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About three weeks ago I was in Washington and I had these two Commisarios Policio Federal, and I had taken them for a visit to the International Police Academy. They were very pleased about this. They flew on back to Miami and I flew back to Atlanta. On the plane I happened to sit next to a great big fellow, about 6'4", black, looked like a former athlete, and we got into a conversation. His name is ^{Yancey} Yancey Martin and I found out that he had been Senator George McGovern's top, black campaign aide and I subsequently have verified that from newspaper reports and things and that he just moved to Atlanta in January. I got the distinct impression that he has been an activist in the civil rights movement for some time. He told me he had been in Washington to address the International Association of Machinists on Coalition Politics and that he had had a very good meeting. I asked him what coalition politics were and he said well that's when you get all the young people and the white liberals and the Jewish liberals and the black people together and the labor unions together and that's coalition politics. And I said well, that really doesn't sound like anything new, it's like a lot of things, you dress it up and put a new term on it don't you and he laughed and said yes. He told me that he ran the Southern election fund for Julian Bond and Andrew Young that's headquartered here in Atlanta and he gave me some newspaper reprints of articles about it which were quite ~~interesting~~ enlightening. It's a very practical black political organization and they take credit for having elected over 1400 blacks to office in the 11 states of the old confederacy. They are headquartered here in Atlanta and they support black candidates everywhere. And I can see it as a very powerful political tool. In fact, I'm convinced after subsequent meetings with him and talking to him that the next presidential election comes around they'll be able to deliver the black vote pretty well in about 11 states that they operate in. So it is not an inconsequential force. He also told me that he would only be in Atlanta until the next presidential election and that he would then go with the Democratic candidate, whoever he was, as his top flight campaign agent. This was already established and this I can believe. In talking to him I quickly determined that he was a very knowledgeable insider in black politics, obviously. He threw some names around of ^{every} major black politician. And I told him of my sincere interest and concern in the Atlanta Police Department. I've been working with them and trying to get a good police department here, better police department, for some time. And I told him I had been trying to get to see Mayor Maynard Jackson because I had been an advisor to Ivan Allen; I'd been an adviser to Sam Massell until he refused to take my advise and get his brother out of the nightclub business and the bookie gambling.

and prostitution and liquor and everything else, and trying to run the police department, which is true. If Sam Massell had taken my advice he would not have been in the jam he was in because John Inman surprised the Massell brothers because he would not go along with the licensing for the Walcott Brothers and other people, that they had literally promised, and that resulted in the big Grand Jury investigation and brother Howard leaving town. It also made many political problems for John and the police department, which are all documented and a matter of record. But I told Yancey that I was concerned about articles that appeared in the People's Crusader and I told him I was on the Chamber of Commerce Crime Abatement Task Force, which I am, and that we were concerned about articles appearing in the black press here that were continually and constantly attacking the police department's intelligence division, accusing it of having CIA advisors, for example, I have that in my briefcase here, and that the results of this continued attack, police brutality, calling the Chief a racist, etc., was doing nothing good for the department and was causing internal morale problems, it was making it very difficult to recruit young black men and women to come into the profession of law enforcement career. And I explained to Yancey that Atlanta had the highest percentage of blacks of any major department in the US, and had the highest ranking officers (black), compared to Boston - the last time I knew there was only a Lieutenant, we have an assistant ~~chief~~ chief over the entire uniform division, we have majors on down and I explained to him that this was not showcase, that this was for real. It's a pluralistic community, the chief recognizes it, he just wants a good department. And he said that sounds interesting and I said you sound like a man who might be able to arrange a meeting but I said before you do I would want you to meet Chief Inman personally and satisfy yourself that he is not a racist and that he is dedicated to trying to make a better department. It has a lot a flaws and there are still a lot of bad people in it. I told him how they doubled their training and added a weeks' sensitivity training given by the community relations commission. And I said these are not the actions of a racists. And he agreed to it and I said I'll set up a meeting and I said after that meeting, ask any question you want but after that meeting if you believe that I'm sincere and the chief only wants to be Police Chief and I'd like to meet Maynard Jackson and offer my services to him as an Advisor, I have nothing to gain politically, and I don't want anything. I said frankly the Mayor as a black mayor has an opportunity to do something no one else has done before, get the department out of politics, make it a better department and take full credit for it. He can take full credit

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for turning around the white police chief and I said I have already got John Inman to agree that he'll support Maynard Jackson on anything that's good and I said it's not news, you're a practical politician and I said it's ~~no~~ no news the black mayor trying to fight with the white police chief and I said this will be expected but I said for the Mayor to transform the department and take credit for it, having the chief at his side in doing it, I said that's the kind of news that would get coverage in the national publications and you would make the man a major political figure and he agreed. So the meeting was arranged, he called me before the meeting and said he was bringing another man along because he said I talked this over with Julian Bond and Reverend Lowery (who is a minister here and chairman of the SCLC, Atlanta) and they agreed it would be best to take someone along that we trust but who also was not ~~familiar~~ familiar for Maynard so he said I have invited Howard Jefferson who was Leroy Johnson's campaign manager and I said yes I know Leroy and Howard and he said yes Howard says he knows you and thinks highly of you. I said no problem, bring anybody you want because there are no secrets here. That's the whole idea is to get understanding and good will and truth out on the table, so there are no games being played. So we had the meeting and they asked many questions and were obviously surprised, pleasantly, with many of the things they heard and the meeting went right well. Sometime during this period in talking to Yancey he mentioned something about that the next time he would see Maynard on a social basis would be on the following Tuesday night, which was two weeks ago yesterday (this being Wednesday). He said Maynard is giving a reception for 10 visiting Russians and I said that's interesting, I haven't heard anything about that or seen any publicity on it and he said no it was rather quiet. He said a good friend of mine is co-hosting it, but Maynard is sending out the invitations. And I expressed just enough interest, without asking for an invitation and Yancey came around later and said how would I like to go to that and I said I'd love to, what's it all about. He said they are visiting the US and they've been on something in New York, Boston but they've asked to come to Atlanta because my friend ^{who is} giving it is a close friend of their's, he's done business with the Russians in the past. It is Dr. Billy Rutherford. He's a PhD. But said he used to have a company over in Europe and Geneva and he did a lot of business with the Russians and they know him and like him and they asked to come down here so they could see him and he got Maynard to host it and laughed and said some of Maynard's friends said it was not too wise politically to host a reception for a bunch of Communists and he laughed and I said yes, I can see that. So he got me (he gave me

a verbal invitation, I didn't get the printed RSVP invitation that came out thru the Mayor's office) so my wife and I attended and I have here William A. Rutherford business card, which he gave me. Now we went out to this (for a black community) a rather large home on Payton Road, it sits high up on a hill, and must have at least a three acre lot, a rather expensive piece of property, and I was intrigued with the fact that there were no prominent Atlanta blacks in attendance. Yancey was there with some of his cohorts, some of the mayor's staff were there, one nice young fellow with the Department of Commerce (I think), just a young black being transferred to Georgia as head of the minority business assistance program for the southeast and he was there kind of like a stranger walking around. There was Jim Wilkerson, a white man from the Chamber of Commerce, who is head of the international department there, nice guy, ^{and} nice, but nice, and the Russians and their interpreter, a female, an Armenian. There were several things about that meeting that were extremely interesting. One is the fact that there were no prominent Atlanta blacks there, none of the black leadership, and I have a good handle on the black leadership business of political community, No one was there from that group. Other than my wife and I and Jim Wilkerson's wife and one other very young (the little round glasses and beard type, liberal couple), we were the only whites. There were approximately 35 or 40 people there. I did meet Arnold Pinkney there, who I know from past experience in Cleveland. There was a prominent black politician there who ran for mayor the last time around and was defeated, is now president of the school board and I had a long conversation with him and he told me he is running for mayor again and he had come down just for this meeting. Dr. Rutherford ~~is~~ was notable by his absence. He was there in the house but he totally and completely ignored the Russians. I managed to meet several of them, they were all academicians. The one I remember best is a fellow named Molokosky who is a Professor of Oriental History at the University of Moscow. I also found out he teaches one day a week at the Patrice Lumumba Freedom University, which we all know about. He spoke the best English. As I moved around among the Russians and finally hit the little old man who is President of the Russian Academy of Science and his wife who was there, the only Russian woman there, and they were with the female Armenian interpreter but the minute I got to this fellow I noticed a small man disengage himself from across the room and he got right over between me and the president and introduced himself quickly and I couldn't catch his Russian name but I asked him what he did and he said ~~he~~ he was the Assistant Secretary of the Group, I will interpret for you. Well the Armenian girl was standing there and so we had a few quick

pleasantries exchanged and he watched me intently and as soon as I disengaged he disengaged. [This wasn't Keldish who was there, was it? Did he say President of the Academy of Science?] "Yes", president of the Academy of Science. And the FBI now has a list of these names. I found out they had visited the Coca Cola Company, which was interesting, and the Chamber of Commerce had obviously set that up. But they came there because of their friend, Dr. Rutherford. I found out that night that Dr. Rutherford's wife was in Europe. And my wife commented that this house does not look like Dr. Rutherford lives here. She said it looks like a place where meetings are held and she was quite right. So I finally managed to meet Dr. Rutherford. I had been told by Yancey then that he was around. The mayor came by the way and was introduced, stood around. Yancey was real proud of Dr. Rutherford, said he is a brilliant man, he speaks nine languages, he has his own business in Europe and obviously they really look up to him as an intellectual first degree. So I said before I leave I'd like to ~~max~~ thanks to my host and so Yancey managed to find him in the other room. I had my wife with me and I shook his hand, he was very charming, and I said I thought this was wonderful having this type of relationship and he asked what I did and I said I do some work for the Coca Cola Company and I travel a great deal around the world. Then he immediately took an intense interest in me and very quickly took my wife's arm and before we knew it we were through the kitchen and into his private office, which was a business office. And a call came in at that time and he very quickly and bruskiy dispensed with the caller and immediately turned this charm upon us and he gave me this whole line about "what you said is so right", he said he was so dedicated to the cause of bringing people together. He speaks perfect English, without the slightest trace of any idiom or accent and I said I must be honest I haven't heard of you before but obviously you are a very important man here and how long had he been in Atlanta and he said well, I was persuaded to give up my business interests in Geneva six months prior to Dr. King's assassination and to return to the US to assist the SCLC ~~and~~ in a management consultant capacity and it was very interesting to me because I have been rather familiar over the years with the leadership of the SCLC and this man's name never has surfaced. I was also interested in the fact that he almost immediately documented his return with a time-frame reference of 6 months prior to Dr. King's assassination. He probably thought it would have no reference to me whatsoever but I have studied the King assassination on a private basis for a good many years and frankly, with all due credit to my friends in the Bureau, thanks to them following a trail that any

rookie could have followed it was an obvious one of leaving the gun on the ledge and getting into the white Mustang and on and on, and the way King's residences had been established, his movements and then to Toronto and then to London and forged passports. James Earl Ray could not have pulled that thing off. He's not a lone psychopath, but I'm convinced that you don't set up an assassination the day before. I also remember living through the period afterwards in which, from a security standpoint, we were very, very close to warfare in the streets, racial warfare and I'm convinced that King had outlived his usefulness; his personal life was beginning to get under close scrutiny, and he was close to being embarrassed and I think he was much more valuable as a martyr than as a living God with feet of clay. But I was extremely intrigued with Rutherford's reference to this as to the reason for his return. And I asked what he did now and he said well I'm a consultant, a management consultant. And I said we must get together - I played a very dumb, naive roll with him, as though both I and my wife were just totally captivated with his intelligence and charm and that I believed strongly in the need for peoples to come together. So he gave me his card which shows William A. Rutherford, President; his Atlanta address on the right here; and Rutherford Associates of 51 E, 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., on the left. In the meantime, by the way, I had done some checking and the man is not listed in the telephone book; he has an unlisted number; his home commands a view of all approaches to it from a hill. He lives a very secluded life; he is not known generally; yet he is the intellectual leader and spiritual leader of everybody in that room, I can assure you. And the fact that he was able to talk Maynard Jackson, the newly elected black mayor into hosting a private reception for communists, totally against anything that would be politically wise for the mayor, it was done in a private home, his home. Politically, it would have been much better to have done it with getting the Chamber of Commerce and other groups to do it downtown in a public forum place. This would have been a much more obvious approach. The Russians themselves referred to him as their good friend Dr. Rutherford. The man's wife seems to be a mystery. So, at his request, I called him back a short time later to set up a time where we would have lunch and when I called back he said oh Mr. Van Cleave, I was just sitting here with some close personal friends of mine from San Francisco and New York and we were just talking about the things that you and I discussed and the need to bring people together. I said yes, Dr. Rutherford, you are so right and I would love to have lunch with you if we could set it up and he said well I travel a great deal, I'll be in New York next week and Washington.

and I said do you do a lot of work in Washington? and he said yes he was a consultant for the office of education and he does a great deal of traveling through the US in that capacity but when he returned we would get together and have lunch and talk about things. So, in order to do two things a, cover myself and b, not screw up anything that the Bureau might be operating on, I had already called Bob Perry, ^{FSB} the man in charge of subversive, he had never heard of Dr. Rutherford. He didn't know about the Russians and the next day he got a list of them and asked me about some names. He was right intrigued with the information that I gave and I said look, tell me right now if you want me to forget I ever met the man, fine. I don't want to screw anything up and he said he had never even heard of him so I said Bob, please (because I know how the Bureau operates) for goodness sakes do a background check, take this guy back to the day he was born, I said I think you're going to find some periods of time in Europe that are hard to explain and I said if I've ever seen an intellectual leader suddenly in the right city at the right time. Also, in a casual joking reference, he said Ah Yancey, he said yes Yancey was a young buck, he said someday get him to tell you about some of his experiences in France, he said he had quite a wild time over there for a period of time, said he's been sort of like a son to me. So Yancey, obviously, has spent some time in Europe and was under the intellectual influence. Yancey is a very straight-spoken, get-the-vote-out, type politician and yet, the one thing I know from the black community is that it doesn't really matter what a man does or how he has done it but if he attains any sort of status that he is accepted without question whether he is Charlie Cato who runs the lottery here in Atlanta or whoever, I think that dope is the only thing that they really draw the line on, but as far as that, all of these people see Dr. Rutherford as a brilliant man who is so far above them intellectually, who moves in the leaders circles, that Maynard Jackson was totally under this fellow. I did a little private checking of my own. I found that in 1970 Dr. Rutherford was listed as a member of the Board of Consultants of the Counsel on Economic Priorities, which according to the information I have is a highly sophisticated group that is totally dedicated to working against corporations, ie imperialistic, capitolic corporation and I also found that this group had sent an expert witness from New York City to Atlanta to testify in the recent Georgia Power rate hearings case. Now it is a known fact that a group of very militant third world types here called the October League, came together on the Georgia Power project to show that the giant oppressive capitalistic monopolistic utility was raping the people of Georgia and I and many other people have the names of these young people. They were mostly

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types who had been to Cuba, they came here from Oakland and other places and over a period of two years got very innocuous jobs and had things going at Mead Paper but I found this interesting. Then I also found that in 1971 and 1970, Dr. Rutherford was listed as a sponsor on the committee of 21 to defend the Panthers and I have in my Briefcase here a very interesting letter dated January 25, 1970, requesting funds and the letterhead is the Committee to Defend the Panther 21, New York City address, and the sponsors listed (partially) in alphabetical order, first name Ralph Abernathy, going down the list is Frank Barrett and R. N. Bennett and Mrs. Leonard Bernstein, Julian Bond, a bunch of other prominent blacks - Leon Davis, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, all in the Arts of course and on down the line, toward the end you find William A. Rutherford. At this point my resources end, other than the fact that I have established a personal relationship. Oh, one other very important thing, during my telephone call to him to talk about a luncheon, he said by the way, what do you do again, he said I recall you are with Coca Cola and I said they are a client of mine, I work for them, I handle the security work for them throughout the world and he said Oh and there was a pause, a long pause, then he quickly regained his composure and said Oh I thought that you were an attorney and I said no, but I am dedicated to the modern principals of security. I said you know we always have people stealing from us, this is our problem, theft and internal theft, and things of that nature but I said I happen to be in the forefront of the modern security approach, which is to be considerate and compassionate, to get to the bottom of why people do these things, that's the important thing, the act is one thing but ~~what~~ what causes a man to do this. And we have done many fine things that I am proud of, which is true, with Scripto Co, where we brought the pack union together with management and we found the things that were causing serious concern on the part of blacks and eradicated these source problems and got the union to work with us and we reduced pilferage and he said oh that's wonderful. Now I felt that I had (if this man is as intelligent as he appears to be I knew that I would never move one foot with him if I ever gave him anything that could be checked out and it would look like I'm a security man) so he knows who I am and what I do but I think he also feels that he's brought me under his intellectual spell and his charm and that I am really the liberal who wants to do anything in the world to correct all the wrongs in the world and everything else so I again talked to Bob Perry, at FBI, and told him this and said I would try to set the luncheon up and will let you know where it is going to be in case anybody should want to be there and take a look at this fellow from across the room and I said tell me again if you

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don't want me to pursue this matter any further. All it is is time and effort on my part. When you really analyze this and when I see every evidence that Atlanta is going to become sort a Berkeley Southeast and I base this on long meetings with the Oakland Police Department Intelligence Division and other friends in that area that can document that the Julian Bond organizations for example - there is a black attorney Paul Cobb who left Oakland a year and a half ago and came to Atlanta, he is now with Southern Institute for Strategy, Julian Bond's outfit. There are several people on the staff level in the Southern Election Fund that Yancey heads up. I have documentation in my briefcase coming from the real ultra radical sources that the anti-corporate program which started in 1971, I have a copy of Gus Hall's rather scholarly in the World Marxist Review 1970, which laid out the anti-imperialist program, the new anti-corporate programs including the attack on the public safety officer programs, the international police academy, I have all this other documentation from these groups here and I've seen how cleverly they got their program eliminated. I am convinced that if the other side wanted to have a real deep penetration man, Mr. Rutherford certainly ideally fits the bill, because he is black, he has certainly had the opportunity to be in Europe under business interests over there to probably not have his time accounted for; I'm certain that he is the intellectual leader in Atlanta right now. ^Q [Does he have any industrial ties right now? Where is he making his money?] ^{Ans} I do not know anything more about this man that what I have told you today and I consider it a sensitive enough matter that I am not about to go blundering around and screw something up that might be going on; on the other hand I am perfectly willing to continue my personal contact with the man to try and make him feel that I am somewhat naive that I am extremely ~~kn~~ liberal in my views and that I can string him along pretty good about the abuses that I see in the corporate level; how frustrating it is to try and get corporate executives to do things, etc. I don't think I am the most brilliant person in the world but I do think that from the standpoint of what I'm talking about I am his intellectual match anyway and I think I have an advantage over him that I know maybe a little more about him than he knows about me. But I am very concerned about this and I'll tell you the reason I am here. I've watched the Bureau operate on some of these things and the word around here is that anything to do with SCLC or the movements of this type, they handle it very gingerly. And when I told Bob Perry the guy was a consultant to the office of education, he said oh no, so I don't have a great deal of confidence that the Bureau is going to take this thing and really run it out. I'm sure that my calls have been reported and documented

and the reports being made but I'm really concerned because the work that I am doing and from what I've seen in the states bothers me more than what I've seen in foreign countries. I can understand the terrorists groups and national liberation movements and all that but when I see the backup that they have here, the inter-relationships, this North American Congress Report, when I see how cleverly they have been able to operate politically in getting extremely important programs killed and the international police academy is definitely next on their list. I have an article here from Michael Clair who is one of their writers who takes credit for the peace movement for the knocking out of the public safety officer program but alerts everybody and says it's only a partial victory that the next move is the international police academy. Yesterday I got some news that the Nelson Javit's legal aid services plan was passed by the US Senate and friends of mine from the West Coast called me and were extremely upset about this because (again, I was not knowledgeable about what this involved) that for some time the office of equal opportunity (OEO) has been funding legal aid groups throughout the US and my friends out there gave for an example the California Rural Legal Aid Group (CREA) which has been getting approximately US\$2 million a year and this is the group that gave all the legal backup to ~~Saychar~~ ^{CESEAR} Chavez legal staff work etc. One of their lawyers working thru Stanford was instrumental and is still set up and is running these political education programs in ~~Solidad~~ ^{SOLEADAD} prison and if you will recall it was a young radical lawyer now a fugitive who came in with the wig and the 9 mm weapon under it, the Solidad brothers got out, the Angela Davis case, the two prime suspects in the Hearst kidnapping are escapees from Solidad and it's known out there that they were prime leaders in the political rhetoric in the political education classes thru this same group and it is my understanding that this bill is the take this out of politics and getting it away from OEO, which on the surface sounds very good, but the bill sets this up as a government service corporation of some type, puts it under home rule in Washington, DC, takes it specifically away from any Presidential or Congressional authority and establishes a fund of which is probably equivalent to what OEO has been given out of US\$100 million a year in perpetuity to fund this program and also makes it eligible for recipients of these legal services to be on the board of directors of legal aid corporation. Again, we will probably see ~~Sehar~~ ^{Chaven} Cheves or other people like that on the board and I have it on pretty good information that the national lawyer's guild has moved in and pretty well dominated and taken over these programs around the country and focused them anti-corporate. All these things follow this whole program. The

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new anti-corporate attack and you don't have to get guns and go out into the streets to do it. But what I am saying to you is that I have established this contact and I have done what I consider to be the right thing as a citizen and professionally in advising the Bureau so they can tell me to get out of this thing if it's going to foul them up in any way or tell me to back off or tell me don't worry about it, he's the greatest guy in the world, forget it, or to use me if necessary. I don't think they're going to use me. I think they will take anything unsolicited that I give them but I've had enough experience with them on many other cases to realize that sometimes it gets a little frustrating.

Q [You have any idea what this guy Rutherford's company in Europe was, did he talk at all about that, what was he selling?] A No, and remember I was in a position where had I gone any further I would have - but one other interesting thing, he told me in the last conversation on the phone that he had just been invited to go along with the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Trade Delegation to Europe in May and remember the only other white there was the nice guy from the International Division of the Chamber of Commerce, who I know. And He said I don't know, I have such a busy schedule but he said I certainly would like to do that if I could. I may be able to and I said that sounds terrific. But suddenly he's surfacing in a very low-level way. There were bar tenders and waitresses and he had spent a small fortune on that reception, he personally. But suddenly the man is now being accepted and will be accepted in Atlanta as a close friend of the mayor, as a consultant or close to the leadership of SCLC. All of these are very good credentials.

Q [Did you hear any of the Russians talking about him, other than just saying yes we knew him; where from; or we knew him when?] A Well, each Russian that I had occasion to talk with and didn't talk with all ten of them, only about four but I tried to pick the ones who seemed to be the most intelligent and who spoke the best English, and in each case I always, again, played rather dumb and said we are so honored that you chose Atlanta and we're surprised that you would even know about Atlanta and they all answered that their friend Dr. Rutherford - we wanted to come to Atlanta, he told us what a great city it is and we asked to come to Atlanta. We had the choice of coming to Atlanta or Chicago and we know Chicago is a big city but we all wanted to come to Atlanta. I am convinced that William A. Rutherford is probably, in my opinion, the most influential black in the Southeastern US, at least. But he still maintains his office and telephone in New York. He is Consultant to the Office of Education, New York and Washington, William A. Rutherford, President; the business address: Rutherford Associates, 51 East 42nd Street, New York, 10017; phone is

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697-7333, and his Atlanta address is 616 Peyton Road, S.W., Atlanta, 30311; telephone is 755-60039. This is the house where he had the reception. Now I asked several times about his wife and it was always that (the comment made) that she is in Europe now or she travels extensively. And, again my wife's intuition she said this house is not a lived-in home, this is a place for meetings and an office and there is a small house in back of it and another small shed in back of that which commands a complete view. You can sit there in that room and look down and see the road curves around the front of it. It would be impossible to put a surveillance on it, impossible to put a physical surveillance on it. Not only that, you can see anybody that's coming up the hill or the drive in and it's a big lot, possibly three acres. I study and follow black politics enough and the SCLC know the movements enough to tell you I have never heard of that man. Now he didn't say he's been living in Atlanta since six months, he said he came back at the request of the leadership of the SCLC to do some consultant work. [Did he talk any at all about what Rutherford Associates in New York do?] ^Q A. No. And you see we were playing a bit of a cat and mouse game and I was playing the role of the naive visitor who was overwhelmed by this man, his magnitude, his importance, etc. And he was very intelligent and had I think gone one step too far in any area it would have alerted him and that's why I wanted to develop a personal relationship in which I want him to feel that he has captivated me; that I'm in a key position to (because of the relationship with Coca Cola Company) I think I'm extremely interesting to him and I think he wants to see me because when I tell you he ignored everyone at that party I mean he ignored them. He acted (not rudely) but as cool as he could be and never even came into the room where they were being introduced around and everything. He just wanted to make sure the mayor got there and he spoke briefly with him and he talked longer with me than anybody. [You think you are almost certain in your own mind that it was because of him that the Soviets decided to visit Atlanta?] ^Q A. I'm positive of it because Yancey Martin told me this. I asked him why were they coming here and he said they are old friends of Billy Rutherford - and I said who is Billy and he said that's Dr. Rutherford. Yancey told me he had a business in Europe and Geneva and Yancey told me he had a lot of either contacts or contracts, I couldn't understand him clearly, with the Russians, did a lot of business with them, they knew him well and liked him. [I'm wondering about Rutherford Associates, if they are in business] ^Q A. I think you'll probably find Rutherford Associates no. I think you'll find that William A. Rutherford in Geneva had probably Trans-lux trading company or something over there or maybe several. But I did not have a

chance to test his linguistic skills. He has obviously come up through the educational route and whether or not he has a PhD, they all call him Dr. Rutherford, or his friends call him Billy, I don't know, but I suspect he is a consultant to the office of education and I suspect that his close friendship with people like Julian Bond and Ralph Abernathy and other prominent black leaders and why was Arnold Pinkney, the leading black in Cleveland, why did he fly to Atlanta on a Tuesday night to be at that reception. It's very strange. And Rutherford ignored him at the meeting too. I spent more time talking to Pinkney than anybody. [We can check him out as far as his European experience and find out what he did in Geneva and possibly what Rutherford Associates is doing in New York and then that's about as far probably as we'll be allowed to go.] I am convinced that here with the political climate the way it is and the identity of his associates, who they are, I am convinced that this guy is in a strong position that the Bureau might just reference this in reports so that they are always covered - well, they didn't even know about him until the day I called. I'm making that quite clear for the record. In the traditional Bureau manner that the man's name and file has been created and some very quiet routine things will be done but I am concerned because I have watched the development of different movements and there is much more to be gained here through the proper manipulation of movements causes groups elected officials, much more can be done here than you can do overseas and I am convinced that this man is (until I am proven otherwise) an extremely clever, deep penetration agent who is now beginning to surface in a very secure manner, covered adequately by elected officials and other people and now the association of the Chamber of Commerce and the office of education and I am convinced that this gives this man the freedom to headquarter in Atlanta and New York, to move freely about the country, even to go to Europe with the Chamber of Commerce Trade Mission, which you have got to admire it. [Did you and any of the Soviets that you did talk to, did any of them identify themselves as being UN? This was my understanding, was that the bulk of the delegation were UN parties?] Yes, but it had some sort of UN auspices but the men I talked to were all here on something like a 10 day visit or a short two week visit or something like that. They were all active in the Soviet Union at this time, they were not living in this country; most of them couldn't even speak English. It was a short but brief visit to this country, to New York and Boston and Atlanta and maybe one other city and back to the Soviet Union. It was not an in-residence group, not at all. Nobody mentioned Georgia Tech or science and my wife also asked Molokosky who spoke the best English and he said that they came

to Atlanta because of their friend Dr. Rutherford who had invited them and they wanted to honor him and see Atlanta, they had heard such nice things about this part of the US. He gave her a big line the minute I left about how there is a Georgia in Russia, which we all know, a State of Georgia, and that the Georgians are very forward and he said if we were in Russia and I was a Georgian I would give a toast like this - here is to Russia, the greatest country in the world; here is to Georgia, the greatest State in Russia; and here is to Mrs. VanCleave the loveliest lady in the State of Georgia and in all the world. So nobody mentioned any other reason for the visit than to see their friend Dr. Rutherford. There is one other thing about this, and I go back to the fact, why didn't the mayor make this more public; why didn't he hold the meeting in a downtown location such as the Marriott Hotel or Chamber of Commerce Club, he could have had anything he wanted in this city. The Chamber of Commerce would have been delighted to have hosted this reception. The meeting was held in Rutherford's home. We did not stay until the end of it for obvious reasons, people were starting to drift away so I don't know what happened after we left. [Did Jim Wilkerson happen to mention how he happened to be there?] I'm going to call Jim and I want to ask him about this invitation to the Trade Mission. The thing is that after the guests departed there was ample opportunity for people to stay even during the late phases of the reception which was held in a large room and then sort of a living room dining room and then the kitchen and around in back of that was his private office. It would have been very easy for him to have had a private meeting in that office without anyone knowing about it with anyone in attendance at that party or reception. In other words, a physical contact, if I had to make a bet, with the Assistant Secretary who had no academic credentials whatsoever. If I've ever seen a KGB security man, he was it but look up his name, the Assistant Secretary. I think it is reasonable to assume that this was an ideal opportunity for a brief, personal, physical meeting on the part of someone in that group to Dr. Rutherford. Now, unless you advise me to the contrary, I will continue to try and set up personal meetings and try and meet them; I'll try and fall under his spell; I'll also indicate to him in private meetings my disenchantment with some of the corporate things that I see, some of the things that I see around the world. I can play the game pretty good. I won't be too obvious about it. I'll be very slow and just hint enough that perhaps I am not an ultra-right wing, that my politics aren't as they are somewhat to the right of Attila the Hun. Like I say, in matters as sensitive as this I do not believe in playing Sherlock Holmes. I am a private citizen. I happen

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to feel very deeply about these things. I am extremely concerned about what I see but I don't want to screw up a good agency that might have nothing going. I don't want information, I just want people to know what I am doing and for someone to stop me if I'm doing anything wrong. I would also check on Yancey Markin because it's obvious that they had contact over there. Now don't get me wrong, I don't see a communist under every bedpost but you don't need one, you just need one master intellectual persuasive individual, well placed and it is quite obvious that this man is looked up to by the Julian Bonds, Andy Youngs, Ralph Abernathys, the Maynard Jacksons, and that's all you need.

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Robert J. [unclear]