STANLEY LEVISON
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SECTION __/2__
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON IS-C (00:NY)

DATE: APR 16 1955

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LHM setting forth information contained in this letter.

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100-392452-241 page 2
The "New York Post," December 30, 1964, contained an article "Advice for the Poor" by Sylvia Porter on page 24, which concerns the failure of United States anti-poverty efforts to provide financial-legal services for the poor.
Stanley Levison

An order was entered in the records of the City Court, New York City, on January 30, 1940, changing Polier's name from Isadore Polier to Shad Polier by which name he had been commonly known.

On September 25, 1944, Polier furnished a signed statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in which he said he had never been a member of the Communist Political Association or of any organization which he had any reason to believe was dominated by the Communist Party. He stated that he was a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and was a member of the International Juridical Association (IJA).

Characterizations of the NLG and IJA are set forth in the appendix pages.
A characterization of the NCAHUAC is set forth in the appendix pages.
APPENDIX

Stanley Levison

INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL ASSOCIATION

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 88, contains the following citation regarding the International Juridical Association:

"1. Cited as 'a Communist front and an offshoot of the International Labor Defense.'

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

"2. Cited as an organization which 'actively defended Communists and consistently followed the Communist Party line.'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950, p. 12.)"
1. Stanley Levison APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, p. 5.)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.
NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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:

"National Lawyers Guild

1. 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.)

2. 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.)"
Title  Stanley Levison

Character  Internal Security-C

Reference  is made to the memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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(00: NEW YORK)
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The above information was forwarded to the Bureau by LHM 4/15/65, dual captioned "COMINPIL-SCLC" and "STANLEY LEVISON".

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100-392452-NR dated 4/15/95 page 2, end page 4.
Cominfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Stanley Levison

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

Advised on February 26, 1957, that he 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...
Cominfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Stanley Levison

leadership in the Labor Youth League. *

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
SECRET

Cominfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Stanley Levison

Ralph Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia.
Title: Cominfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Stanley Levison

Character: Internal Security - C

Reference: is made to New York memorandum dated and captioned as above

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

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

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Devisor

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File Number 100-392452-243

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FBI

Date: 5/7/65

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

IS-C

(CO: NY)

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In view of the forementioned, Bureau authority is requested to conduct a survey toward effecting treasury coverage.

3-Bureau (100-392452)

1-NY (100-111180) (42)

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge
on LEVISON's residence, apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, NY, NY. The telephone number is SU 7-1430 and is subscribed to STANLEY D. LEVISON.

No request is being made for authority to survey LEVISON office, room 1106, 1841 Broadway, NYC, since prior coverage on his office was generally unproductive.
ROUTE IN ENVELOPE
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EX 110

To: SAC, New York (100-111160)

REC-24

From: Director, FBI (100-392432)

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All information contained herein is unclassified except where shown otherwise.

Reusrortel 5/7/65 requesting authority to conduct a survey looking toward effecting a technical surveillance (tesur) on the residence of subject, apartment 3 D, 385 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone 807-1430.

Provided full security is assured, authority granted to conduct survey only. Advise of results and your recommendations relative to installation.

It is noted that matter of security was not commented upon in reusrortel. This most important element relative to tesurs must always be commented upon in requests for authority to survey or install.

NOTE:

Levison is on the Security Index.

In recent months, there has been an increasing tendency on the part of Levison to influence Martin Luther King, Jr., in matters related to the racial movement. We have in the past, from time to time, had tesurs on Levison's residence and office. Most recent on residence authorized 11/62, installed 11/62, discontinued 7/64. With the increasing importance of racial matters during the forthcoming summer and the increasing reliance of King on Levison, it is believed that we should consider reinstallation of a tesur on Levison's residence.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK | NEW YORK | 5/20/65 | 9/30/64-5/4/65

TITLE OF CASE
STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

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INTERNAL SECURITY-C

REFERENCE:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Although no positive information of a subversive nature is reported, hereafter, the NYO is submitting a report in lieu of a letter in light of LEVISON's activities in the racial field, specifically his relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

However, the relationship between KING and LEVISON is not being reported in view of instructions from the Bureau that such information should be reported in the CIRM case.

SA [redacted] was the agent who conducted the pretext telephone interview with the woman who identified

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ENVELOPE

ENCLOSURE (Exs.1)

Bureau (100-392452) (RM)
- New York (100-111180)
- Secret Service, New York

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EX-100

MAY 24, 1965

REASON-FCIN II, 1-2-62
DATE OF REVIEW 5-30-65

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herself to be Mrs. STANLEY LEVISON.

LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, will continue to follow and report the activities of STANLEY LEVISON.
NY 100-111180

1. ☑ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☑ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☑ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☑ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☑ Subject is employed in a key facility and ________ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

6. 

7. ☑ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/21/60.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of LEVISION's relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING. It is possible that this relationship could be embarrassing to the Bureau if an interview was attempted. KING could report any such attempt to the Press if LEVISION mentioned it to him.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.

9. ☑ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of LEVISION's CP membership as late as July, 1963.

10. 

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CONFIDENTIAL
In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
Bufile 100-392452 NYfile 100-111180

Chief
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.

1. □ 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.

6. □ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph □ has been furnished □ enclosed □ is not available
□ may be available through

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) 2
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s) 2

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)
STANLEY LEVISON owns and operates the Park Management Company, Realtors, in room 1106, 1841 Broadway, NYC. He resides at 585 West End Ave., NYC. Sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in NYC area advised in April, 1965, that they were unable to furnish information about LEVISON.

DETAILS:

I. EMPLOYMENT

On March 27, 1965, the Park Management Company, Realtors, which is owned and operated by STANLEY LEVISON, was the occupant of room 1106, at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.
RESIDENCE

On May 4, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained through a pretext interview with a woman who represented herself to be Mrs. STANLEY LEVISON, that the LEVISON family resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, (CP, USA)

Sources who are knowledgeable as to certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York area, and its environs, were contacted in April, 1965, but could furnish no information about STANLEY LEVISON.
Title

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character

INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Reference

Report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

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Subject JUNE MAIL

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

JUNE

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ReDulet of 5/12/65, authorizing survey on the
residence of subject, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue,
New York City, telephone SU 7-1430.
Date of Mail 5 - 21 - 65

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Severson

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Permanent Serial Charge Out
This memorandum recommends requesting the Attorney General's authority for a technical surveillance on Stanley David Levison.

From time to time in the past, we have had technical-type coverage on Levison, both in his office and residence. The last coverage of his residence was installed 3/20/62 and discontinued 7/25/64 due to the limited information being obtained at that time which was probably attributable to the attempt by Levison to keep most secret his contacts with and concerning King. The New York Office has conducted a survey and finds feasible the installation of a technical surveillance on Levison's residence, Apartment 3D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone SU 7-1430, which it assures can be done with full security.
Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: Stanley Davis Levison  
100-392452

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting his authority for a technical surveillance on subject's residence.
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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

(18) 100-392452  — 24 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

For many years, Levison has been a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and has exerted considerable influence in the civil rights movement through his counseling of King. King and Levison personally met in New York City on May 13, 1965, at which time Levison advised King concerning voter registration activities in Alabama and also urged that King support demands for peace in Vietnam.

Levison resides at Apartment 3D, 635 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone number 8U 7-1430. He is an attorney and businessman with an office in Room 1106, 1841 Broadway Avenue, New York City.

Your authority is requested for the installation of a technical surveillance on the above residence of Levison or at any other address to which Levison might move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Signature]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because this memorandum discusses a technical surveillance. See cover memorandum from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan 5/21/65, captioned "Stanley David Levison, Internal Security - Communist."
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Subject JUNE MAIL

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Te: SAC, New York (100-111180)
From: Director, FBI (100-392452)

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Neurairel 5/18/65 requesting authority to install
a technical surveillance on the residence of subject, Apartment
3D, 535 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone number 7-1430.

Provided full security is assured, authority is granted
for above described installation.

Advise time and date of installation and symbol number
assigned. Bulletin justification 30 days after installation and every
3 months thereafter.

In authorizing this technical surveillance, the Attorney
General stated, "You should discontinue if at any time he is acting
as attorney for clients litigating with the U.S."

You must insure that the Attorney General's instruction
is followed.

For the Bureau's information, it is desired that you a
advise whether or not subject is presently engaged in the practice
of law.

NOTE:

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MAY 2, 1963
100-392452
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DATE OF REVIEW
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Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Levinson

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Date 10/27/63

File Number 100-392452-252

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TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

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VIA AIRTEL

(TO) DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON 15-C

Re: Buairtel, 5/28/65, authorizing the New York Office to install a technical surveillance on subject's residence.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments in this matter.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEIVISON
          IS-C
          (00:NY)

ReBulet, 6/8/65, reporting information that LEIVISON would leave NYC on 7/1/65, for Peru or Ecuador, and instructing NY to make inquiries relative thereto.

In an effort to gather additional information in this matter, were contacted on 6/14/65, but with negative results.

On 6/17/65 NYC, was contacted but with negative results.

In addition to the canvassing of the aforementioned, but with negative results.

Although investigation to date has failed to furnish the desired information, it is believed it will be forthcoming since a source close to LEIVISON, was alerted on 6/16/65. This source is in the best position to furnish the desired information.

3 - Bureau (RM) 1 - New York

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge
The Bureau will be immediately advised in form suitable for dissemination as soon as the desired information is received.
Date of Mail 6-16-65

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Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Lovison

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
IS-C

"JUNE"

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 5/18/65. Installed at 12:05 PM on 6/15/65.

Full security assured.

CC: 8/18/65
Bureau (RM)
New York (42)

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DATE 9/12/65
BY SPEICR

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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MAIL RM
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SAC, New York (100-111180) 6/21/65

Director, FBI (100-392452) -252-

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST


Insure that the Bureau is promptly advised of the discontinuance of source.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr  
FROM: C. D. DeLoach  
DATE: July 6, 1965  

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

For record purposes, at 3:20 p.m. this afternoon Wick received a telephone call from [redacted] said that [redacted] are making every effort to discredit Martin Luther King and his recent outburst on Vietnam. [redacted] has learned that Levison, whom he described as a New York attorney, is connected with the Communist Party in some way and is advising Martin Luther King to come out against the Administration on Vietnam. [redacted] asked if there is anything of a public source nature that would discredit Levison either as a member of the Communist Party or as a member of a front group or signer of a petition concerning communism or the Soviets.

After checking, Wick told [redacted] we could be of no help to him. At 3:40 p.m. today called Wick. He said Wick told him we could be of no help to him whatsoever.

[redacted] said that under the circumstances, he believed [redacted] would make no mention of the alleged connection they have picked up between King and Levison. Wick asked him how he knows that Levison is advising King on the Vietnam matter. [redacted] obtained this from a friend in Atlanta, presumably at Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters.

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100-392452-VR dated 7/7/65
Mr. Sullivan
7/12/65

F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

I thought you would be interested in the latest information indicating the continuing association of Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, with King and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

We learned over the past weekend that Levison flew down to Atlanta from New York City on 7/11/65. He is registered in the Downtown Holiday Inn under his true name and was scheduled to attend an important staff meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at noon today, 7/12/65, at an Atlanta restaurant.

King has been out in Los Angeles the last few days but was scheduled to return to Atlanta sometime this morning, 7/12/65.

Available information to date indicates that Levison has proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and that King plans to present it to the Executive Committee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference 7/19/65. Levison has expressed the opinion that Ralph Abernathy, one of King's closest aides who is also Treasurer of the Conference, will oppose his program inasmuch as it requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison feels that Abernathy will not want to spend the money even though eventually it will make more money for them. Levison planned to see Abernathy upon his arrival in Atlanta to present the proposal.

ACTION:

Our Atlanta and New York Offices are afford[ing] appropriate coverage through established sources and discreet surveillances in an effort to obtain other details concerning Levison's visit to Atlanta. We will make careful analysis of the intelligence gathered to determine what further influence Levison is upon King and his organization and will, of course, make dissemination to the Department and the intelligence community.

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Mr. Sullivan  

V. J. Baumgardner  

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  

My memorandum to you 7/13/65 reported that Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, had flown from New York City to Atlanta 7/11/65 to attend a staff meeting of King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, scheduled for noon 7/12/65.

I thought that you would be interested in knowing that several members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff met in an Atlanta restaurant around noon 7/12/65. One of those present was Levison. Within minutes after the group left the restaurant, our Agents observed King also depart that establishment. The entire group, including Levison and King, then went to the office of an insurance company and there is a strong presumption that they continued their meeting there.

The Atlanta Office, through its highly sensitive coverage as well as physical surveillances, is attempting to obtain further details concerning Levison's presence in Atlanta. He is scheduled to return to New York City tomorrow, 7/14/65.

ACTION:

Upon Levison's departure from Atlanta, we will correlate the details available as of that time and apprise the White House, the Attorney General and the intelligence community of this latest Levison association with King and his organization.

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100-392452 (Stanley David Levison)

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: 7/15/65

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

The continuing close relationship between Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is depicted in a memorandum we have prepared for dissemination to the White House and Attorney General. This memorandum reports that Levison visited Atlanta, Georgia, 7/11-13/65 where he conferred with King and other Conference staff members. He was also expected as a dinner guest at the King residence on 7/12/65.

Prior to going to Atlanta, Levison told a Conference employee that he had proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and which King plans to present to a future meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference. Levison was concerned that the Conference's Treasurer Ralph Abernathy would oppose his program which calls for soliciting funds through various churches because the program requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison planned to see Abernathy in Atlanta on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached copies of the memorandum be forwarded by routing slips to the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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FBI
Date: 8/2/65

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Via AIRTET

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
(See: NY)

ReBulet, 6/6/65 and NY airtet of 6/17/65,
regarding LEVISON's plans to go to Peru or Ecuador this
summer.

As previously reported, no recent information
has been received that he still plans to go. Information
from [redacted] on 7/31/65, disclosed that he and his
wife are going to be vacationing in Lenox, Mass., from
8/1-8/65. The source said their address will be c/o
The Music Inn, Lenox, Mass.

The Bureau will be kept advised of information
indicating LEVISON's plans to travel to Peru or Ecuador.
Memorandum

FBI, New York

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From: Director, FBI (File and Serial 102-392452-256)

Subject: Stanley David Levinson

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My a/b 8/16

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: F. J. Baumgardner
DATE: 8/16/65
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Prior memoranda from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan have reported on King's involvement in the Vietnam situation and the influence which Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, has on King.

Levison and Dora McDonald, secretary to King, disclosed that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer 12 questions. King desired Levison to prepare proposed answers which he did and gave to McDonald for King's approval.

ACTION:

We have prepared a letterhead memorandum which depicts the Levison influence on King in this instance and includes the 12 questions and Levison's proposed replies to them. Attached for approval and forwarding are copies of the letterhead memorandum to go by routing slips to the White House, Secretary of State Rusk, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.
August 16, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

It has been previously reported that Stanley David Levison, a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963, has been influencing Martin Luther King, Jr., concerning the Vietnam situation. The following additional information has been supplied by a confidential informant of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On August 13, 1965, Miss Dora McDonald, secretary to King, contacted Levison and advised that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer twelve questions. She said that King desired Levison to prepare answers to the questions. Levison subsequently contacted Miss McDonald and furnished proposed answers to the twelve questions which Miss McDonald said she would give to King for his approval. The questions and Levison's proposed replies are as follows:

(1) In a recent statement King noted that several peace organizations had approached him concerning Vietnam. What specific groups are they? Reply: Among others, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and Women Strike for Peace. (These are pacifist organizations.)

(2) What is the text of the letter which King intends to send to President Johnson and to Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam? Reply: When the text is finalized, a copy will be made available.

(3) How will the letter be sent? Reply: These details have not been planned as yet.
(4) Should the United States remain in Vietnam if the South Vietnamese ask us to leave? Reply: "I believe we would have no moral or juridical basis for remaining if a sovereign government demands that we leave its territory."

(5) Can King be more specific concerning his attitude on escalation of the war? Reply: "Escalation is expressed in so many degrees and is related to escalation on the other side, so that I can discuss it only in concrete terms. It is impossible to generalize."

(6) King said that he is not blaming either government for the war. Who is to blame? Reply: "There is blame on both sides because each has made responses too readily through means of violence without an earnest search for reduction of violence. I am encouraged by the restraint President Johnson has manifested both in action and in words and I believe the exercise of restraint will ultimately lead faster to constructive negotiation than will the flexing of the muscles of military power which the whole world knows we possess in terrifying abundance."

(7) What specific proposals would King have to make? Reply: I have not formulated specific proposals for ending the war and I am not sure I have competence in that area.

(8) Is King seriously thinking of going to Vietnam and under what circumstances? Reply: "I have no plans to go to Vietnam."

(9) Will King's letter also be sent to the United Nations? Reply: There are no plans for a letter to the United Nations because it is not a combatant nor an ally of any combatant. This does not imply it has no role. Its role is substantial but different.

(10) Will King contact United States officials concerning his plans; for example, Governors, Senators, Representatives or diplomats? Reply: "I have no body of plans which could be the subject of discussions. I am expressing a point of view which will be self-explanatory and I sincerely hope useful for those who have the responsibility to make plans."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

(11) King states that he is following a path of non-violence but Reverend James Bevel recently made statements indicating that he is more militant. Can King reconcile this and is Bevel speaking for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or as an individual? (Bevel is a member of King's staff on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which organization King heads.) Reply: "The emphasis James Bevel places on peace activity in relation to civil rights activity differs from mine because I am not presently proposing any change in the direction or the character of our civil rights work. He has the right to express his analysis and has done so."

(12) Reverend Bevel stated that the civil rights movement has been legislatively out of business. Will King comment on this? Reply: "I do not agree with James Bevel's view that the civil rights movement has been legislatively out of existence. We still have so far to go I cannot see the end of the road even now. I see the need for a multiplicity of additional legislative reforms which will take years of struggle fully to achieve."

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumländer to Sullivan 8/16/65, same caption, Classified "Secret" because the basic information contained above was obtained from a highly sensitive source in the racial field.
RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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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September 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

Dear Mr. Watson:

The following information which was furnished by a source who has supplied reliable information in the past may be of interest to the President as indicative of the continuing relationship between Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Stanley David Levison. Levison, a frequent advisor of King's, is a long-time Communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

On September 6, 1965, King conferred with Levison regarding an article which is scheduled to appear in "The New York Times Magazine" some time in the future. The article which will be attributed to King will deal with the civil rights movement in general and the recent riot in Los Angeles, California, in particular.

Levison requested King's comments regarding the draft of this article which he had prepared at King's request. King stated that he thought the article was good but he indicated that he desired to change a few points. Specifically, King mentioned the statement at the end of the article which inferred that the only way to solve the Negro problem was to have a march of 100,000 people and the statement that nearly of the major cities have good mayors. King felt that the latter statement should read "Only a few major cities have good mayors, Mayor Allen of Atlanta, Georgia, being one of them." King further referred to the statement that the riots
Honorable Marvin Watson

cast light on the imperfections of the civil rights movement. King commented that this statement was too strong and would expose him to the criticism of other civil rights leaders. King and Levison agreed that this statement should be modified and should read that the riots exposed the imperfections of the civil rights movement as well as those factions in the "social-economic" life of the community.

The above information is also being furnished to the Attorney General and interested officials of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because the source of the information, [redacted] is a highly sensitive source of continuing value concerning racial matters and communist infiltration thereof. The unauthorized disclosure of the information could endanger the security of the source and thus possibly do injury to the defense interests of the nation. Above information contained in New York airtel 9/8/65 captioned "CIRM."
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: J. F. Bland
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

PURPOSE:

DETAILS:

Recent articles in the press indicate that Senator Dodd has been critical of King's efforts to gain admission for Red China in the United Nations and for negotiations with the Viet Cong.
Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
100-392452

OBSERVATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached be referred to the Crime Records Division to advise Senator Dodd of the above information concerning Levison.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-27917) (RUC)
STANLEY LEVISON
IS - C

ReButelcall to WFO 9/28/65 and reWFOtelecall to New York 9/29/65.

Surveillance instituted at the Willard Hotel at 6:45 p.m., 9/28/65, as a result of referenced Bureau telephone call indicating subject was at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., to attend a conference. An inquiry at the Willard Hotel revealed that STANLEY D. LEVISON, 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, checked in at 5:56 p.m., 9/28/65, and was assigned to Room 415. Under remarks on his registration slip, he wrote the initials N.C.E.B. LEVISON indicated he planned to depart on 9/29/65. No phone calls were made from LEVISON's room on 9/28/65. Periodic checks made on his room by house phone throughout the evening of 9/28/65, were negative.
Subject was observed in the lobby of the Willard Hotel at 11:40 p.m. He was observed to proceed directly to Room 415.

At 7:45 a.m., 9/29/65, the National Conference for Equal Business Opportunities started its workshop sessions in the Willard Hotel. This conference was sponsored by the Small Business Administration under the auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity. A plenary session of the conference was addressed by Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY on the morning of 9/29/65. LEVISON was observed departing from this plenary session at 12:05 p.m. At 12:10 p.m., LEVISON proceeded to a banquet room of the Willard for lunch.

At 1:55 p.m., subject checked out of the Willard Hotel and proceeded to Union Station. He departed by train to New York at 2:46 p.m.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
IS - C

(00:NEW YORK)

ReNYlet of 8/2/65, concerning LEVISON's plans to go to Peru or Ecuador this summer.

a source who is close to LEVISON and who furnishes information on a daily basis concerning him, has furnished no information that LEVISON has taken a trip outside New York City other than vacation trips to New England and Long Island. In addition, the source has furnished no recent information which indicates that LEVISON contemplates taking a trip to South America in the future.

In the event such information is received by the NYO, the Bureau will be immediately notified.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: J. A. Sizoo
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SAC Roney in New York called yesterday and advised that through the New York Office learned that LeVision was in Washington, D. C., last evening for the purpose of attending the "Interracial Businessmen's Committee" meeting tomorrow morning and that while there he would see Vice President Humphrey. It was stated he was staying at the Willard Hotel.

ACTION:

In view of the possibility that LeVision's contacts in Washington might have security significance, I talked to Supervisor Jesse Farr of the Washington Field Office and suggested that efforts be made immediately to institute a physical surveillance of LeVision while in Washington to determine the nature of his contacts here. Farr advised that Washington Field had photographs of LeVision and had placed him under surveillance on occasions in the past, and immediate steps would be taken along the lines suggested.

JAS:mls/4
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner

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DATE 10/2/65 BY SKAGgs

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14 OCT 5 1965
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)
SUBJECT: CIRM
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(00: NY)

ReNYteletype, dated 9/28/65, concerning STANLEY LEVISON's plan to confer with Vice President HUMPHREY on 9/29/65.

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information set forth in referenced communication. The source of the information in the LHM was a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. One copy of the LHM is enclosed for the information of WFO.

cc: Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)
    Washington Field (100-)
    New York (Encl. 1) (RM)
    New York

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100-392452-NR dated 9/30/105 pages
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on the afternoon of September 28, 1965, which disclosed that Stanley Levison's wife was in contact with Clarence Jones on that date. During their contact Mrs. Levison stated that Stanley Levison had to go to Washington, D. C., that afternoon to attend a conference of the Inter-Racial Business Men's Committee on September 29, 1965, with Humphrey (Vice President Hubert Humphrey). Mrs. Levison said Stanley was at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., but would return to New York on the night of September 29, 1965.

Jones said he desired to talk to Stanley before "tomorrow" (September 29, 1965), therefore, he would contact him at the hotel.

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REASON: FCIN 77, 1-8-65
DATE OF REVIEW: 4-20-65

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ENCLOSURE
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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

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

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
NEW YORK

DATE
11/10/65

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
5/5/65 - 11/12/65

TITLE OF CASE
STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

REPORT MADE BY
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CHARACTER OF CASE
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED, EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

REFERENCE:
New York report of SA [redacted] 5/20/65. b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE

As reported in the last investigative report, referenced above, the NYO has received no information of a current nature, indicating CP activity by LEVISON. Although this is the case, a report is submitted due to LEVISON's relationship with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

The relationship existing between KING and LEVISON is such that LEVISON's influence and advice are sought and greatly valued by KING. However, no information establishing this relationship is being reported in this report since the Bureau has instructed that such information should be reported in the GIRM case.

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1970-010-026
NY 100-111180

INFORMANTS

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LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report LEVISON's activities.
1. □ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. □ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. □ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. □ A suitable photograph is not available.
5. □ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are ______.
6. □ This report is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a source who furnishes information of a very sensitive nature about racial matters in the US and the Communist infiltration thereof.
7. □ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/21/60. Subject was not reinterviewed because of his association with MARTIN LUTHER KING. As previously stated, an attempted interview could be embarrassing to the Bureau should LEVINSON and KING decide to release the information to the Press.
8. □ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria, and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. □ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ...
10. □ ☐ COVER PAGE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-Secret Service, New York City (RM)
Date: 11/19/65
Field Office File #: 100-111180
Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:
On 11/12/65, STANLEY DAVID LEVISON continued to operate
the Park Management Company, a realty firm, at 1841 Broadway, NYC,
and resided at 585 West End Avenue, NYC. Sources apprised of
certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area advised in November,
1965, that they could furnish no information about LEVISON.

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

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.
B. Residence

As of November 12, 1965, the source furnished information which disclosed that STANLEY DAVID LEVISON continued to reside at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

NY T-1
November 12, 1965

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP, USA)

Sources, who are knowledgeable about certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted in November, 1965, but they advised they could furnish no information about STANLEY DAVID LEVISON.
Title: Stanley David Levison

Character: Internal Security - C

Reference: is made to the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
SAC, New York (100-111180)  
REC-123 EX-1074  
Director, FBI (100-392452) -262

STANLEY DAVID LEVINSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your report dated 11/19/65.

Referenced report has been declassified and you should declassify the copies of the reports retained by your office. In addition, you should advise Secret Service locally that this report has been declassified.

It is noted that the report is classified "Secret" on the basis of information received from a highly sensitive source. The only information contained in referenced report from this source is information concerning the subject's residence. This information is contained in the current New York telephone directory. It does not appear, therefore, that the disclosure of this information would identify the informant or would result in any serious damage to the country.

NOTE:

Subject is a key figure of the New York Office. He is a close associate of Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and is a close advisor to King. (censored) as a secret member of the Communist Party.
Date of Mail 1-19-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

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File Number 160-392452-263

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DATE 1/28/77 BY

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

For many years, he has been a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and has exerted considerable influence in the civil rights movement through his counseling of King. Levison is in close contact with Bayard Rustin, Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel, all of whom have subversive backgrounds and serve as key advisors to King. In view of these facts, a technical surveillance, was installed on Levison on 11/29/62 and discontinued 7/25/64. It was reinstalled on 6/15/65. This source continually furnishes information concerning contacts between Levison and King as well as contacts between Levison, Rustin, Jones and Wachtel. It is evident from this source that King readily accepts advice from Levison and that Levison prepares a considerable amount of both written and spoken statements made by King.

On 8/27/65 and 9/10/65, we furnished the White House information from this source concerning an article Levison was helping King prepare for "The New York Times Magazine." The source furnished the results of a conference on 9/12/65 between King and some of his advisors concerning the position King took after his 9/10/65 meeting with United States Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur J. Goldberg. We furnished this information to the White House on 9/15/65. Again on 9/30/65, we furnished the White House information from the source concerning a conference between King, Levison, Rustin and Wachtel concerning the role King should play in peace issues, particularly concerning Vietnam.
Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
100-392452

The source is also of extreme value in keeping us informed as to meetings between King, Levison, Rustin, Jones and Wachtel. It was information from this source on 1/13/66 that enabled us to arrange coverage of the activities of Levison and Jones when they flew to Atlanta, Georgia, on 1/14/66 to confer with King.

OBSERVATIONS:

Levison is a wealthy individual whose communist activity has been well concealed. We have no other source who can provide quality information concerning Levison's activity. It is necessary to maintain coverage of Levison to insure that we are aware of all influence he is exerting on King.

RECOMMENDATION:

To fulfill our obligations concerning communist influence in racial matters, it is recommended that the extremely important coverage of Levison be continued.
Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject: JUNE MAIL

Date: 65 FEB 10, 1966

File Number: 100-392452-264

Permanent Serial Charge Out
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Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

[Handwritten note: Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification]
Memorandum for the Attorney General
Re: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
100-392452

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" since it concerns a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the continuation of this technical surveillance in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all technical surveillances. This surveillance is covered by symbol [REDACTED].

Memorandum of F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan dated 1/19/66 requested and approval was granted for the continuance of this technical surveillance. This memorandum is attached.
Date of Mail 1-27-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Levinson

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 27, 1966

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI WASHINGTON, D.C.

422 PM URGENT 1-26-66 JLW
TO DIRECTOR /7/ 100-392452 - ENCODED
FROM NEW YORK 100-111180 1P

STANLEY LEVISON; SM-C. 00 - NEW YORK

LEARNED ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTY-SIX, THAT ON THAT DATE, A PERSON KNOWN TO SOURCE ONLY AS JACK FROM AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THEY ARE HOLDING MEETING ON NEGRO-JEWISH RELATIONS AND WANT LEVISON TO SUGGEST NEGRO FOR IT. LEVISON SUGGESTED CLEVELAND ROBINSON /SECRETARY - TREASURER, DISTRICT SIX FIVE, RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE WORKERS UNION/ OR ATTORNEY HOPE STEVENS.

LEVISON MENTIONED HE ATTENDED MEETING /NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED/ ON NIGHT OF JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, SIXTY-SIX, WHERE THERE WAS RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM. LEVISON SAID IT WAS INSISTED UPON THAT RESOLUTION CONTAIN /CALL FOR/ CESSION OF BOMBING AND DISCUSSION WITH VIET CONG. LEVISON SAID IT WAS AGREED RESOLUTION WOULD BE REWRITTEN AND TAKEN UP ON SUNDAY. ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFO OF BUREAU. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED UNLESS CLARIFYING INFO LATER RECEIVED AS TO RESOLUTION AND MEETING MENTIONED BY LEVISON.

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DATE MARKED BY: J. G. SIK

ENC 100-392452-267

FEB 4, 1966
Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: 5/2/66

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFRINGEMENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Atlanta teletype dated 4/29/66 indicated a meeting of the "Structure Committee," Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was scheduled for 5/2/66 in Atlanta, Georgia. Stanley David Levinson, the long-time secret communist, advised Dora McDonald, Secretary to Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Martin Luther King, he would be in Atlanta to attend the meeting in question.

Prior information received has indicated this particular committee is concerned with internal problems of Southern Christian Leadership Conference resulting from laxness in administrative controls, etc., as well as promiscuous activity and otherwise undesirable conduct on the part of some Southern Christian Leadership Conference employees.

On 4/30/66 at 1:10 P. M., Section Chief, F. J. Baumgardner, telephonically instructed Atlanta SAC, Joseph Ponder, to afford Levinson what coverage he could with proper security, noting that Levinson and King will be in Atlanta at the same time. Also on 4/30/66 at 1:23 P. M., Section Chief, F. J. Baumgardner, telephonically instructed Duty Supervisor, to find out how Levinson was going to Atlanta and to then call Atlanta and let them know.

Subsequently, New York advised the Bureau and Atlanta offices by teletype dated 5/1/66 that Levinson plans to leave New York City about 9:00 P. M., 5/1/66 for Atlanta (mode of transportation not known). However, he is scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at 11:00 P. M. on 5/1/66 and will stay at the Parliament House in Atlanta.

ACTION:
Submitted for information purposes.

PTB: 100-392452
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: NEW YORK
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NEW YORK

DATE: 5/13/66
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 11/13/65 - 5/4/66

REPORT MADE BY: [Redacted]
TYPE: [Redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE: b7c

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

REFERENCE: NYrep of SA 11/19/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the last report, no information has been received by the NYO indicating CP activity on the part of LEVISON. Even though this is the case, a report is being submitted in lieu of a letter, since LEVISON continues to be MARTIN LUTHER KING's most trusted adviser. This relationship is not being set forth in this report in view of previous Bureau instructions that such information should be reported in the CIRM case.

INFORMANTS

Case has been: Pending over one year [Yes] [No]; Pending prosecution over six months [Yes] [No]

APPROVED: [Redacted]
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: [Redacted]
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Bureau (100-59252)(RM)
1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)
3 - New York (100-111160)

CLASS & EXT. BY: SP166450
REASON: PCM II, 1-2-4.2
DATE OF REVIEW: 5-13-66

Subv. Exon: 676

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency: [Redacted]
Request Recvd.: 6/13/66
Date Fwd.: 6/15/66
How Fwd.: 676
By: [Redacted]

Notations: [Confidential]
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INFORMANTS CONT'D.

Identity of Source

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Date Contacted

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. WILL continue to follow and report the activities of STANLEY LEVISON.
1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and ________ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _________________________.
6. [ ] This report is classified ___________________ because (state reason)

7. [ ]

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

10. [ ]
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-392452

NY file 100-111180

Re: Stanley David Levison

CONFIDENTIAL

May 14

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.

1. □ 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.

6. □ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph □ has been furnished □ enclosed □ is not available
□ may be available through

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1. Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U.S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Enclosure(s) 1

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)
UNited states department of office
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: 5/13/66

Date: Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-111180 Bureau File #: 100-392452

Title: STANLEY DAVID LEVINSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: As of 5/3/66, STANLEY LEVINSON resided at 585 West End Ave., NY, NY; and as of 5/4/66, he operated the Park Management Co., realtors, at 1841 Broadway, NY, NY. Confidential sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in the NY area were contacted during March and April, 1966, but could furnish no information concerning LEVINSON.

DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment and Residence

On May 3, 1966, STANLEY LEVINSON resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, and continued to operate the Park Management Company, a realty firm, at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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May 3, 1966
II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CPUSA)

Confidential sources, who are apprised of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area, were contacted in March and April, 1966, regarding STANLEY LEVISON; however, none were able to furnish any information concerning him.
Title       Stanley David Levison

Character   Internal Security - C

Reference   is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
Airtel to SAC, New York
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-34

Do not initiate counterintelligence action without prior Bureau authorization.

NOTE:

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Date of Mail 6-22-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

Stanley David Leavenson

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July 5, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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Please advise whether or not you approve the continuation of this technical surveillance for an additional six-month period.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
Memorandum for the Attorney General

NOTE:

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This memorandum recommends the continuation of this technical surveillance in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all technical surveillances. This surveillance is covered by symbol [redacted].

It is noted FD-143 indicates this surveillance was installed 4/15/65. This date is in error since Bureau records indicate it was installed 8/15/65. New York has been advised.
Date of Mail 7-5-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI

Date: 8/16/66

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT:

COMINFIL SLC

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information from a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. Two copies are enclosed for benefit of Atlanta Office.

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a source which furnishes information of a highly sensitive nature about racial matters and the Communist influence thereof.

ENCLOSURE

4 - Bureau (100-438794) (Encls. 10) (RM)
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Encls. 2) (RM)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)

1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)

1 - New York (100-149194) (42) BY-102

JMK: gmd AGENCY: ACSI. ONI, OSI, SICO, SECR.

DATE FORW.: 8/16/66

HOW FORW.: 2

BY: AUG 17 1966

CONFIDENTIAL
New York, New York  
August 16, 1966

Bureau 100-438794

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

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on August 12, 1966, that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), were in contact on that date.

Levison, in commenting on why he contacted King, said he was concerned about King's health, therefore, figured he should contact him. King said he was felled by a cold but hoped to be back on the go by August 13, 1966. He said he got sick during the SCLC Convention, which was held in Jackson, Mississippi, last week. He said the cold prevented him from attending the Convention, except for the opening session.

Levison said he was unable to attend the Convention due to pressing personal business. However, Levison did inquire if the SCLC heard the two resolutions that he drafted for the occasion. King said he took one of the resolutions and used it in his speech. In fact, according to King, he just gave the resolution to the press in advance and told them it represented what he would say when he spoke.

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.
Re: Communist Infiltration of the SCLC
Internal Security - C

Levison said in regard to the other resolution he prepared, that "The New York Times" had reported portions of it dealing with Vietnam. Both men agreed that the Convention was given very good coverage by the press.

In reference to the resolution prepared by Levison which King used as his speech, Levison said since it dealt with non-violence he was of the opinion that a book dealing with the subject should be written. Levison said "We're" at a real turn in the movement; a lot of people, he said, are asking questions, and are drawing conclusions and switching positions. King concurred with Levison and agreed that a book should be gotten out as quickly as possible.

Levison said he was going on vacation to New Hampshire on August 13, 1966, and would take the opportunity to consider the book. Following his return next week, according to Levison, he will contact King and discuss the book in greater detail.

Another matter discussed by King and Levison was the bill owed to an advertising agency which recently ran a full page statement in "The New York Times". The bill in the amount of $4,400 was for the statement on the SCLC's efforts in Chicago and Mississippi and Black Power. Levison said the agency had not charged their usual 15 per cent commission.

In considering the advertisement in question, Levison said he knew of one donation in the amount of $5,000, which resulted from the appeal. He said he did not know the name of the contributor but did say the contributor lives in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

King said there would probably be a meeting on Monday to consider bills owed by the SCLC. In that regard, King said the SCLC had been "kind of out financially and the Convention knocked us out even more". King said he was quite worried over the SCLC's financial difficulties.

In an effort to console King, Levison said as a result of a mailing to contributors there should be funds in a few days. Levison said he forecast about 400,000 mailings during 1966, adding, however, that funds derived from SCLC mailings did not provide sufficient funds to operate the SCLC. He then expressed the opinion that fund raising affairs would have to be held in New York, New York, in order to have sufficient operating funds.
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