FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

STANLEY LEVISON

PART 14 OF 14

FILE NUMBER: 100-392452
ON AUGUST FIFTEEN, INSTANT, HARRY BELAFONTE ADVISED STANLEY LEVISON THAT HE, THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY UNQUOTE HAD A CONFRONTATION WITH (SENATOR GEORGE S.) MC GOVERN ON AUGUST FOURTEEN AND THAT MC GOVERN HANDLED HIMSELF VERY WELL. BELAFONTE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THERE IS NO ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND (SENATOR EUGENE) MC CARTHY. HE ADDED THAT ANY CHARGES THAT CAN BE MADE AGAINST MC CARTH ON RACISM CAN BE MADE AGAINST MC GOVERN.

BELAFONTE ASKED LEVISON'S THINKING ON TWO THINGS. ONE, WHETHER CORETTA KING WAS COMING (PROBABLY TO CHICAGO FOR EITHER THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OR A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY MEETING) AND TWO, WHETHER LEVISON HAD ANY OBJECTION TO CORETTA ENDORSING A CANDIDATE.

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LEVISON STATED THAT SHE HAD NOT PLANNED TO GO BUT THAT
HE HAD TOLD HER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SHE GO. HE ADDED THAT HE
HAD NO OBJECTION TO CORETTA ENDORSING A CANDIDATE PROVIDED IT IS
A SOUND ENDORSEMENT.

BELAFONTE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE COMMITTE
(COMMITTEE) ENDORSE MC CARthy. HE SAID THAt WHATEVER THEY CAN
DO TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO INFLUENCE VOTES
AND CHALLENGES, THEY SHOULD DO EVEN IF IT MEANS BACKING MC CARthy.
HE NOTED THAT, AFTER THE CONVENTION, THE COMMITTEE CAN COME OUT
WITH MUCH MORE DEFINITIVE STATEMENT, IF IT IS HUMPHREY,
"THEN GO OUT TO OUR MOST RADICAL POSITION".

BELAFONTE NOTED THAT HE MET WITH MC CARthy
BEFORE THE MC GOVERNMENT MEETING AND THAT HE BELIEVES
"WE" (THE NEGRO PEOPLE) STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF
GETTING MANY OF THE THINGS "WE" WANT BECAUSE MC CARthy
IS "ICONOCLASTIC" WITHIN HIS OWN CONTEXT. BELAFONTE
SAID MC CARthy IS MUCH MORE OPEN AND SENSITIVE TO
THE THINGS "WE" NEED. HE ADDED THAT "MUCH OF IT IS
IN THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES AND PEOPLE
END PAGE TWO
PAGE THREE

WHOM HE IS TRYING TO DISRUPT. THEY (APPARENTLY MC
CARTHYITES) ARE AGAINST CERTAIN FEDERAL AGENCIES,
THEY ARE AGAINST THE FBI, THE CIA, AND BECAUSE HE ISN'T
THE BOSOM BUDDY OF BLACK PEOPLE DOESN'T MEAN THAT
THERE AREN'T A LOT OF THINGS WE CAN GET IF BY SOME
FLUKE HE SHOULD BECOME PRESIDENT”.

LEVISON SAID HE WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS PROVIDED
THE STATEMENT (OF ENDORSEMENT) IS CAREFULLY WORDED.

BELAFONTE URGED LEVISON TO BE IN CHICAGO ON AUGUST
NINETEEN ALTHOUGH LEVISON HAD NOT PLANNED ON IT.
HE SAID HE WOULD BE AT THE ASTOR TOWERS AND THAT LEVISON
SHOULD CALL HIS SECRETARY AND HAVE HER GET RESERVATIONS
FOR LEVISON THERE. LEVISON AGREED.

BELAFONTE SAID LEVISON SHOULD BE IN CHICAGO ON THE
NINETEENTH AND AT “OUR MEETING” ON THE TWENTY FIRST
WHICH MEETING WILL BE OPEN. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THERE
SHOULD BE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE TWENTY FIRST.
HE NOTED THAT CONYERS’ (CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF
MICHIGAN) OFFICE DID A GOOD JOB IN MOBILIZING PEOPLE
TO CONFRONT MC GOVERN. BELAFONTE STATED IT IS
NOT SUFFICIENT TO INTERROGATE THESE “GUYS” (CANDIDATES)
BUT THAT THEY HAVE TO STATE WHAT THEIR PLATFORM IS
END PAGE THREE
AND CONFRONT THE "GUYS" WITH IT. HE ASKED LEVISON TO FORMULATE SOME OF THE THINGS THEY SHOULD ASK.

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT OF ALL AVAILABLE NOMINEES MC CARTHY IS BETTER THAN THE OTHERS ON KEY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY ON WAR. HE ASKED IF BELAFONTE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH CONYERS, ABOUT MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE SAID CONYERS HAD COME AROUND TO THIS WAY OF THINKING. HE SAID THE ONLY PERSON HE, BELAFONTE, HAS TO DEAL WITH NOW WOULD BE HATCHER (MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER, GARY, INDIANA). HE SAID HE IS SATISFIED THAT HATCHER'S APPRAISAL OF HIS SITUATION VS- A-VIS HUMPHREY "GIVES US THIS OPENING TO DO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT".

LEVISON NOTED THAT CORETTA KING HAD ENDORSED MC CARTHY WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ALIVE BUT THAT HE HAD ADVISED HER TO WITHDRAW IT AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION, BECAUSE SHE WAS THEN A PUBLIC FIGURE AND HAD TO REEXAMINE ALL HER POSITIONS. HE SAID CORETTA MIGHT NEED SOME CONVINCING BUT THAT HE WOULD LET HER KNOW HE IS FOR IT. HE NOTED THAT THE FACT THAT SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HUMPHREY ON THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL CENTER MAY END TO BOTHER HER.

END PAGE FOUR
BELAFONTE, ALLUDING TO THE CONFRONTATION WITH MC GOVERN, STATED THAT WHEN MC GOVERN SAID HE WOULD ENDORSE WHOMEVER IS THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, NATCHER CHALLENGED HIM ASKING HOW HE COULD BE AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR, TALK ABOUT RACISM, THEN ENDORSE HUMPHREY. HE SAID MC GOVERN'S POSITION IS THAT HE IS AGAINST NIXON, WOULD VOTE FOR HUMPHREY WITH A HEAVY HEART, BUT AGAINST NIXON.

BELAFONTE AGREED WITH LEVISON THAT THEY CANNOT FORGET THAT THERE IS AN "EVIL FORCE-NIXON- STANDING ACROSS THE ROOM". LEVISON SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO HAVE A NEW FORMULATION POINTING OUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO DEFEAT A "WILDLY DANGEROUS FORCE LIKE NIXON".

BELAFONTE STATED THEY KNOW THEY CAN BREAK THE BACK OF A PRESIDENT, CITING LYNDON JOHNSON WHOM HE SAID THEY BROKE ON THE BLACK ISSUE AND THE VIETNAM WAR.

LEVISON AND BELAFONTE AGREED THAT IF ANY PRESIDENT IS NOT DOING WHAT THEY WANT TO DO THEY WOULD NOT QUIT BUT GO TO WORK AND RUIN HIM. THEY AGREED WITH NIXON AS PRESIDENT IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO RUIN HIM.

END PAGE FIVE
Levison said he would see Belafonte Monday evening (August Nineteen).

For the information of Chicago, the committee of inquiry has been indicated to be a grouping of elected Negro officials who will pass on the qualifications of candidates for public office and then either endorse or not endorse this candidate. Congressman John Conyers is a prime mover in this committee.

A photograph of Levison is being sent Chicago by separate mail.

Am copies of this tel sent to At, De, Ip and Mp.

Memo
No LHM being submitted.

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End

WABEE

LHM R RELAY

FBI WASH DC
August 19, 1968

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. T. Z. Bishop
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

Mrs. Wildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the following information.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that according to Harry Belafonte, prominent Negro entertainer, the National Committee of Inquiry, a committee of Negroes formed to decide whether or not a candidate for public office should be endorsed, had a confrontation with Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, on August 14, 1968. According to Belafonte, Senator McGovern handled himself very well. Belafonte expressed the opinion that there is no essential difference between Senator McGovern and Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota. At this confrontation Senator McGovern allegedly said he would endorse whoever is the Democratic presidential candidate. Senator McGovern was challenged by Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, who asked how Senator McGovern could be against the Vietnam War and then endorse Vice President Hubert Humphrey. According to Belafonte, Senator McGovern's position is that he is against the Republican candidate, Richard Nixon, and would vote for Vice President Humphrey reluctantly.
Mrs. Mildred Stegall

The source also learned that Belafonte asked Stanley Levinson whether he had any objection to Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., endorsing a presidential candidate. Levinson is an adviser to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

Levinson reportedly had no objection to Mrs. King's endorsing a candidate, provided it is a sound endorsement. Levinson noted that Mrs. King had endorsed Senator McCarthy while her husband was alive, but Levinson advised her to withdraw the endorsement after the assassination of her husband. Levinson noted that of all the available nominees, Senator McCarthy is the best candidate on key issues, especially on war.

Belafonte reportedly told Levinson that "they can break the back of a President," citing President Johnson whom he said broke on the racial issue and the Vietnam war. Belafonte and Levinson agreed that if any President is not doing what they want him to do they would "ruin" him.

Belafonte and Levinson reportedly discussed the National Committee of Inquiry, and Belafonte expressed the opinion that the Committee should endorse Senator McCarthy. Levinson asked Belafonte if he had discussed this with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, who was instrumental in forming this Committee. Belafonte claimed Congressman Conyers had "come around to this way of thinking," and the only person Belafonte now has to deal with is Mayor Hatcher. He noted that, after the Democratic National Convention, if the nominee is Vice President Humphrey, the Committee can "go out to our most radical position."

Belafonte said Senator McCarthy is more sensitive to the things the Negro people need and is against certain Federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.
Mrs. Mildred Stegall

Later, the source learned that according to Levison it has been agreed that Mrs. King will publicly endorse Senator McCarthy. Levison noted that Senator McCarthy placed Mrs. King in an awkward position by saying he would appoint her as United States Ambassador to the United Nations if he is elected President. According to Levison, it will now appear Mrs. King is supporting Senator McCarthy because of this.

Belafonte reportedly instructed Levison to get reservations at the Astor Towers, in Chicago, Illinois, where Belafonte will be staying, and to be in Chicago, by August 19, 1968.

No further dissemination is being made of the above data.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

The data set forth above was contained in New York teletypes dated 8/15/68, and 8/16/68, captioned, "Stanley David Levison: Internal Security - Communist," and "Communist Influence in Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Internal Security - Communist." Informative notes on these teletypes indicated we would limit dissemination to the White House.

Classified "Secret" since it sets forth data from a most sensitive New York source. Unauthorized disclosure of this data may jeopardize the source and be prejudicial to national defense interests.
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5/16/68

On this date, CLARENCE JONES told STANLEY LEVISON of a telegram Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY had sent to CORETTA KING and RALPH ABERNATHY, SCILC President, extending his greetings and concern to the SCILC’s Poor People’s Campaign. They want on to discuss Presidential candidate RICHARD NIXON’s posture on the civil rights situation and NIXON’s plan of building ghetto industries owned by people in the ghetto. LEVISON attacked this idea.

JONES then brought up the subject of the Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY campaign for the presidency and mentioned that there was a split in the movement with two contending points of view. They went on to discuss this situation and both agreed that the main concern should be stopping Vice-President HUMPHREY’s bid. They also discussed a speech JONES was to give at a MC CARTHY rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 5/22/68, captioned "SCILC - Racial Matters".

6/3,4/68

On 6/3/68, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE discussed BAYARD RUSTIN’S statement crystalizing the demands of the Poor People’s Campaign (PPC) issued on 6/2/68. LEVISON was extremely critical of RUSTIN claiming that RUSTIN had swept aside MARTIN LUTHER KING’s program.

On the same date LEVISON expressed his displeasure over RUSTIN’s changing the demands of the PPC to RALPH ABERNATHY, SCILC President. ABERNATHY professed to know nothing about RUSTIN’s change of the demands of the SCILC and LEVISON castigated ABERNATHY stating it was no way to run an organization. LEVISON also questioned the necessity of having a mass mobilization on 6/19/68 in Washington, D.C., stating it was not vital.
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ABERNATHY blamed ANDREW YOUNG for RUSTIN being brought in to run the 6/19/68 mobilization and asked LEVINSON for advice. LEVINSON said he did not feel he could give advice to ABERNATHY under the existing conditions.

On 6/4/68, LEVINSON and ANDREW YOUNG discussed a forthcoming SCLC meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. LEVINSON again brought up the RUSTIN matter stating that the PPC effort in Washington was being sabotaged by actions such as bringing RUSTIN in to lead the 6/19/68 mobilization. They agreed to meet in Washington on 6/4/68.

This information was forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 6/5/68 captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

6/6/68

On this date, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor from Chicago, and STANLEY LEVINSON discussed CORETTA KING's determination to keep the use of MARTIN LUTHER KING's name for herself. They agreed that CORETTA has been convinced of this by HARRY WACHTEL. LEVINSON also mentioned a proposition of ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC Executive Vice-President, to set CORETTA KING up in an office with assistants.

On the same date, MARIAN LOGAN, SCLC Executive Board member told LEVINSON about the unsavory conditions she had found in the SCLC's Resurrection City in Washington, D.C. She said she had complained so bitterly that an Administrative Committee meeting was to be held at the Pitt Motel in Washington, D.C. on 6/7/68. They also discussed BAYARD RUSTIN's call for support of the mass mobilization scheduled for 6/19/68.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 6/12/68, captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".
On this date, STANLEY LEIVISON discussed with Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Michigan the National Committee of Inquiry. LEIVISON mentioned how he had developed and maintained the SCLC mail appeal for the past 2 years and offered to conduct a similar operation for the National Committee. They agreed to meet to discuss this in Washington, D.C., on 6/19/68, before the SCLC's Poor People's Campaign Solidarity Day march on Washington, D.C. LEIVISON also suggested that CONYERS ask CORETTA KING to join this committee. He also said that he favored HARRY BELAFONTE, SIDNEY POITIER and RICHARD HATCHER, Mayor of Gary, Indiana.

LEIVISON also recommended to CONYERS for employment in CONYERS' Washington Office a young man whom he described as a Cornell graduate who is involved in civil rights.

(It was subsequently indicated that this was ROBERT FILNER, son of JOSEPH and SARAH FILNER, former CP members in Pittsburgh, Pa.; JOSEPH FILNER being an associate of LEIVISON.)

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 6/25/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEIVISON, IS - C".

On this date, STANLEY LEIVISON discussed Congressman JOHN CONYERS' Committee of Inquiry with MOE FONER of the Drug and Hospital Workers Union. He said he was interested in the committee because he felt it might be the new, young responsible leadership (among Negroes). He asked FONER if he would have space for a New York Office of the committee and FONER said he would provide a desk and telephone.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 7/2/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEIVISON, IS - C". 
On this date, STANLEY LEVISON advised ANDREW YOUNG that MARTY PERETZ (Harvard University lecturer), who is in close contact with Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY, wanted YOUNG and LEVISON to meet with MC CARTHY that week.

LEVISON then contacted PERETZ and told him YOUNG had agreed to the meeting as long as it was private. PERETZ said he would contact LEVISON about the exact date of the meeting.

This information was furnished to the Bureau, Boston and WFO by teletype dated 7/5/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS-C".

7/19/68

On 7/19/68, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor in Chicago, and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the composition of a new SCLC Research Committee suggested by RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC President. They agreed to a meeting of this committee in New York City on 7/25/68.

On 7/21/68, LEVISON was in contact with BAYARD RUSTIN who told LEVISON of a request he received from RALPH ABERNATHY to intercede with NORMAN COUSINS (Editor of "Saturday Review") to get Mrs. ABERNATHY an invitation to a conference of women being held in New York by COUSINS on 7/23/68. RUSTIN also told LEVISON of an attempt made to depose ABERNATHY as the SCLC leader while he, RUSTIN, was coordinator of the 6/19/68 mobilization.

RUSTIN also mentioned that ABERNATHY had requested him to make a major speech at the forthcoming SCLC National Convention and he and LEVISON discussed how RUSTIN should handle this request. They also discussed the lack of organization and leadership within the SCLC.

RUSTIN also mentioned his involvement with a committee which is to support the challenge of the Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention.
On the same date LEVISON discussed the RUSTIN contact with CORETTA KING as well as the state of the leadership of the SCLC. He told her of the purpose of the Research Committee and furnished to CORETTA's aide a speech he had prepared for her.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by letter and LHM dated 7/24/68, captioned "SCLC - Racial Matters".

8/1/68

On this date, STANLEY LEVISON and Congressman JOHN CONYERS of Michigan discussed the National Committee of Inquiry being formed by CONYERS. CONYERS noted that an office was being opened in Washington, D.C., and that a press conference was being called for 8/2/68. He further named the members of the Executive Committee and noted that members of the National Committee had met with Senator MC CARTHY in Detroit on 7/27/68.

LEVISON and CONYERS then discussed MC CARTHY with LEVISON telling CONYERS of a meeting he and ANDREW YOUNG had with Senator MC CARTHY. He noted that MC CARTHY did eventually follow through on a number of things they suggested to him.

LEVISON also asked CONYERS about a mailing of a fund appeal letter (which function LEVISON had offered to handle) and CONYERS said he had intended to contact LEVISON about it.

LEVISON agreed with CONYERS' idea to form a loose organization "Friends of the National Committee of Inquiry". LEVISON suggested that the Drug and Hospital Employees Union could be helpful in New York and strongly recommended CLEVELAND ROBINSON, Treasurer of District 65, Retail Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union for the Committee of Inquiry. CONYERS agreed to contact ROBINSON immediately.
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This information was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by urgent teletype captioned "STANLEY LEVISON, IS - C" on 2/2/68.
During the past 90 days voluminous pertinent information has been received through this treasure depicting the extent of Levison's influence over Mrs. King and SCLC leaders. Levison's manipulations in regard to the presidential candidates have also been indicated by this installation. Some examples follow:

On May 16, 1968, Levison discussed the presidential candidates and agreed that the main concern was to stop Vice President Humphrey's bid.

On June 3 and 4, 1968, Levison discussed a proposed mass demonstration scheduled for June 19, 1968, in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Poor People's Campaign and why Bayard Rustin was chosen to run the demonstration.

On June 17, 1968, Levison discussed with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan the formation of a National Committee of Inquiry consisting of Negroes who decided whether or not a candidate for public office should be endorsed. Levison also recommended a young man for Conyer's staff. The young man was subsequently identified as the son of former Communist Party members.
On July 4, 1968, Levison was instrumental in arranging a meeting between Senator Eugene McCarthy and Levison and Andrew Young, Vice President of the SCLC.

On August 1, 1968, Levison discussed the results of the meeting of Senator McCarthy, Andrew Young, and himself. He also discussed the composition of the Executive Board of the National Committee of Inquiry and some of the activities of that group.

Because of the extreme importance of knowing the communist influence in the civil rights movement at this critical time in the Nation's social history, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, it is recommended that it be continued for another 90 days.

The Attorney General authorized continuation of this telephone surveillance effective July 1, 1968.
TO:      DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM:   SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
         ES - C
         (CO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 8/29/68

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There are enclosed for the Bureau nine copies
of an LRM reflecting

The source of this information is
on 8/2/68 and 8/14/68.

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REASON - FCIN II. 1-2-4-8-2-4-8
DATE OF REVIEW 8-28-68
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100-392452-318
November 9, 1968

Mr. C. D. Brennan

RE: Stanley David Levinson

Dear Sir:

Report concerning the subject (or subjects) have been furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Edgar Hoover

Director

Department of Justice

100-392452-319
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-27367) (RM)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

15 - C

CO: NEW YORK

Re New York teletype to Director and Chicago dated 8/15/68, advising captioned individual planned to be in Chicago during Democratic National Convention.

Sources and informants of the Chicago Division are unaware of LEVISON's presence or activities in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

RE: 100-392452-320

CLASS & EXT. BY: SKL/14

REASON: PCIN II, 1-2-4-2 (E)

DATE OF REVIEW: 9/13/68

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
September 16, 1968

Stanley David Levison
Internal Security-Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1968, [redacted].

The source was unable to furnish information [redacted].

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CLASS: [redacted]
REASON: PCIN II, 1-2-6-8
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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL

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Permanent Serial Charge Out
MEMORANDUM

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 20, 1968

O. D. Brennan

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

Dr. David L. Levion

The Attorney General, under date of 9/27/63, approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 10/1/63. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 9/24/63, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

ACTION:

None. For information.

Enclosure

33-9188

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Donigan
1 - Mr. Cotter
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. W. Smith
1 - Mr. Hannall
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

October 4, 1968

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, i.e., this communication becomes unclassified.)
is one copy of a letterhead memorandum
dated 9/16/65, at New York, New York, captioned "Stanley David
Levison, Internal Security - Communist."
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October 7, 1968

Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

RE: STANLEY DAVIS LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Dear Sir:

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being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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100-392452-323
20 OCT 1968

Enclosure to Department of State and the Internal Security Division of the Department are one copy each of a letterhead memorandum dated 9/16/68, captioned "Stanley David Levison, Internal Security - Communist.”

[Signature]
Memorandum

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

DATE: 10/9/68

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AGENCY: AGENCY.
DATE REV: 10/14/68

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2 - New York (#43) EX 110 12 OCT 10 1968

CLASS. & EXT. BY:
REASON: FCIN 17, 1-24.8 12
DATE OF REVIEW: 10-5-68

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ENCLOSURE
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COHNPIL SCLC
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(00:AT)

There are enclosed for the Bureau II copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [REDACTED] on 10/14/68, concerning the National Committee of Inquiry.

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1- Washington Field (INFO) (RM)
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100-592453-NR dated 10/15/68 page 2.
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained on October 14, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with Stanley Levison. According to the source, Levison alluded to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry held in Gary, Indiana, the weekend of October 13, 1968, which he said he attended.

Levison noted that at the meeting there was a majority ready to endorse Vice President Hubert Humphrey with qualifications but that Humphrey made a tactical mistake. He said Humphrey did not want to attend the meeting and in addition came out with a "law and order" speech the night before the meeting. Levison stated that those two things changed the position of Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President and Richard Hatcher, Gary, Indiana Mayor.

Levison noted that when Young and Hatcher changed their position in the middle of the meeting, the meeting split in half and nothing could be accomplished. He said there was great concern that the committee must go on, that it has a role to play in political life and, if it endorsed Humphrey, would be attacked by militants on the ground that it is just another appendage of the Democrat Party.

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, October 15, 1968, page 34, columns 1-3 contained an article "Negroes Set Price to Aid Humphrey" datelined October 14, 1968, at Gary, Indiana. This article noted that a news conference had been called to announce the decision of the committee, reached the previous day, not to give Vice President Humphrey even a qualified endorsement. The article notes that the committee was formed in March 1968, by Representative John Conyers Jr. of Michigan with the aid of Martin Luther King to investigate the positions of the Presidential candidates and make recommendations to the Negro voters.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 26, 1957, 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.
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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
SUBJECT: SAC, NEW YORK

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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BUFILE 100-392452
NYFILE 100-111180
(CO: NEW YORK)

JOSEPH HYMAN FILNER
SM - C
BUFILE 100-2341
NYFILE 100-90890
(CO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 11/15/68

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100-392452-326 excl. page 8.
Joseph Filner is a white, male, five feet nine inches, heavy build, hazel eyes, light brown hair, who was born on September 11, 1913.

Stanley Levison is a white, male, five feet seven-eight inches, 155 pounds, bron greying hair, brown eyes and wears glasses. He was born May 2, 1912.
Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

RE: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST
JOSEPH HYNAN PILNER
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Dear Sir:

Reports concerning the subject (or subjects) ☐ have been ☐ are being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Memorandum

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

DATE: 11/26/68

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Memorandum

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

DATE: NOV 29, 1960

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 11/22/68, concerning STANLEY LEVISON'S and HARRY BELAFONTE'S intention to persuade JOHN CONYERS to give up his post as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry.

Information copies of this LHM are being forwarded to Atlanta, Detroit and Indianapolis.

AGENCY: AC-7, SEC. OGI, SEC. SER.
DATE OF REVIEW: 12 DEC 1968

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   - Indianapolis (100-)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on November 22, 1968, that on that date both Stanley Levison and Harry Belafonte were critical of John Conyers (Congressman from Detroit, Michigan). Levison and Belafonte agreed that Conyers is not doing the job as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry and that they must persuade him to surrender this position and make it a rotating job with the first chairman to be either Dick Hatcher (Mayor of Gary, Indiana) or Julian Bond (Georgia legislator).

Subsequently, on November 22, 1968, the source learned that John Conyers agreed to meet with Levison and Belafonte at their convenience that weekend. This meeting was later arranged for noon on November 23, 1968, at Belafonte's place.

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Stanley Levison

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100-392456-330 pages 1, 2, 3
On 8/11/68, ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC and STANLEY LEVISON discussed putting some competent person in charge of SCLC operations in New York.

They also discussed the Poor People's representation at the Republican National Convention with LEVISON criticizing RALPH ABERNATHY for being slow-witted. LEVISON also criticized ABERNATHY for going with Governor KIRK of Florida to the community where an outbreak of violence occurred during the convention.

YOUNG mentioned that he was supposed to give the key-note address at the SCLC convention in Memphis, Tennessee and mentioned what he planned to talk about. LEVISON offered some suggestions.

This information was submitted to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM, dated 8/13/68, and captioned "COMINPIL SCLC; IS-C".

On 8/13/68, HARRY BELAFONTE and STANLEY LEVISON discussed a request of CORETTA KING to requisition 50% of the SCLC Fund. LEVISON explained that the fund involved was the MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial Fund which was established with the understanding that it be shared with CORETTA.

BELAFONTE asked LEVISON to discuss this matter with SCLC aide, BERNARD LEE, when LEVISON met with him on 8/14/68, because BELAFONTE felt a confrontation was imminent between the SCLC and CORETTA KING. LEVISON noted he would meet with LEE.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 8/15/68, and captioned "COMINPIL SCLC; IS-C".
8/15/68

On 8/15/68, HARRY BELAFONTE told LEVISON that the National Committee of Inquiry met with (Senator GEORGE S.) MC GOVERN on 8/14/68, and that there is no essential differences between MC GOVERN and (Senator EUGENE) MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE asked LEVISON if he had any objection to CORETTA KING endorsing a candidate. He also indicated that he was in favor of endorsing Senator MC CARTHY and felt the Committee of Inquiry should endorse him.

LEVISON said he would go along provided the endorsement is carefully worded. He also said he would let CORETTA KING know that he was in favor of her endorsing MC CARTHY.

BELAFONTE and LEVISON agreed they could not forget that NIXON is an evil force and should be defeated.

LEVISON agreed to be in Chicago on 8/19/68 for a meeting.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Chicago by teletype dated 8/15/68, with copies to interested offices. The teletype was captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

9/9/68

On this date the source made available the travel plans of STANLEY LEVISON to leave New York City on 9/19/68, for a business trip to Quayaquil, Ecuador.

This information was furnished the Bureau by LHM dated 9/16/68, and captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

10/6/68

On this date the source advised that LEVISON had returned from Ecuador on the night of 10/5/68.
NY 100-111180

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This information was furnished the Bureau by LHM, dated 10/9/68, under the subject's caption.

10/14/68

On 10/14/68, STANLEY LEVISON, in contact with CLARENCE JONES, alluded to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry held in Gary, Indiana, the weekend of 10/13/68, which LEVISON attended. LEVISON noted that the meeting was ready to endorse Vice President HUMPHREY with qualifications but that HUMPHREY'S "law and order" speech the night before plus his reluctance to attend the meeting, changed the position of ANDREW YOUNG and Mayor RICHARD HATCHER of Gary, Indiana. He said this split the meeting and that no endorsement was made.

This information was furnished the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 10/15/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCILC; IS-C".

10/28/68

On 10/28/68, LEVISON conferred with ANDREW YOUNG, about Senator EUGENE MC CARY'S forthcoming endorsement of Vice President HUMPHREY on 10/30/68. YOUNG said he had arranged the meeting at which the announcement would be made. YOUNG also said that MC CARY wanted him to arrange a meeting with HUMPHREY.

LEVISON felt that MC CARY would meet with HUMPHREY reluctantly and does not want to arrange the meeting himself. LEVISON suggested having one OFIELD DUKE in Washington, D.C. handle the arrangements.

LEVISON also discussed CORETTA KING'S endorsement of HUMPHREY at a press conference on 10/29/68.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and Atlanta by teletype 10/28/68, with copies to interested offices. It was captioned "COMINFIL SCILC; IS-C".

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Levison, a long-time communist, was a principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He has continued in this capacity for King's successor and King's widow. He is particularly active in fund-raising and his counsel is sought in a number of areas in the field of civil rights, including political considerations. Because of this communist influence, this treasure is of great value and importance to national security.

During the past 90 days, this treasure has furnished an abundance of information concerning Levison's influence over the affairs of the SCLC and over other aspects of the civil rights movement. The source has furnished considerable information about the "in-fighting" within the SCLC in which friction and dissension have developed since the death of King. Also, information was received about the activities of the National Committee of Inquiry concerning the 1968 national elections. This committee is composed of a number of Negroes who evaluate political candidates and decide which candidates will be endorsed. Levison was in on the setting up of this committee and has been frequently contacted concerning its deliberations.

Because the civil rights movement is a target for Communist Party influence and control, the valuable information received from this treasure is unique in that Levison's position in the civil rights movement has made him the trusted confidant of a number of civil rights leaders, activists, and manipulators who are quite candid in their discussions with him because of his long history of association with them and/or their associates.
NY 100-11180

It is recommended that this source be continued for another 90 days.

The Attorney General authorized continuation of this telephone surveillance for three months effective October 1, 1968.

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]

State Department and Internal Security Division of Department advised separately.
Date of Mail  1-6-69

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Stanley David Luseon

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: C. D. Brennan

DATE: January 6, 1969

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

The Attorney General under date of 12/31/68 approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 1/1/69. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 12/24/68, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General's approval.

ACTION:
None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Cotter
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of
an LHM containing information from
on 2/17/69,
which concerns a discussion between JACK O’DELL and STANLEY
LEVISON concerned with the National Committee of Inquiry.

The NYO has no information concerning the JESSIE
BELL mentioned in this LHM. LEVISON asked O’DELL if he saw
HATCHER and O’DELL replied that he didn’t see him directly but
saw his "chief". LEVISON asked if this was JESSIE BELL and
O’DELL said it was. O’DELL then said he would be in touch
with "him" the next day and LEVISON said that HARRY (BELAFONTE)
wants to have dinner with "him".

The NYO believes that the "him" referred to is
RICHARD HATCHER of Gary, Indiana, and in order to make this
LHM meaningful it is so reported in the LHM.

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1- New York (100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE)
1- New York (157-2893) (NCI) (43)
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DATE FORT: 253
By: 167
CLASS: KAC.
REMARKS: 946
NUMBER OF REAMS: 2

APPROVED: 253
Agent in Charge

CONFIDENTIAL
Information copies are furnished for Atlanta, Detroit and Indianapolis.
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained that on February 17, 1969, Jack O'Dell and Stanley Levison discussed matters pertaining to the National Committee of Inquiry (NCI). O'Dell, who indicated he had returned to New York from a trip out of town, told Levison that he had not seen Hatcher (Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana) but did see Hatcher's assistant, one Jessie Bell. O'Dell indicated he was uncertain about one point to be brought up and contacted Levison because he planned to be in touch with Hatcher on February 18, 1969.

Levison said he had made arrangements with Harry (Belafonte) who would like to have dinner with him. He suggested that O'Dell ask Hatcher if he could be available for the dinner get together. He added that O'Dell could tell him that Harry and himself want to discuss the NCI.

Levison felt that if Belafonte had no objection, O'Dell should be present but O'Dell was hesitant. Levison explained that O'Dell's presence might be good but that he would not force this issue with Belafonte if Belafonte felt the dinner should only include those who have been involved in the NCI. Levison, according to the source, finally felt O'Dell should not be present because they were going to have to say a great deal that will be confidential about John Conyers, Congressman from Detroit, Michigan.
Stanley David Levison

The NCIC was formed in June, 1968, with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan as its temporary chairman. It was announced as a panel of leading Negroes in the United States whose purpose was to evaluate all Presidential candidates.

Jack O'Dell is listed in the Fall, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" Magazine, under the name J. H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, publisher of "freedomways" Magazine is attached.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
APPENDIX

1.

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 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON.

The Second Quarter, 1966, 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, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIMS.

On March 16, 1966, a fourth source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON
as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

This source advised in July, 1962, that as of that period, O'DELL was considered by the CPUSA, as being a member of its National Committee.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

RM, IS-C
(CO: NEW YORK)

There are enclosed for the Bureau 9 copies of an
LHW containing information from

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AGENCY: [Redacted]

DATE FILL: 3/16/69

HOW FILL: [Redacted]

BY: [Redacted]

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CLASS & EXT: BY [Redacted]

REASON-FCIN II, 1-24.2-3

DATE OF REVIEW: [Redacted]

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By U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has informed us that...

The source was unable to furnish information...

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FBI

Date: 2/27/69

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Via

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(Priority)

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT:

STANLEY LEVISON

RACIAL MATTERS,

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(00: NY)

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 2/25/69, concerning a contact between Congressman [redacted] and STANLEY LEVISON about the National Committee of Inquiry.

Information copies of this LHM are being furnished Atlanta, Detroit and WFO. To Atlanta because of its interest in LEVINSON and his relations with the SCLC and to WFO because of its interest in the NCI. Detroit has an interest in JOHN CONVERS.

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Approved: 11-20-69

Special Agent in Charge

RAC

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 25, 1969, that Congressman Conyers of Detroit and Stanley Levison discussed the National Committee of Inquiry (NCI). According to the source, Levison suggested that, in view of the demands on Conyers' time, someone else should be given the responsibility of moving the NCI forward. Levison stated the NCI cannot move without contact with Conyers and suggested they schedule an executive committee meeting. Conyers agreed.

Levison also mentioned that Harry Belafonte, who is most interested in the NCI, is disappointed with the way things are going. He added that he and Belafonte agree that things are not going right in the civil rights movement and that there is no direction in the movement.

Levison agreed with Conyers that there hardly is a movement. He said one of the reasons for this is the inactivity of the leadership. He also mentioned that no one has come forward with a program.
Levison expressed the opinion that the movement must turn political and Conyers agreed. He maintained that the basis was laid by the old civil rights movement, that the movement has no issue to move it, and that it has to be picked up by political power. According to Levison, the one place there is power is in political power because Negroes have the numbers which will guarantee it. However, nobody has organized it as yet.

Conyers advised Levison he would meet with Levison and Belafonte on March 13; 14, 1969.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
Attached concerns conversation between Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and advisor to late Martin Luther King, Jr., and Congressman John Conyers, of Detroit, regarding National Committee of Inquiry, a Negro group formed during last election to pass on political candidates. Conyers to meet with Levison and entertainer Harry Belafonte. Information will be disseminated to Secret Service, military intelligence agencies, and appropriate divisions of the Department.
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On 11/11/68 the source furnished the travel plans of STANLEY LEVISON and JOSEPH FILNER and their wives for a trip to Japan and return.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 11/15/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C : JOSEPH HYMAN FILNER; SM-C".

On 11/24/68, the source advised that STANLEY LEVISON was ill with the flu and that he and his wife had cancelled their trip to Japan.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 11/26/68, captioned "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; IS-C".

On 11/18/68, STANLEY LEVISON discussed with CORETTA KING the subject matter of an address which she was to deliver at a dinner on 11/22/68. LEVISON said he had prepared a draft of this address for CORETTA and would get the final draft to her.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 11/22/68, captioned "COMINFIL SDLC; IS-C".

On 11/22/68, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE were critical of JOHN CONYERS (US Congressman from Detroit). They agreed that CONYERS is not doing the job as Chairman of the National Committee of Inquiry and that they must persuade him to surrender this position and make it a rotating position.
On the same date CONYERS agreed to meet with LEVISON and BELAFONTE on 11/23/68 at BELAFONTE's place.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested officers by letter and LHM dated 11/23/68, captioned "STANLEY LEVISON; IS-C".

12/3/68

On 12/3/68, STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President of the SCLC, discussed JACK O'DELL and his future relationship with the SCLC. YOUNG said that O'DELL has agreed to work in New York and indicated that part of his work would concern the film on M. L. KING, Jr.

LEVISON expressed his intention to follow up on this matter with O'DELL.

This information was furnished the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 12/3/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

12/7/68

On 12/7/68, STANLEY LEVISON and JACK O'DELL discussed O'DELL's working with the SCLC. O'DELL said he was considering working for the SCLC but wanted to discuss it with LEVISON. He noted that he had met with ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC Executive Vice President, and had attended the last day of a three-day SCLC staff meeting but wanted more insight from LEVISON.

They agreed to meet for further discussion on 12/9/68, at LEVISON's office.

O'DELL was observed with LEVISON on 12/9/68.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Atlanta by letter and LHM dated 12/12/68, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".
On 1/6/69, STANLEY LEVINSON told HARRY WACHTEL that JACK O'DELL will have three functions with the SCLC, one, the picture project on the life of M. L. KING, Jr.; two, future SCLC benefits; and three, whatever offices are still operating in New York that are still SCLC or quasi-SCLC.

On the same date, LEVINSON gave advice to CORETTA KING on matters that involved her personally.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

On 1/12, 12/69

On 1/12/69, STANLEY LEVINSON commented on a meeting recently held in Atlanta, Ga. concerning the M.L. KING Memorial Center. He said it was hoped that the four blocks from KING's home to the church will be made into a memorial center. He said he got the cost involved down to 20 million dollars.

On 1/13/69, LEVINSON again referred to meeting concerned with the M. L. KING Memorial Center. He said that KING's father praised him, LEVINSON, at the meeting which speech devastated Professor VINCENT HARDING who is supposed to be in charge of the center. He said this was so because HARDING is a black nationalist and dislikes LEVINSON.

This information was sent to the Bureau and Atlanta by airtel and LHM dated 1/15/69, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".

On 1/13/69, STANLEY LEVINSON stated that JOSEPH PILNER has purchased a manor house in England complete with chauffeur and servants and plans to spend three months each year in England working on a project (not explained).
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This information was forwarded to the Bureau by letter and LHM dated 1/20/69, and captioned "JOSEPH HYMAN FELNER: SM-C".

1/27, 28/69

On 1/27/69, STANLEY LEVISON told SCLC official JOSEPH LOWERY that the new SCLC money appeal letter should contain a statement on anti-Semitism especially in the New York area. LOWERY agreed but said he would discuss it with SCLC President RALPH ABERNATHY.

They also discussed a recent statement by JAMES BEVEL, SCLC official, regarding the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY, alleged assassin of M.L.KING, Jr. LEVISON was critical of ABERNATHY's statement supporting BEVEL.

On 1/28/69, DORA MC DONALD, SCLC Secretary told LEVISON that ABERNATHY had wanted to talk to LEVISON before a press conference he was holding to get LEVISON's advice on what he should say concerning the BEVEL matter.

This information was sent to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel and LHM dated 1/30/69, captioned "CONINFIL SCLC: IS-C".

2/4/69

On 2/4/69, DORA MC DONALD, SCLC Secretary contacted STANLEY LEVISON concerning CORETTA KING's intention of contacting President NIXON that afternoon to ask for help with the M.L. KING Memorial Center.

LEVISON counseled that there was nothing wrong with this as long as CORETTA took the approach that it is not a question of asking the President for a favor but rather that the government owes it to the Negroes and to the memory of M.L. KING, Jr. to establish a memorial.
This information was telephonically furnished the Bureau on 2/4/69, followed by a teletype the same date captioned "COMINFIL SCLC; IS-C".
Levison is a long-time communist. He was a principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He has continued in this capacity for King's widow and to a certain extent to King's successor in the SCLC, Ralph D. Abernathy. The fund-raising for the SCLC is under Levison's general supervision and his counsel is sought in a number of areas in the civil rights field, including political considerations. Because of this communist influence in a civil rights organization with the stature of the SCLC, this treasure is of great value and importance to national security.

During the past 90 days, this treasure has continued to furnish valuable information concerning Levison's influence over the affairs of the SCLC, other aspects of the civil rights movement, his evaluation of various civil rights issues, his influence over political figures active in civil rights, and the friction and dissension present in the SCLC under Abernathy's leadership. Information from this surveillance which was given high level dissemination included the employment of Jack O'Dell, member of the Communist Party, USA, National Committee, as aide to the President of the SCLC; and the intention of Coretta King to contact President Nixon regarding the Martin Luther King Memorial Center which she wants the Government to establish.

This telephone surveillance was last approved by the Attorney General on 12/31/68.

It is recommended that this source be continued for another 90 days.
Date of Mail 4/7/69

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

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan  JUNE

FROM: C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

DATE: April 7, 1969

The Attorney General under date of 3/28/69 approved our request for continuation of Electronic Surveillances for a period of three months effective 4/1/69. His approval was noted in writing on our memorandum of 3/24/69, which is attached in an exhibit envelope. As in the past, an appropriate record will be made in each case file showing Attorney General’s approval.

ACTION:

None. For information.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Cotter
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Wannall
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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/17/69

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Re: NYlet and LHM, 2/28/69.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)
SUBJECT: STANLEY LEVISON
RACIAL MATTERS-1S-C
(00: NY)

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LRM containing information from  on 5/24/69, concerning a contact between LEVISON and FANNIE LOU HAMER on that date.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 27, 1969

Stanley Levison
Racial Matters-
Internal Security-Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 24, 1969, that on that date Stanley Levison asked Fannie Lou Hamer to appear on a program with Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., on May 29, 1969, in Charleston, South Carolina. Hamer agreed to appear on this program which, the source has advised, is concerned with the strike of hospital workers in that city.

According to the source, Levison inquired how the mail return to an appeal was progressing. Hamer advised him that the return has been sensational. She said that they have banked $17,000 already and have another $1,000 which has not been deposited.

Levison advised that he had forwarded $2,000.00 to her which she should receive on May 26, 1969.

The source advised that Hamer was lavish in her praise of Levison telling him that people used to try they would raise money for them but they would get only a small amount. She said that nothing like what has happened has ever happened to her before.

The source was unable to advise whether Levison had prepared a fund-appeal letter for Hamer.

Stanley Levison

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