 8/15/68 1:25 P.M. RECORDED: Laboratory Work Sheet File # Re: UNSUB,; Lab. # **D0680802032** REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - Victim LC **#**95818 EXTORTION - AN RM Sacramento 00: LATEXT Examination requested by: Sacramento 191 9-36 L. 7/29/68 Date received: 8/1/68 Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Examination by: Result of Examination: he laby- rodine, nom 81-83 eml. Lat. report sep. 3/15 Specimens submitted for examination Envelope postmarked "VALLEJO, CA JUN 19 PM 1968 94590," Q1 bearing handwritten address "N.A.A.C.P. Vallejo Branch. 1912 Broadway. Vallejo Calif 2194590" Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Take a good look ...." Q2 and ending "Mill billy preacher." 570 Picture of Dr. Martin katht Luther King Q3 h's ano 18131165 67C

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Date: 7/30/68

Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL Via \_ (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-36) P FROM: bic RE: UNSUB: br REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER 00: SACRAMENTO ReBulet to Sacramento dated 7/24/68 and San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 7/29/68. Enclosed herewith are eight copies of LHM for dissemination to the Department. Closing report will be submitted upon receipt of results of FBI Laboratory examination. 670 670 REC 22 8 - Bureau (Encl - 8ENCLOSTRE 2 - Sacramento e aug 2 1968 FBB/spw (5) bc 1Hm Pa .0 K 6 2 Der 14 173 -

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California July 30, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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UNRETOTAL SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERMATIN - VICTIA

On July 19, 1968 MAACF, Vallejo Branch, Vallejo, California, brought to the Resident Agency at Vallejo an anonymous letter postmarked Vallejo, California, June 19, 1968. The letter was addressed to MAACF, 1912 Broadway, Vallejo, California, 94590. The envelope contained a photograph of Doctor Martin Luther King cut from a magazine and a handwritten note which is quoted as follows:

"Take a good look old '(obscene) mouth' himself. Apernathy is another one. Someone will get him. Wait and see. You Niggers cannot throw yourselves around preaching violence. It will come home to you. 'Keap what you <u>sev</u>.' Old <u>Humphry</u> is just the <u>oposite</u> from a '(obscene) mouth.' He is a fellow with an alum mouth. Both sound like a Hell fire, damnation hillbilly preacher."

letter received by NAACP, Vallejo, in the same vein.

On July 19 and 26, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney James H. Daffer, Sacramento, Celifornia, was consulted and he advised on the latter date that in his opinion the communication referred to, from a legal standpoint, might be considered a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

The letter has been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination for latent fingerprints and comparison with other anonymous letters submitted in similar matters.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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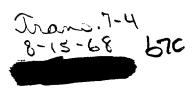
7-4 (Rev. 4-17-67) REPORT byc of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION bic WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535 August 15, 1968 SAC, Sacramento To: 670 Re: John Edgar Hoover, Director ዝር VICTIM 9-36 YOUR NO. URTION - RM 9-48337 FBI FILE NO. Sacramento 00: -D-680802032 E0 LAB. NO. Letter dated July 29, 1968 EX-103 Reference The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File REC- 47 9-48337 -4 been added to this file for future reference. Copies have The submitted material is temporarily retained. 19 AUG 21 .508 MATERIAL SUBMITTED: Envelope postmarked "VALLEJO, CA JUN 19 PM 1968 94590," bearing handwritten address "N.A.A.C.P. Vallejo Branch. 01 1912 Broadway. Vallejo Calif 94590" AUG 1 5 1968 COMM-FBI MAILED 5 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Take a good 02 and ending "hill billy preacher." look Picture of Br. Martin Luther King 03 Remarks: 11 be advised separately regarding the 37 EV latent print report. RIELETYPE UNIT

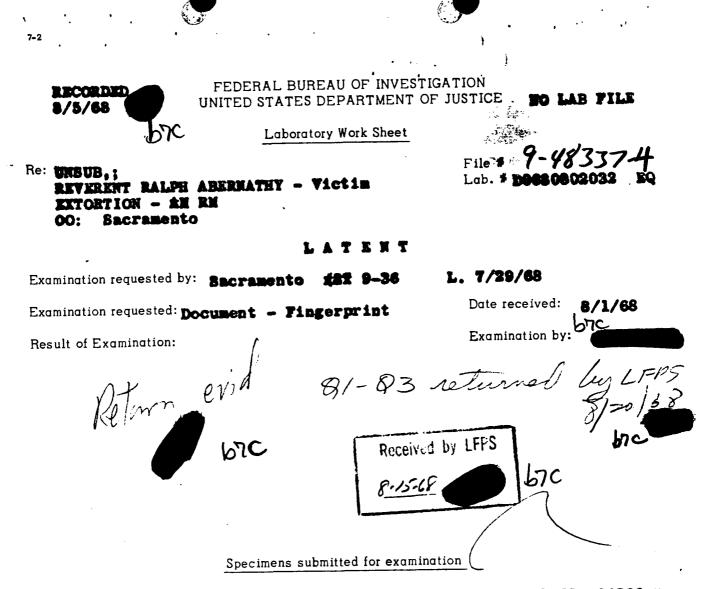
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Re: UNSUB,; REVERENT RALPH ABERNATHY - Victim EXTORTION - AN RM OO: Sacramento	File # 9-48337 -4 Lab. # D6680802032 EQ
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Examination requested by: Sacramento <b>187 9-36</b>	L. 7/29/68
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Ql Envelope postmarked "VALLEJO, CA JUN 19 PM 1968 94590," bearing handwritten address "N.A.A.C.P. Vallejo Branch. 1912 Broadway. Vallejo Calif **9±9**94590"
- Q2 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Take a good look ..." and ending "Hill billy preacher."
- Q3 Picture of Dr. Martin Kutht Luther King

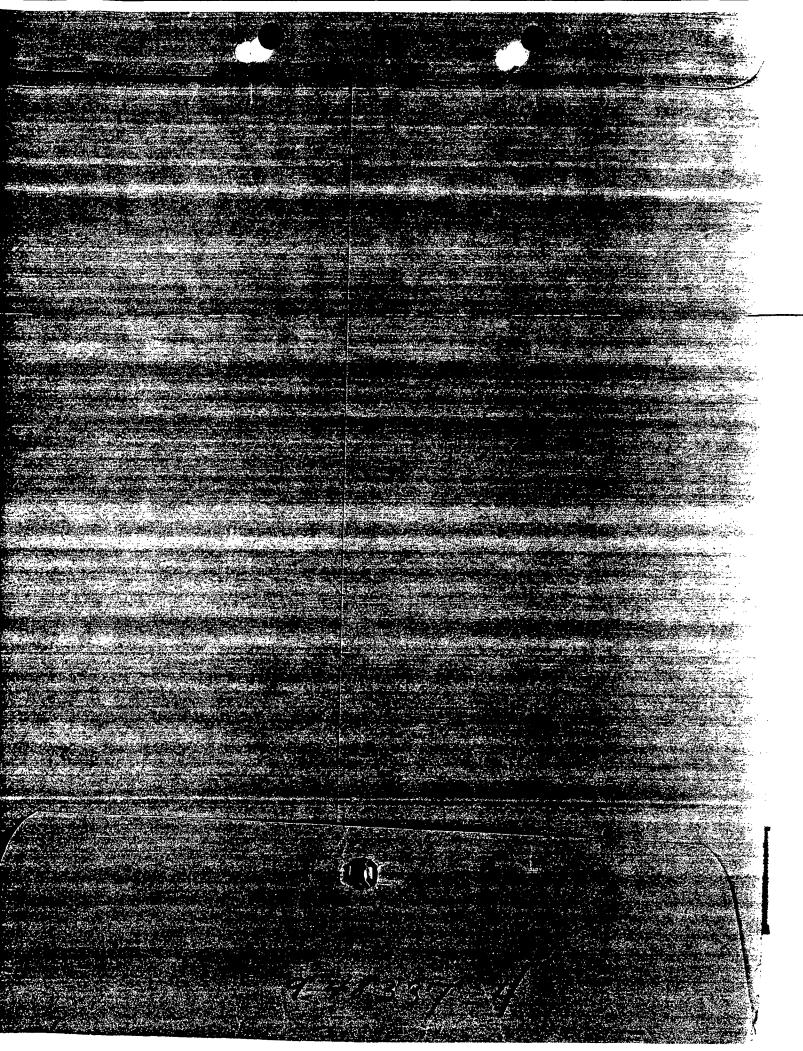
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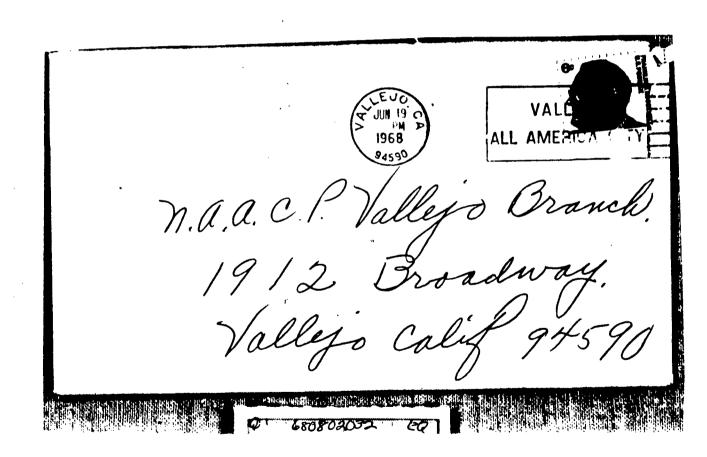


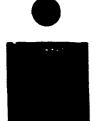
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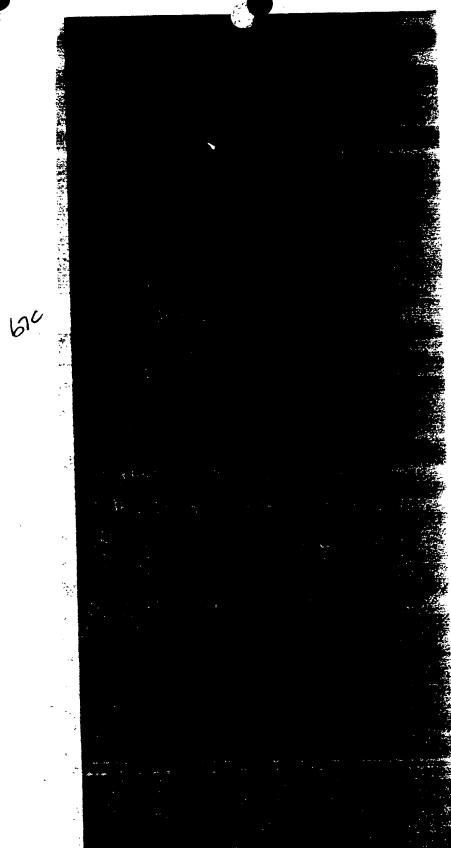


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Report of: Date:

Field Office File #: SC 9-36

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August 29, 1968

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

#### Synopsis:

Anonymous letter postmarked Vallejo, California, 6/19/68, addressed to NAACP, Vallejo, California. Envelope contained a photograph of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING cut from a magazine and a handwritten note containing possible threat against Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY. Letter searched against anonymous letter file, FBI Lab, without effecting an identification. No latent fingerprints of value developed on envelope, letter, or photo from magazine. USA, Sacramento, of opinion letter might be considered violation of Extortion Statute.

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#### DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Mational Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Vallejo, California, Branch who appeared at the Vallejo Resident Agency of the FBI on July 19, 1968, and turned over an anonymous letter received by him. The letter was addressed to NAACP, 1912 Broadway, Vallejo, California, 94590. The envelope contained a photograph of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING cut from a magazine which is quoted as follows:

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"Take a good look old '(obscene) mouth' himself. Abernathy is another one. Someone will get him. Wait and see. You Niggers cannot throw yourselves around preaching violence. It will come home to you. 'Reap what you <u>sew</u>.' Old Humphry is just the oposite from a '(obscene) mouth.' He is a fellow with an alum mouth. Both sound like a Hell fire, damnation hillbilly preacher."

prior letter received by the NAACP, Vallejo, in the same vein.

On July 19, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney JAMES H. DAFFER, Sacramento, California, consulted as to whether the anonymous letter could be considered a threat under the Extortion Statute. He is inclined to think it is not, but does not want to give a firm opinion until he has researched the law on this subject.

On July 26, 1968, Assistant U.S. Attorney DAFFER, Sacramento, advised that in his opinion the communication referred to, from a legal standpoint, might be considered a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.





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August 15, 1963

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# Reference Letter dated July 29, 1968

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- C2 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Take a good look..." and ending "hill billy preacher."
- 03 Picture of Dr. Martin Luther King

### Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the latent fingerprint report.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

August 21, 1968

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 YOUR FILE NO.
 9-36

 FBI FILE NO.
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 LATENT CASE NO.
 95818

TO: SAC, Sacramento

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RE: UNSUB.; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY -VICTIM EXTORTION - RM

REFERENCE: Letter 7/29/68 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Sacramento SPECIMENS: Envelope, Ql Letter, Q2 Picture of Dr. Martin Luther King, Q3

No latent prints of value developed on specimens, Ql through Q3.

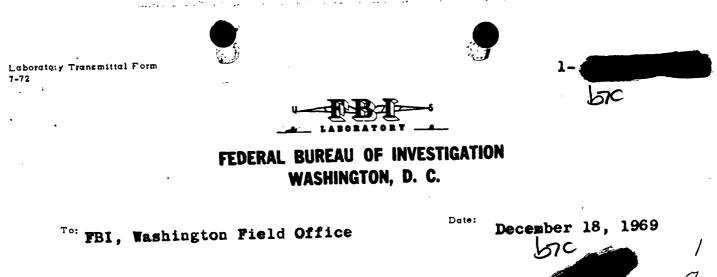
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Q1 through Q3 enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.



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Bureau Fer UNKNOWN SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH ARERNATHY; SENATOR SUGENE MC CARTHY; et al.; -Victims; EXTORTION Examination requested by: Bureau John Edgar Hoover, Director FBI File No. Lab. No. D-691216048 LF

Letter 12/16/69

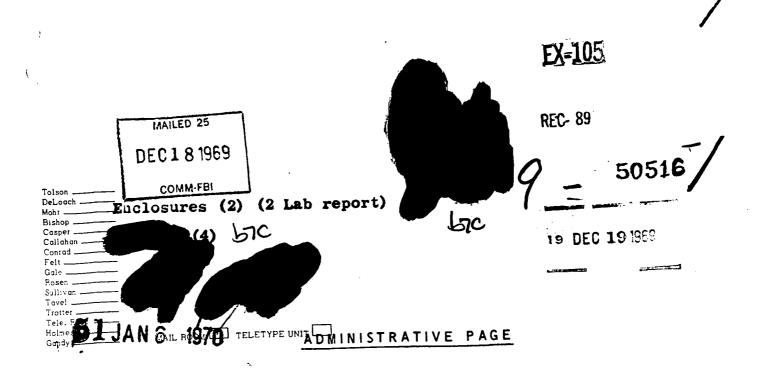
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You will be separately advised of the results of the latent fingerprint examination.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Washington Field Office

Date: FBJ File No. Lab. No.

**December 18, 1969** No. **D-691216048 LF** 

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY; SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY; et al.; - Victims EXTORTION

Specimens received 12/16/69

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Q1 Torn envelope bearing no postmark bearing the hand printed address

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Q2 Photograph from newspaper bearing hand printed message beginning NEXT TO ... " and ending "... MONEY & GUNS"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added thereto.

Q1 and Q2 contain no watermarks, indented writing of significance, or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining their source.

The postage stamp on specimen Ql originated from a sheet of stamps.

The physical characteristics of the submitted items have been noted and are maintained for future reference.

The submitted evidence and photographs thereof are retained in the Bureau files.

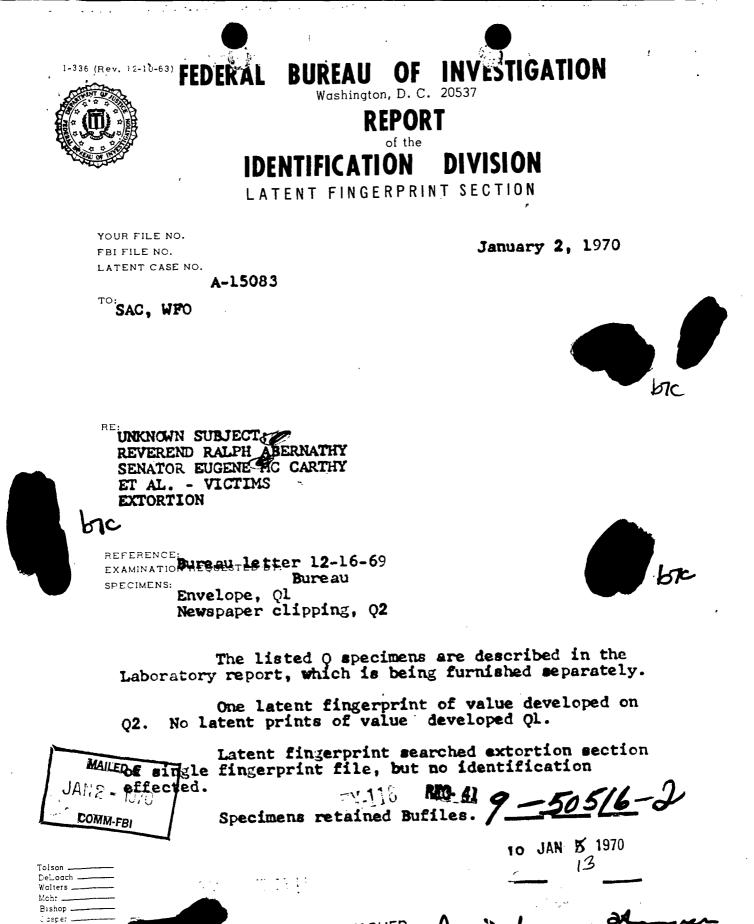
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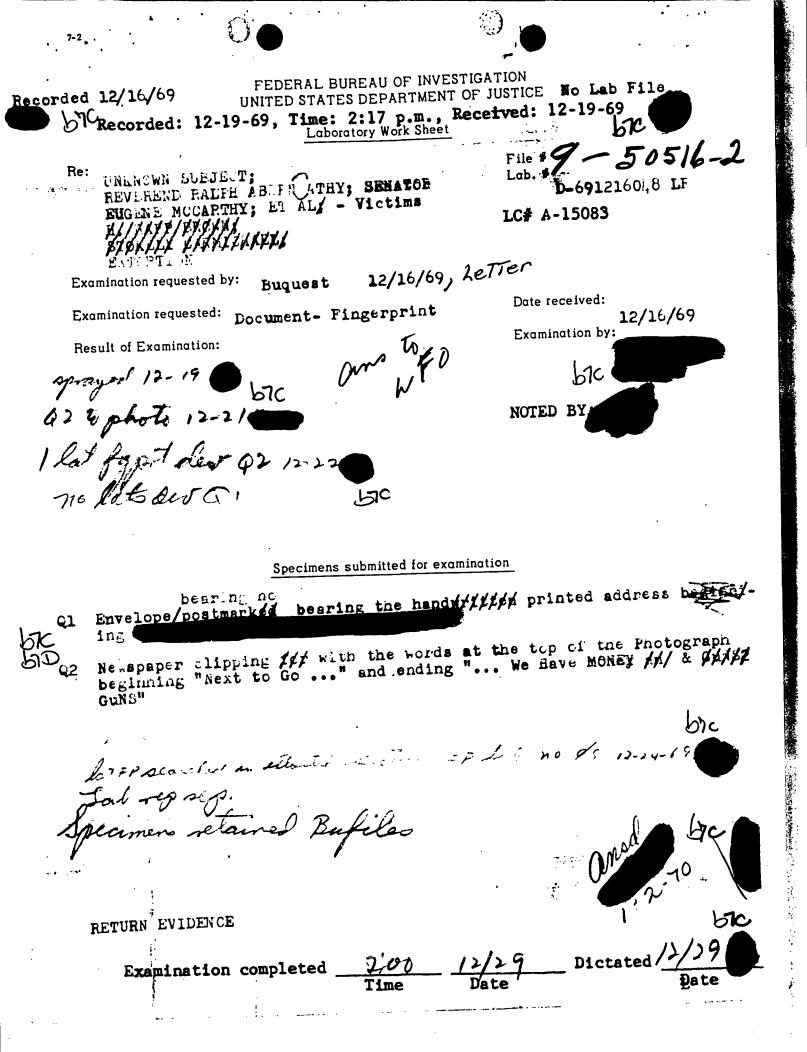
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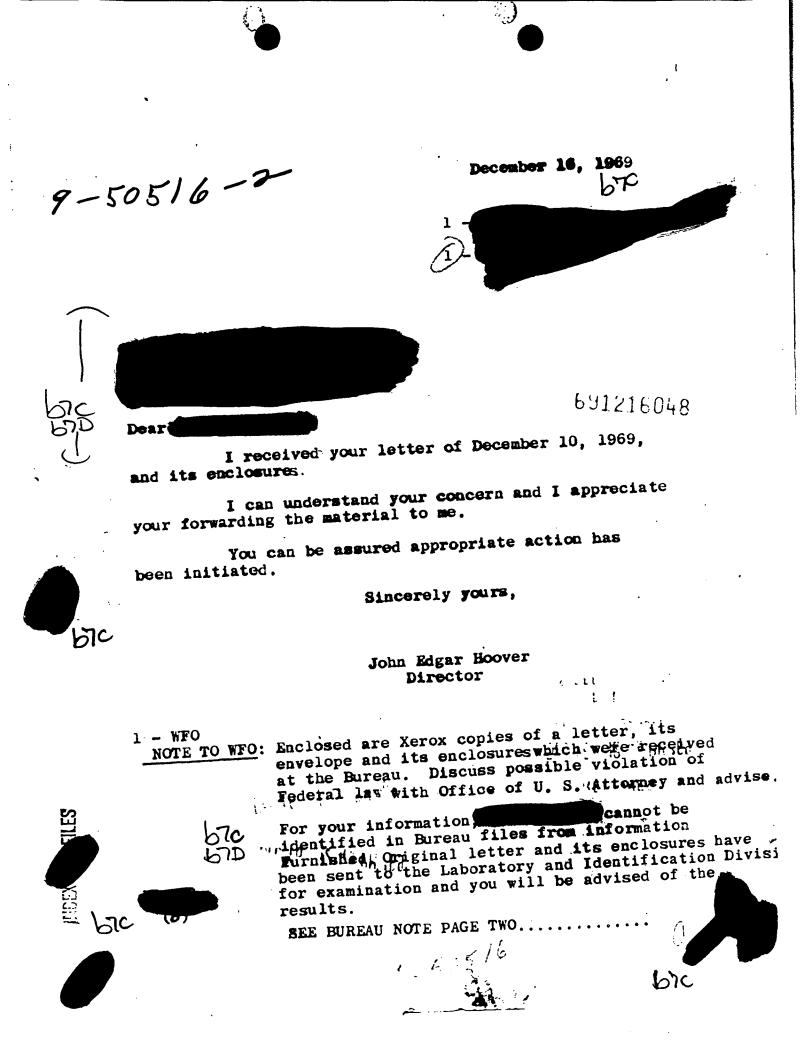
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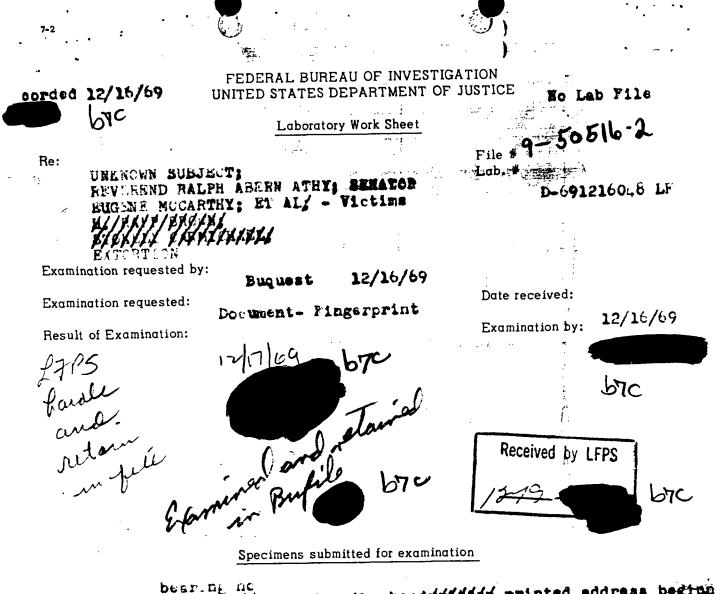
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Correspondent furnished a newspaper photograph of Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Senator Eugene McCarthy and others which was date lined "The Washington Post, "Thursday, December 4, 1969." In red ink across the top of the photographs appears the following: "Next to G. 1, (which was placed by Abernathy's photograph) 2, Rap, 3, Stokely, 4, Preacher Faunteroy, We know where they are. We have money & guns."

The Washington Field Office has been instructed to discuss with the Office of U. S. Attorney possible violation of Federal law.

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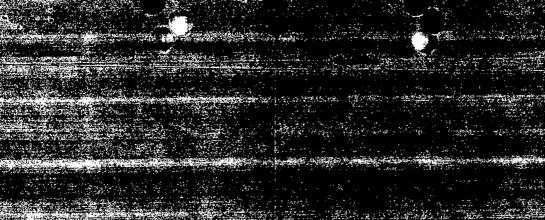


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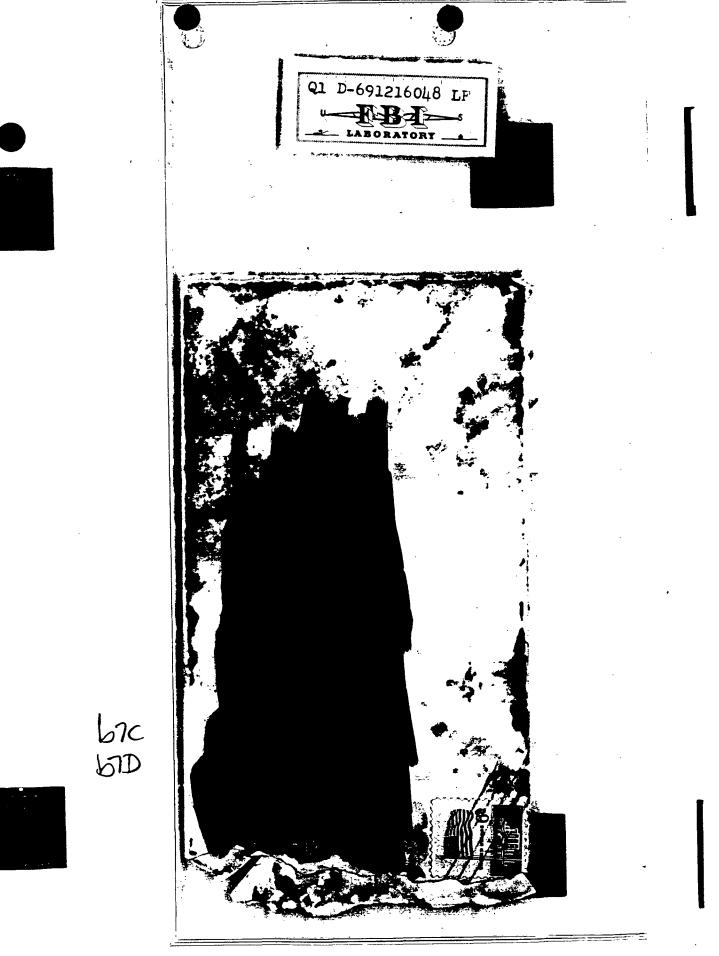
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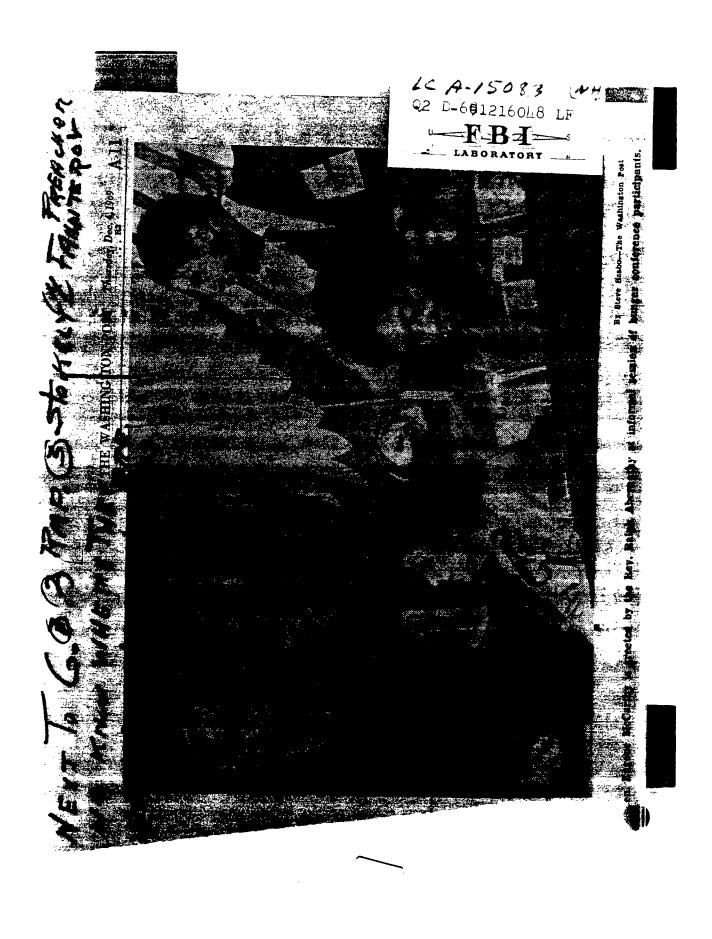
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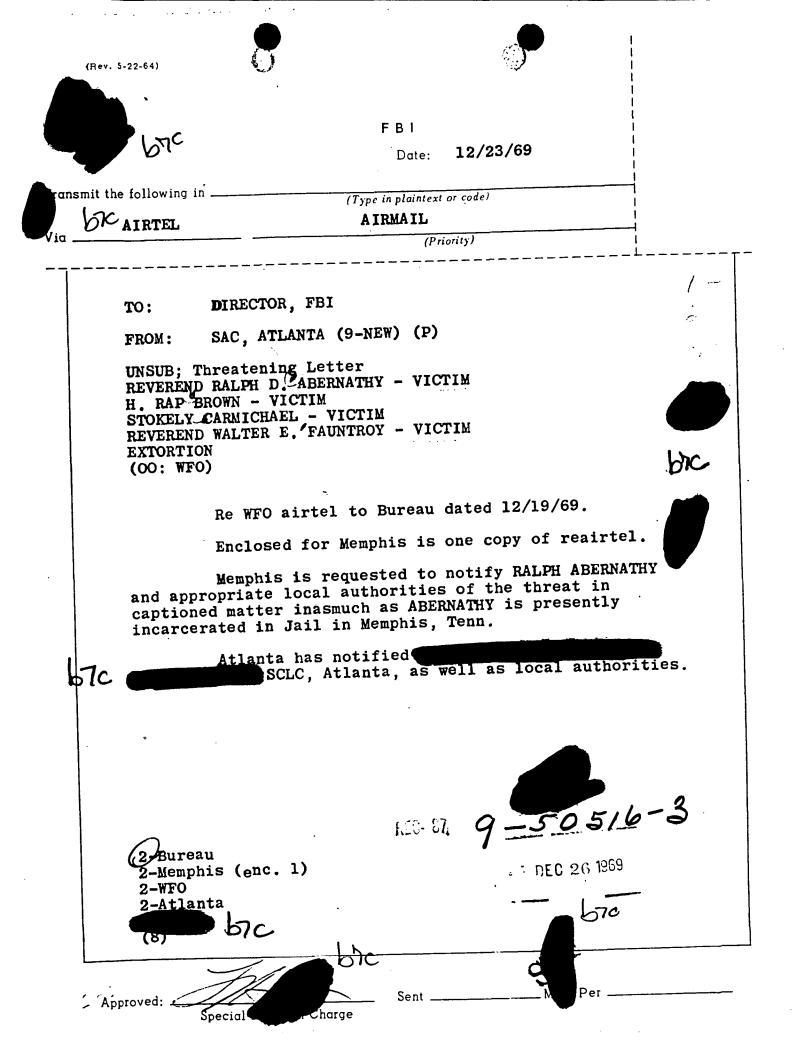
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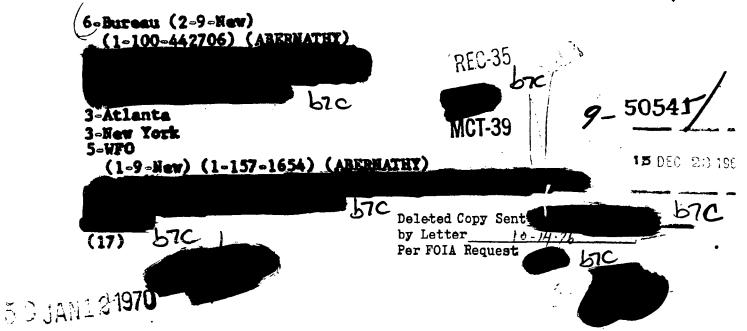
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For information of Atlanta and New York, the 12/4/69, edition of "The Washington Post" carried a photograph taken at a "hunger conference" conducted in Washington, D.C. (WDC), picturing Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY, and Revers & RALPH ABERNATHY, among others,

The photo was clipped from a copy of the paper by an unknown person and marked as follows: A circled one (1) was placed next to ABERNATHY, across the top was written "Wext to go (2) RAP (3) STOKELY (4) Preacher FAUNTROT. We know where they are. We (illegible) money and guns". It was not signed.







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This matter was discussed with AUSA NICHOLAS MUNZIO, HDC, on 12/18/69, by SA MUNZIO advised it is his opinion that there is not enough of a direct threat contained to consider prosecution of unknown subject for Violation of Federal law if identified.

This matter was brought to the attention of Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Folice Department, (MPD), WDC, on the same date. It was also brought to the attention of Reverand WALTER E. FAUNTROY, who was to bring it



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to his attention.

Case will be closed with communication confirming opinion of AUSA, WDC.

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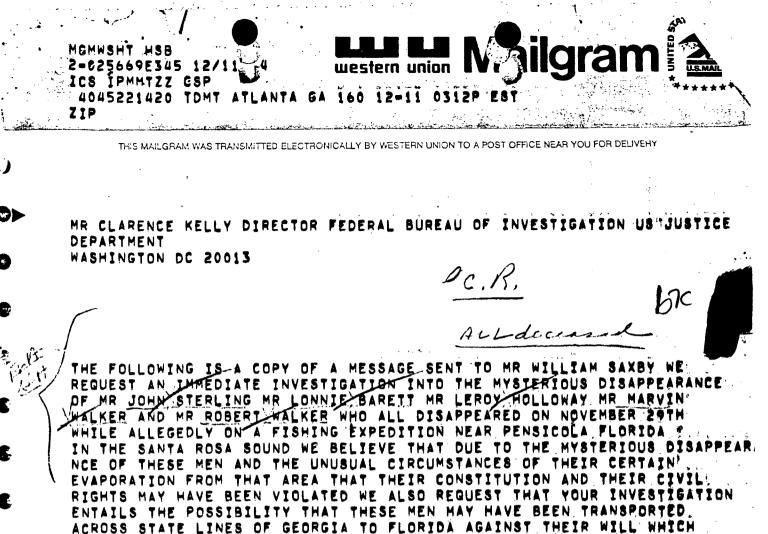
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All appropriate notifications have been made in this matter, and opinion of AUSA, Washington, D.C., has been confirmed (by separate communication.

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DR RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY NATIONAL PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE «THE FAMILIES OF MR JOHN STERLING THE FAMILY OF MR LONNIE BARETT THE FAMILY OF MR LEROY HOLLOWAY THE FAMILY OF MR MARVIN WALKER THE FAMILY OF MR ROBERT WALKER

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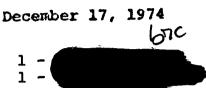
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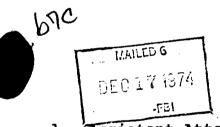
Br. Ralph David Abernathy National President Southern Christian Leadership Conference 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Dr. Abernathy:

REC-46 4 Lt-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Mailgram dated December 11, 1974, addressed to the Director NO of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your communication to the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and in the event you have any further inquiry regarding this matter, it is suggested that you communicate directly with the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530.



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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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This confirms conversation with Departmental NOTE: Attorney William Gardner on December 16, 1974, wherein he advised no investigation should be conducted at this time. In any future correspondence, refer to caption: "Unknown Subjects; Officials, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County, Florida; John Sterling (Deceased); Lonnie Marett (Deceased); Marvin Walker (Deceased); Robert Walker (Deceased); Leroy Holloway - Victims; Tyrone L. 670 Brooks - Complainant; Civil Rights."

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# Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

b7 NOTE: See memorandum, to Gebhardt, dated 12/16/74, captioned: Unknown Subjects, Officials, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County, Florida; John Sterling (Dec.); Et Al. - Victims; Tyrone L. Brooks - Complainant; Civil Rights.

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JK 44-NEW PAGE TWO la ja tiive astaa al 50 RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), ACCOMPANIED BY BERNARD LEE, SCLC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AND TYRONE BROOKS, SCLC COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, ARRIVED IN PENSACOLA DECEMBER 12, 1974, WHERE MET WITH H. K.

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Atlanta, Georgia December 18, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;	
OFFICIALS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S	OFFICE,
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA,	
JOHN STERLING (DECEASED);	
LONNIE MARETT (DECEASED);	
MARVIN WALKER (DECEASED);	
ROBERT WALKER (DECEASED);	
LEROY HOLLOWAY - VICTIMS;	
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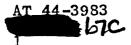
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Special Clerk, at Atlanta, Georgia, on December 17, 1974:

TYRONE L. BROOKS, National Communications Director, Southern Christian Leadeship Conference (SCLC), appeared at the Atlanta Office of the FBI, Atlanta, Georgia, in the company of several unidentified Negro individuals and several representatives of the local news media of Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of holding a press conference at the Atlanta Office of the FBI. Plans regarding this conference were unknown to the Atlanta Office of the FBI and Mr. BROOKS was advised that he would not be permitted to use FBI Office space for the purpose of holding a press conference. Mr. BROOKS, however, convened the conference in the public hallway in the vicinity of the FBI Office, Atlanta, Georgia. It was later disclosed that representatives of the WSBTV Station, WAGATV Station, the "Atlanta Journal" newspaper, and the "Atlanta Inquirer" newspaper were represented at the conference.

Mr. BROOKS detailed the results of his recent weekend trip to Pensacola, Florida, wherein, he attempted to develop information regarding the boating accident which resulted in the deaths of four Atlanta, Georgia, residents and one being listed as missing. BROOKS circulated to the representatives of the various news media, a prepared statement which set forth specifically, the results of his investigation and his basis for not caccepting the conclusions furnished by authorities in Escambia County, Florida.

Mr. BROOKS stated publicly that the SCLC had received the full cooperation of the FBI Office in Atlanta in handling the complainant in this matter and indicated that he was frankly surprised as it is not usual for black people to be able to air their grievances in such a fashion. He indicated repeatedly, his gratitude to the FBI concerning their cooperation and concern in this matter.

The press conference conducted by BROOKS was handled in an orderly fashion and those individuals present departed immediately at its conclusion. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION





Date of transcription 12/18/74

TYRONE L. BROOKS, National Communications Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), appeared at the Atlanta Office of the FBI stating at the outset that he intended to conduct a news conference regarding the incident in Escambia County, Florida, involving the five Negro males of Atlanta, four of them having drowned in a boating mishap.

Mr. BROOKS stated that he wished to furnish a copy of a news release compiled by him which details the results of his "investigative mission" to Pensacola, Florida, on or about December 14, 1974.

A copy of that dooment is attached.

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FOR RELEASE: Immediately

SCLC Charges Murder / in Pensacola Fla. Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 17, 1974.

The purpose of this conference Ladies and Gentlemen is to announce the results of our weekend investigative mission to Pensacola, Fla. My first stop was in the Black Community where I talked to many persons who informed me that they could not beleive that five grown men who were professional fishermen could fall out of a boat and no one would be able to survive.

Now as you already know, Mr. John Sterling, Mr. Lonnie Merrit, Mr. Leroy Holloway, Mr. Marvin Walker, and Mr. Robert Walker all left for Pensacola, Fla. Friday evening Nov. 29th, at approximately 7:30 p.m. They arrived in Pensacola, Fla. at approximately 3:00 a.m. Upon their arrival they went to a White owned Bait Shop in the Black Community and purchased some Bait. While in the process of purchasing the Bait they became engaged or involved in an argument with the white owner over the price of the Bait. They left after buying the Bait. Later, they returned to the store to apologize to the owner for the argument. When they returned to apologize the owner called some division of Law enforcement to file a complaint against the men. We do not know if the men were arrested or not. But according to our information they were taken 38 miles outside of Pensacola to some kind of Building that resembled a castle.

That afternoon at approximately 2 p.m. Atlanta time the Coast Guard called Mr. Melvin Walker who is the son of Mr. Robert Walker and informed him that the boat that was registered to a Mr. Robert Walker of Atlanta, Ga. was floating in the Santa Rosa Sound with the key in the ignition, both tanks full of gasoline, The trottle was in neutral. They informed him that everything seemed to be in order and that there was not any signs of Foul Play. Mr. Walker gave the Coast Guard official the names of all of the men who should have been on the boat. The men were no where to be found. They were listed as missing that afternoon which was Nov. 30th. Later that same evening he officials found the catter that the men drove to Pensacola and arched it thoroughly. The were no signs of Foul Play. While searching through the camper they found food, clothing, ice, bait, tackle, coolers, and other items were not on the boat, they were in the camper. The Coast Guard has stated that the men were not in the process of fishing, because everything that one would take to fish was still in the camper. Nothing else was said about the missing men by the Coast Guard or the local Law enforcement agencies for several days, until family members began to inform members of the Atlanta News Media.

When the Atlanta Media began to inquire about the missing men the Pensacola Media began to inquire into this mysterious disappearance, of the five men. The Pensacola Media did not know that the men were Black until the Atlanta Media informed them. The Racial Identity of the men was being concealed by local authorities.

The families of the men were not receiving any cooperation from , local authorities in their search for their missing loved ones. Finally on Sat. Dec. 7, 1974 around 2 p.m., I received a call from Deacon Maddox of the West Hunter St. Baptist Church. Deacon Maddox asked me if SCLC would help these poor families in their attempt to locate their missing relatives. I stated to Deacon Maddox that I was willing to meet with the families any time that was convenient for them. I stated to him also that he could count on Dr. Abernathy to lend his assistance on behalf of the entire organization. Later that evening I stated publicly that SCLC would be meeting with the families to help them with their search for the missing men. The word went out that Sunday.that Monday the authorities in Pensacola informed the Marvin Walker family that his body had been found. It seems quite strange that the authorities could not find any of the missing men from Nov. 29th until Dec. 9th. But as soon as the word got out that SCLC was entering the case the bodies began to appear. We question whether or not the Local law enforcement authorities knew all along where the bodies were located. All of the bodies were found within a five day period.

Last Thursday Evening Dr. Abernathy, Rev. Bernard Lee, and myself visited Pensacola to initiate our own investigation. We went directly to the County Sheriff's office where we met with Mr. Royal Untriever. Mr. Untriever told us that he was not investigating the mystery surrounding the missing men, nor did he plan to start any investigation into the matters. Sheriff Untriever insulted us and the families by stating and I quote him "All the information I have on this I obtained from the newspaper. That same evening Dr. Abernathy, Rev. Lee, Rev. H. K. Mathews, Rev. Otha Leverette and two local newspaper reporters visited the county Hospital where Dr. Abernathy personally viewed what he thought were the bodies of Mr. Robert Walker and Mr. John Sterling. Dr. Abernathy said to us afterwards that the bodies looked normal to him. But the normal condition of the bodies raised serious questions because any body that had been in those salty, fishy, waters should not have looked so normal.

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Now we question whether or not we were shown two bodies of someone else and not the bodies of Robert Walker and John Sterling.

We raise this question this because now the authorities and the Morticians are telling the families that the bodies are in such bad condition that no one should see them. Dr. Abernathy did not know these men personally so he did not know whose body he was looking at. But we wonder if the authorities deliberately switched bodies the throw us off this case. Later that night we went out to the waters where the boat was launched and had a lengthty discussion with Mr. Gary Cooper of the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Roger Gaddy of the Rescue unit. As we were about to leave and make our journey to the Coast Guard Station these two men stated in a promising gesture that they were sure that they would find the Bodies of Mr. Lonnie Merritt and Mr. Leroy Holloway the next day. We wondered how they could make such a promise when they said that they had been unable to find any bodies from Nov. 29th until Dec. 9th. Sure enough the next day their bodies apperaed. .... This raises additional questions as to whether or not local authorities were involed in this mysterious case.

We went directly to the Coast Guard station in an attempt to meet with Chief Cruise who had left for the day. We were not able to meet him. Mr. Cruise did not have the decency or respect enough for us or the families to come back to the station. We were not able to get hardly any information from the Coast Guard. We left the Coast Guard station and went directly to Rev. Leverett's Church where Dr. Abernathy addressed a mass rally. While Dr. Abernathy was speaking a strange anonymous white man appeared and began to tell Rev. Bernard Lee and Rev. H. K. Mathews a weird story about his night out with these three Black men that weekend. He was full of lies and his story didn't hold water. We think he was sent to the meeting to cause confusion and to throw us off the That next day in Atlanta the Atlanta Constitution ran a case. story saying that a Mr. Joe Sullivan a black man had talked to the dead men and warned them not to go out in those dangerous waters. We have checked Mr. Joe Sullivans story out and it does not hold water. Mr. Sullivan in quoted in the Nova, 13th edition of the Pensacola Journal stating that he talked to the five dead men that Friday evening Nov. 29th while he was out trying out a boat. He say's it was approaching dark when he talked to them and warned them that their boat was overloaded and that the waters were too. rough. Mr. Sullivans story is a complete Fabrication of the truth, Because the men did not leave Atlanta until around 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29th and they could not have arrived in Pensacola until approximately 2:30 or 3:00 A.M. Sat. Nov 30th. He could not have seen them late Sat. evening Nov. 30th because the Coast Guard had found the boat floating in the waters earlier in the that day and notified Mr. Melvin Walker hereiin Atlanta around 2 p.m.

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So Mr. Sullivan's story is a lie. But why did he lie. We charge that he told a deliberate lie to throw us off the case. Sunday afternoon while I was in Pensacola I called the residence of Mr. Joe Sullivan that I obtained from information I called that Number and when the lady that answered found out who I was she hung the phone up immediately. I do not know if this is the residence of the same Joe Sullivan that claims he talked to the men. This is the only ro. I was able to obtain from the phone co. The other serious question that we must not forget is that Mr. John Sterling was still wearing his glasses when he was found floating in Santa Rosa Sound. It would seem impossible for his body to stay in those turbulent vaters that long and his glasses not come off. And it seems strange how five men would drown in the same location and not one would be able to survive. When they are in an unsinkable Fiberglass Bo:tom 19 inch, 135 horse power boat.

And if they did accidently drown why were their bodies discovered 2 - 3 - 4 miles apart? Dr. Abernathys' life and my life has been threatened since we became involved in this case. We have received many phone calls telling us in so many words that if we do not stay out of this case we would be found floating in the waters also. I have not informed Dr. Abernathy of this as of yet because it is not unusual for SCLC officials to receive threats. But this is a very unusual Fumber of the same kind of threats relating to the same case.

I was under constant survelliance while in Densacola and I think I an still under Survellience because of our involvement in this case. So at this thime ladies and gentlemen we charge that the deaths of John Sterling, Lonnie Merrit, Leroy Holloway, Marvin Walker, and Robert Walker were not accidental, but that their deaths are a case of murder. Where they were murdered is a mystery. But we suspect that they were murdered away from where their boat was found and that their bodies were placed in the water when it became known that SCLC was entering the case and was going to Pensacola to launch our own investigation, We suspect also that local Law Enforcement and other authorities may some how be involved in the murder of these men.

All of our information is being supplied to the U.S. Justice Dept. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We are urging these Federal Agencies to move in now and begin an investigation into these murders immediately. We call on the Federal Govt. because the victims civil and constitutional rights have been violated, and that there is a possibility that there bodies may have been transported across state lines.

Statement by: Southern Christian Leadership Conference Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Pres.

Family of the Deceased: Dlizabeth Sterling Lillie Mac Merrit Rosa Lee Walker

For More Information Contact: Tyrone Brooks 404-522-1420 5-22-14/28

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# Memorandum

Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

### DATE: January 2, 1975

ATTN: MR. WILLIAM GARDNER

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS;

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OFFICIALS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, JOHN STERLING (DECEASED); LONNIE MARETT (DECEASED); MARVIN WALKER (DECEASED); ROBERT WALKER (DECEASED); LEROY HOLLOWAY - VICTIMS; TYRONE L. BROOKS - COMPLAINANT CR Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your file \_\_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent an LHM dated <u>12/18/74</u> at <u>Atlanta</u>.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. X Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. 🔲 Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: This confirms a conversation relative to the enclosed with Departmental Attorney William Gardner on 1/2/75.

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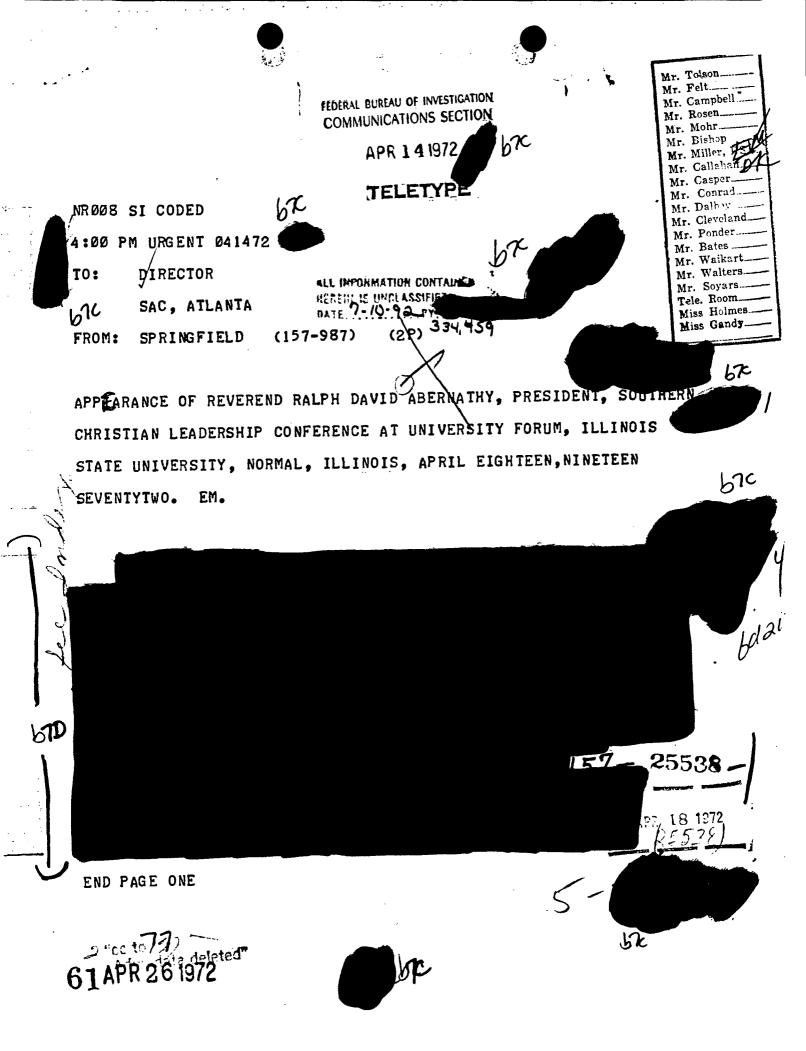
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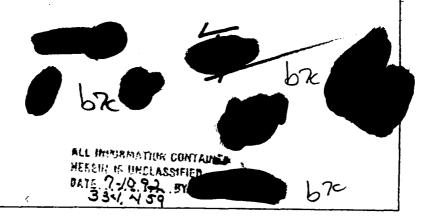
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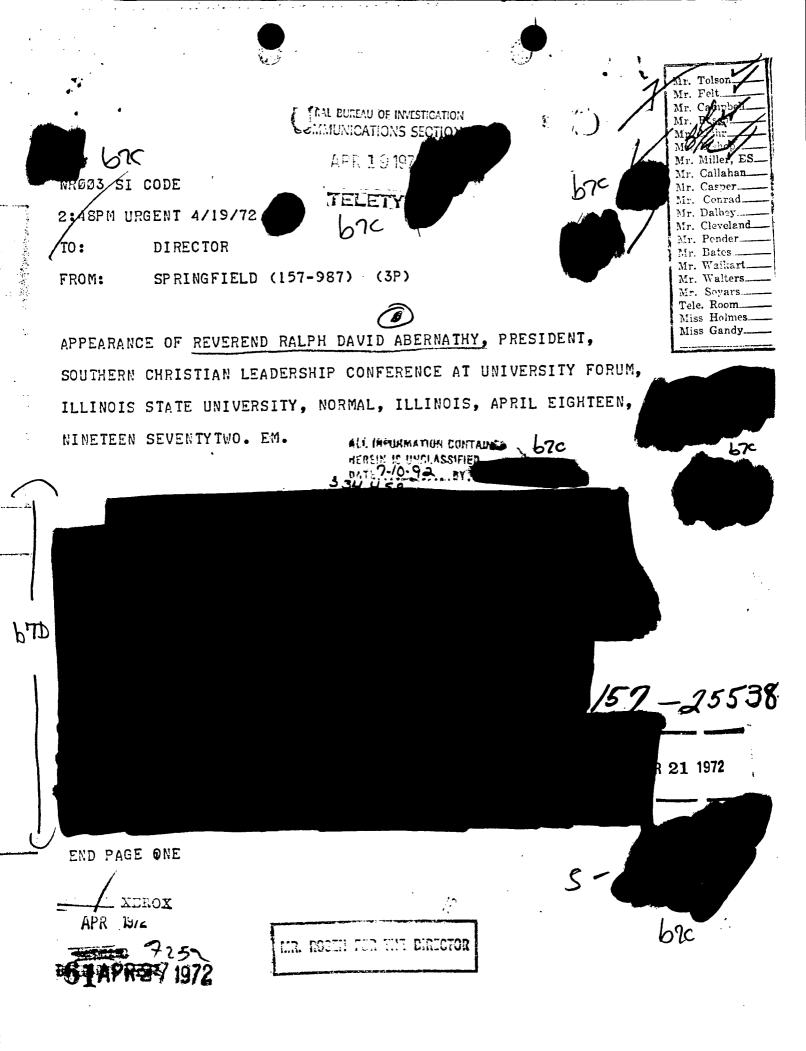
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Attached sets forth information concerning Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a speech he made at Illinois State University on 4/18/72. Abernathy was highly critical of the Director and the FBI's operation. Abernathy also was critical of the war in Southeast Asia and was particularly critical of the increased bombing urging immediate U.S. withdrawal.

Pertinent parts of Abernathy's statements concerning the war in Southeast Asia will be included in the summary to the White House, Vice President, Acting Attorney General and Secret Service.









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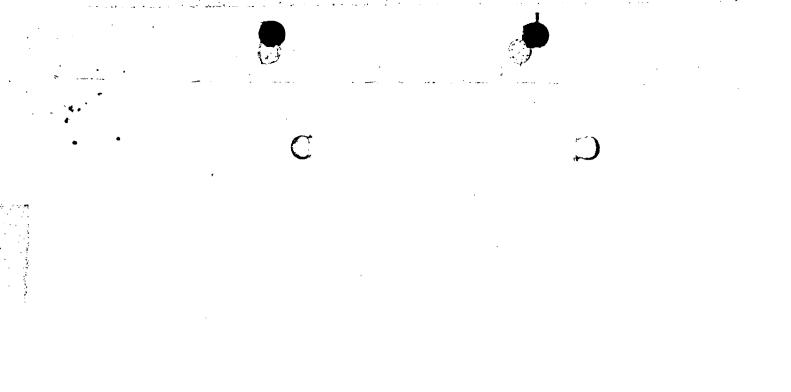
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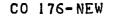
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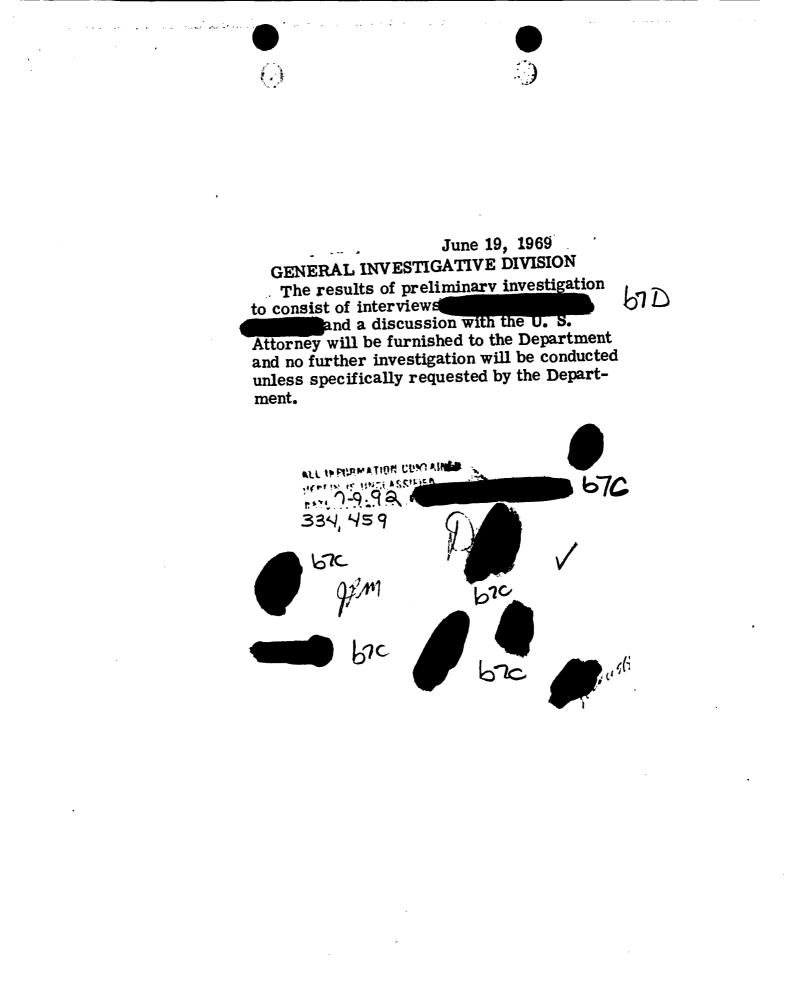
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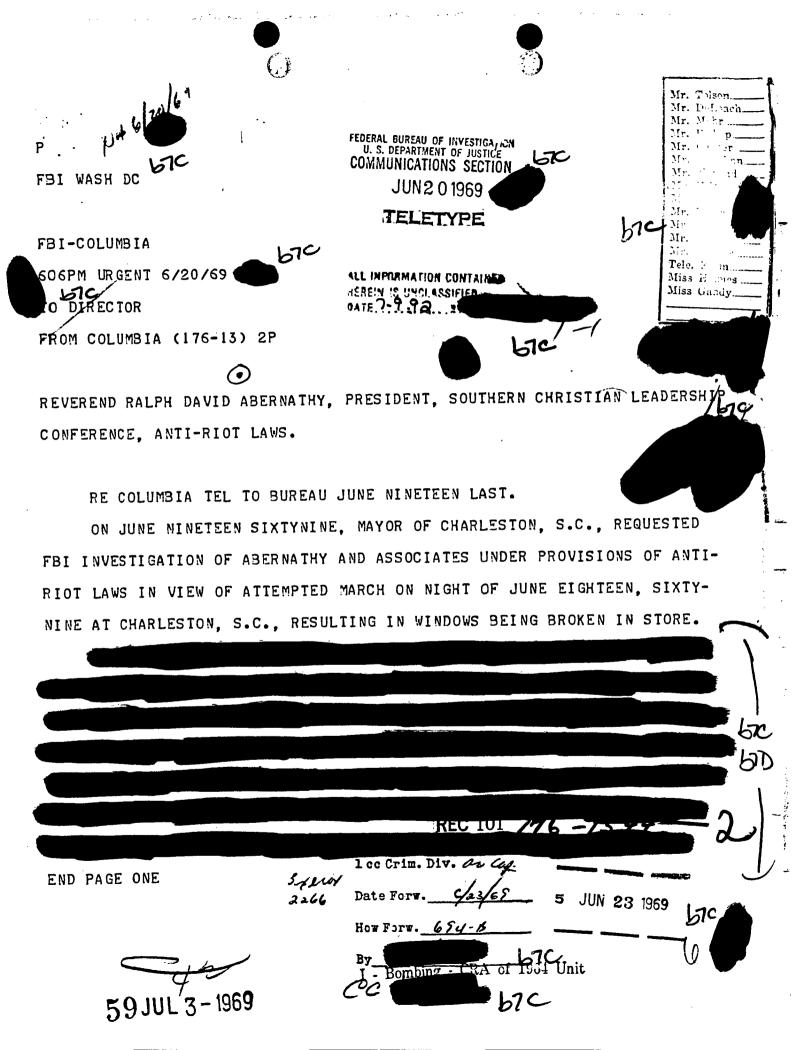
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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT CHARLESTON, S.C., ON JUNE TWENTY SIXTYNINE.

AT ABOUT TWELVE THIRTY P.M., JUNE TWENTY SIXTYNINE, TWENTY STRIKING NEGRO EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORTERS PICKETED AT THE SQUIRREL INN RESTAURANT IN SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE GOVEROR ROBERT MC NAIR WAS HAVING LUNCH. SUMMERVILLE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MILES NOR THWEST OF CHARLESTON. PICKETED FOR SHORT TIME AND LEFT AND NO AERESTS OR INCIDENTS.

ON JUNE TWENTY SIXTYNINE, OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MC NAIR REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IN CHARLESTON AS CHIEF J. P. STROM, SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCE-MENT DIVISION (SCLED), HAD ADVISED GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THERE WERE AT LEAST SIXTEEN PEOPLE FROM SCLC WHO HAD COME TO CHARLESTON FROM OTHER STATES END PAGE ONE

PAGE TWO (CO 157-5430) AND SCLC HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD HAVE A NIGHT MARCH ON JUNE IWENTY SIXTYNINE EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN TOLD IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW. 50 END PAGE TWO

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APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE CITY POLICEMEN, SOUTH CARCLINA HIGHWAY PATROL, (SCHP), AND SCNG WERE AT THE SCENE AND THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS. POLICE MOVED CROWDS BACK AND THEY BROKE UP END PAGE THREE PAGE FOUR (CO 157-5430)

INTO SMALL GROUPS. ROCKS AND OTHER DEBRIS CONTINUED TO BE THROWN AT POLICE AND AS OF TWELVE THIRTY A.M., JUNE TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE, UNKNOWN NUMBER WERE AT THE CHURCH WHERE THEY RETREATED WHEN POLICE FORCED THEM BACK.

A STATIONWAGON BELONGING TO NEWS MEDIA WAS TURNED OVER BY DEMONSTRATORS AT APPROXIMATELY ONE A.M., JUNE TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE IN VICINITY OF MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

ONE MALE NEGRO WITH FIRE BOMB IN POSSESSION ARRESTED ABOUT NINE THIRTY P.M., JUNE IWENTY SIXTYNINE.

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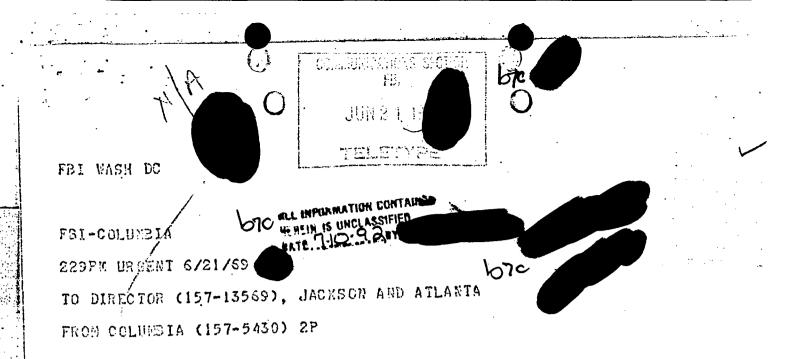
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GOVERNOR ROBERT E. MC NAIR IMPOSED CURFEW ON PART OF CITY OF CHARLESTON TO GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY FROM HOURS OF NINE PM TO FIVE AM. CURFEW AREA BORDERED TO NORTH BY MT. PLEASANT STREET, ON THE SOUTH BY CHARLESTON HARBOR, ON THE EAST BY COOPER RIVER AND ON THE WEST BY THE ASHLEY RIVER.

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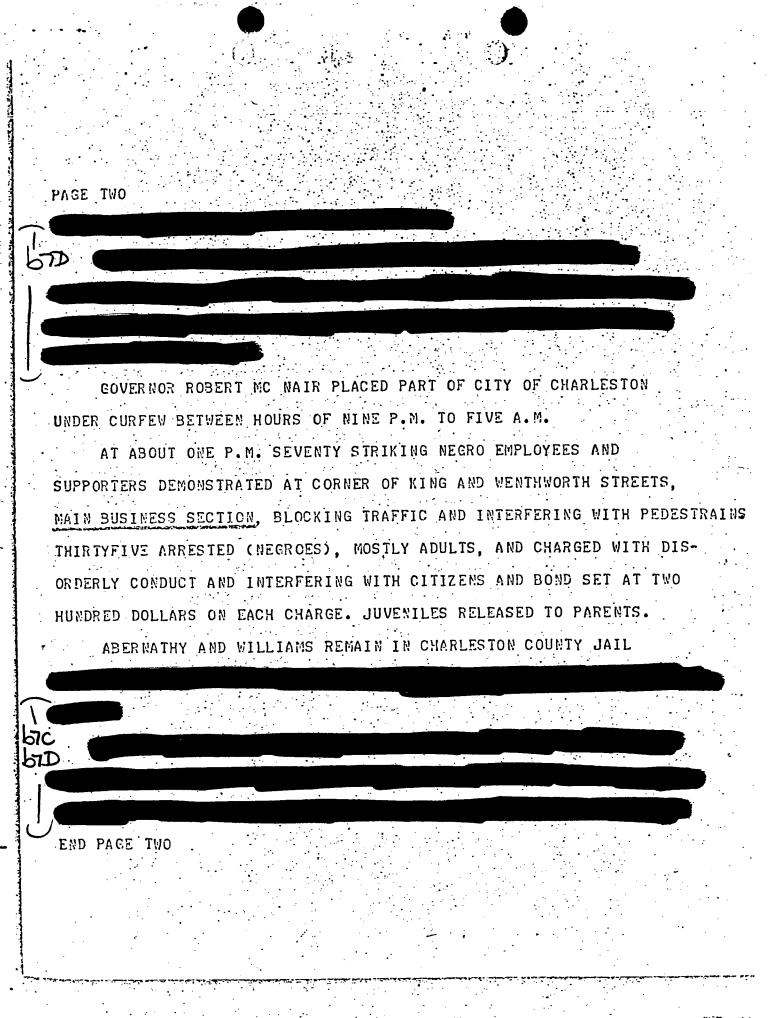
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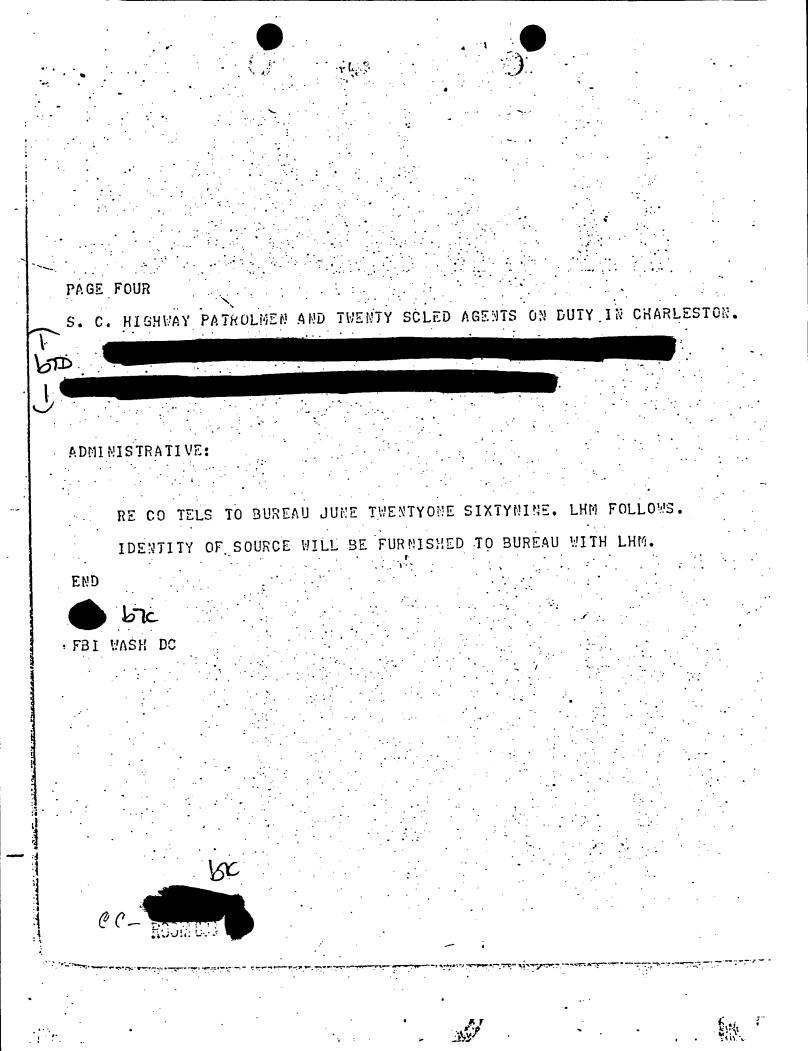
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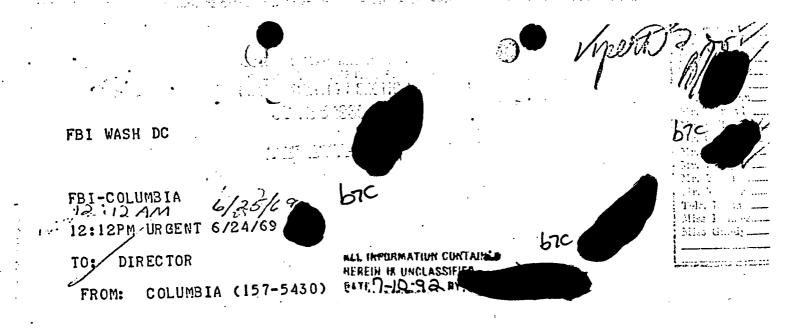
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DETAILS:

# This is a preliminary investigation.

This investigation is predicated upon a complaint received from Mayor J. PALMER GAILLARD, Charleston, South Carolina, who telephonically advised on June 19, 1969, that he was making an official request on behalf of the City of Charleston, S. C., for investigation of the Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY and his associates by the FBI under the provisions of the Antiriot Laws as he feels ABERNATHY's activities are a violation of the Antiriot Laws







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On June 20, 1969, United States Attorney KLYDE ROBINSON, Columbia, South Carolina, advised that sufficient investigation had been conducted in this matter during preliminary inquiry. He further requested this matter be forwarded to Criminal Division of the Department as soon as possible since he did not have authority to authorize or decline prosecution or request additional investigation.

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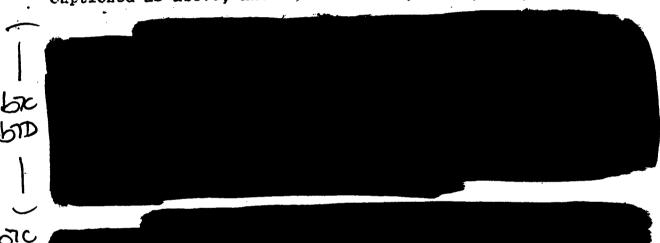
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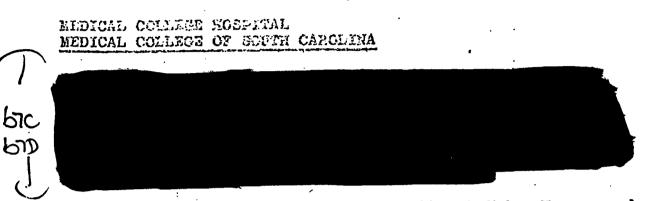
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On the night of June 21, 1969, striking Negro employees and their supporters held a rally at the Memorial Baptist Church, 153 Alexander Street, Charleston, South Carolina. At approximately 8:25 P.M., about 125 individuals left the above church and marched to the intersection of Chapel and Alexander Streets, an all Negro area, where they were stopped by police. They were told they could not parade without a permit and the group then proceeded back toward the church, and started leaving the area at 8:50 P.M. This-group was led by Carl Farris and J. T. Johnson, both associated with SCLC. There were no arrests oriscidents in connection with the above attempted march.

As of June 21, 1969, Abernathy and Williams were in the Charleston County Jail, Charleston, South Carolina

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As of June 21, 1969, there were 240 South Carolina National Guardsmen, 75 extra South Carolina Highway Patrolmen, and 20 SCHED Agents on duty in Charleston, South Carolina.

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