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Frederick G. Folsom, Director
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Office of Professional Responsibility
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Folsom:

Re: Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Department of Justice Task Force

Pursuant to your requests, dated 24 September and 19 November 1976, for information regarding the extent and nature of FBI/CIA contact concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., a search of Agency files likely to contain the requested information was requested. Numerous FBI documents which either mention or concern Reverend King as well as a limited number of internal documents which relate to FBI/CIA interest in Reverend King have been found.

A brief list of documents located by our Office of Security appears below:

a. Both CIA and FBI originated documents, including an FBI report on "Martin Luther King Jr., - A Current Analysis," which appear to relate to referenced request.

b. Documents taken from the CIA file on a confidential informant and which appear to relate to referenced request. The documents refer to The Reverend Martin Luther King, together with other civil rights leaders, and it is presumed that the substance of the information contained within these documents was passed to the FBI through our routine liaison channels.


d. Several FBI documents which refer to either Reverend King and/or Mrs. Coretta (nee: Scott) King.

e. A 23 August 1961 FBI document entitled "Southern Conference Educational Fund" which mentions Reverend King.
f. Two FBI documents on Mrs. King. Both of these documents appear to be portions of two separate FBI documents.

g. A 15 June 1965 FBI memorandum entitled "Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic" which mentions Mrs. King.


i. Two internal Agency documents and selected pages from an FBI document, all of which concern and/or refer to Reverend King and the FBI's interest in that regard. Selected pages from the FBI document appear to have been extracted from a December 1967 FBI memorandum entitled "The New Left: Road to Anarchy," and the entire document could not be located.

Listed below are nine documents that are routine FBI information reports located by the Operations Directorate. Please note that the DBA, DBB, DBC and DFB designators and numbers, as well as the computerized titles, were assigned by this Agency for the purpose of retrieval and do not correspond with the original FBI document numbers and titles.

a. DBF 82024 dated 19 April 1957 Subject: Discussions with One C.L.R. James.

b. DBA 07422 dated 23 April 1962 Subject: Correspondence from One Paul Krassner Concerning an Interview with King.

c. DBB 14763 dated 13 July 1965 Subject: A Request from a Union Leader Asking King to Grant an Audience with Josiah Mwangi Kariuki, a Member of the Kenyan Parliament.

d. DBB 19833 dated 12 August 1965 Subject: A Major Policy Speech by King Containing the Substance of a Letter to President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh Concerning Vietnam.

e. DBB 56930 dated 17 August 1966 Subject: Fund Raising Activity by Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Behalf of King's Proposed Trip to the Holy Land.
f. DBC 05564 dated 23 January 1968 Subject: Request for 
King and Dr. Benjamin Spock to Visit England for Meetings Aimed 
at Campaigning Against the Vietnam War.

g. DBC 09700 dated 11 March 1968 Subject: Information 
Regarding Plans for a Massive Civil Disobedience Demonstration 
in the Nation's Capital.

h. DBC 12561 dated 10 April 1968 Subject: A Plot by a 
Female Dominican Republic Citizen Involving Stokely Carmichael 
and H. Rap Brown to Assassinate King.

i. DBC 13895 dated 18 April 1968 Subject: Reaction to King's 
Assassination by Carmichael, Floyd McKissick and Others, as Aired 
on Havana Radio.

The following five documents indicate FBI requests for information from 
this Agency or Agency replies to such requests. They are as follows:

   a. DBA 80456 dated 10 August 1964 Subject: Travel to 
      European Countries.

   b. CSCI-316/02051-64 dated 30 November 1964 Subject: 
      Alleged Meeting with Members of the Italian Communist and Socialist 
      Parties.

   c. DBB 22473 dated 24 September 1965 Subject: Departure 
      Schedule for European Trip.

   d. OWOA 19623 dated 30 March 1966 Subject: Planned 
      Appearance at Oslo, Norway Rally.

   e. CSCI-316/01702-68 dated 2 May 1968 Subject: Dr. Martin 
      Luther King, Jr. This indicates a 1964 offer of employment from 
      Martin P. Littrell of Athens, Alabama to Roderick Claflin Brown, a 
      Panamanian national who, in retrospect, believed it was an assas- 
      sination plot against King.

In November and December 1974, prior to the Congressional Moratorium 
on records destruction instituted in response to Senator Mansfield's request, 
sixty-six documents were routinely destroyed. A list of these documents, 
similar to those provided above, is available for review. Additional search 
has been unable to locate any copies of those documents that might not have 
been destroyed.
According to the records of the Operations Directorate, DBC 61386
date unknown, Subject: Martin Luther King, Jr., and DFB 80124A03 dated
3 April 1957, Subject: 16th National Convention of the Communist Party,
USA: Internal Security, in which Dr. King is mentioned on page 316, are
both considered to be lost. An intensive search of the files and indices has
failed to locate these documents.

Search by other Agency components has produced some duplication of
the materials already listed as well as the following:

a. An FBI letter, dated 21 December 1964, to the CIA with
a memorandum entitled: Martin Luther King, Jr., His Personal
Conduct;

b. A 28 January 1968 CIA memorandum commenting on the
FBI study "The New Left: Road to Anarchy;"

c. A 29 March 1968 memorandum from CIA to FBI containing
volunteered information regarding King's activities concerning the
Poor People's Campaign;

d. A 14-page report on Black Power which mentions King;

e. A 28 November 1975 CIA memorandum from IG to DCI
which refers to a dissemination of information made to FBI concerning
King's European trip in 1964.

There are, moreover, two other items held in this Office which, although
not specifically requested by you, might be helpful to your inquiry. One indicates
an Agency program, but in evidence of FBI involvement, while the other indicates
an FBI activity which the FBI is unaware this Agency has knowledge of. This
information will also be available to you if you request.

I believe that the information contained herein is responsive to your re-
quest. From a review of these materials it does not appear that this Agency was
ever--wittingly or unwittingly--involved with or importuned by the FBI to mount
or carry out any operations against Dr. King to discredit him, to prevent him
from any undertaking, or to frustrate him in regard to any endeavor or objective.

Please note that all of these documents were forwarded to this Office on an
"on loan" basis and retain their present classification. It is our recommendation
that if you wish to review the documents, this may be accomplished here in
Headquarters in the presence of representatives from both the originating component and this Office. Should you determine through this review that you require copies of any of the materials, additional coordination must then be accomplished prior to transmitting any of these documents to you.

Please contact me if you have any further questions, or if you wish to arrange to review any of these materials.

Sincerely,

Wm. George Johnson
Office of General Counsel