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Date 1/23/69

Reverend JAMES BEVEL was interviewed for ten minutes at his residence. He stated he was extremely busy as he had appointments through 11:00 p.m. that day. While the interview was in progress, a woman asked BEVEL if he could speak to a member of the press. BEVEL told her to tell the person on the telephone he was tied up until 11:00 p.m.

BEVEL stated he had proof of the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of his good friend Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. BEVEL referred to KING as one of his closest and dearest friends. BEVEL stated that since the FBI was connected with the prosecution and he was involved with the defense, he felt he should not furnish this information.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is an investigative agency and does not prosecute anyone. It was also pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is as interested in proving a person's innocence as proving a person's guilt. BEVEL was advised the FBI was interested in obtaining and proving all facts possible during any investigation.

BEVEL stated he sent a telegram to RAY on Saturday, January 18, 1969, and as of the date of the interview, he had received no answer to his telegram. BEVEL stated in connection with this he planned to call PERCY FOREMAN, Attorney for RAY on the night of January 21, 1969, and offer his services in connection with RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated he would telephone the contacting agents on January 22, 1969, and advise if FOREMAN accepted his offer. BEVEL stated if FOREMAN does not accept his offer to aid the defense, he, BEVEL, plans to drop the entire matter as he feels he has no moral obligation towards RAY to produce his evidence of RAY's innocence if his offer of help is refused.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that if he had evidence of RAY's innocence, it should be brought to the attention of the court. BEVEL again stated he would do so only if he was allowed to be part of RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated that at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On 1/21/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. 2 File # Philadelphia 44-1368

by SA RALPH C. HAMNER and
SA EDWARD M. COLE EMC:kpj Date dictated 1/22/69

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was shot at the Loraine Motel in Memphis, he was standing on the ground underneath the balcony where KING was shot.

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JAMES EARL RAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

On January 22, 1969, Special Agent Edward M. Cole telephonically attempted to contact Reverend Bevel at approximately 2:30 p.m. The person answering stated Reverend Bevel would not return until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

On January 21, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised he with others spoke with Bevel concerning Bevel's statement on the innocence of James Earl Ray. This group, including the informant, are considered "militants" by Bevel. During the discussion with Bevel it was pointed out to Bevel that the general feeling of the militants is that Ray was guilty of shooting Reverend King and that Bevel should furnish what evidence he has or keep quiet.

Bevel told this group he has no evidence but that he feels the "system" is killing a man worth nothing while this man actually killed a greater man. Bevel stated that if he is allowed to defend Ray he, Bevel, will bring out everything that the "system" did to cause the death of King. Bevel also stated he feels this is a method to rejuvenate Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Philadelphia, as SCLC has fallen off to almost nothing in Philadelphia. In connection with this, Bevel stated he is to receive a check by Western Union from SCLC, Atlanta, for \$500.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as
above at Philadelphia, Pa.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletypes dated 1/19/69 and 1/21/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM titled as above.

Copies are being furnished locally to MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

One copy of this LHM is being forwarded Atlanta for information since Atlanta is OO in SCLC. Two copies are being furnished Memphis since Memphis is OO MURKIN.

This LHM is classified confidential to protect identity of PH 897-R since PH 897-R and one other individual were present when BEVEL made this statement. PH 897-R continues to furnish excellent information concerning racial and security matters.

Source utilized in the LHM is PH 897-R.

When interviewed on 1/21/69, agents had to wait 30 minutes for BEVEL because BEVEL was holding a meeting in the next room.

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 - 3 - 44-38861
 - 1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)
 - 1 - 157-10808 (JAMES BEVEL)
 - ① - Atlanta (SCLC) (Info) (RM)(Enc. 1)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(MURKIN)RM) (Encs. 2)
 - 5 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 44-1987 (MURKIN)
 - 1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)
 - 1 - 157-1214 (RACIAL DISTURBANCES - MAJOR URBAN AREA)
 - 1 - 157-2979 (JAMES BEVEL)
 - 1 - 170-53 (PH 897-R) Sent

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For the information of Atlanta, BEVEL is currently employed at the Health and Welfare Council, Inc., 1428 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone CE 2-9911.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 2-8-69.

In your referenced communication you advised that in state court on February 7, 1969, before Judge W. Preston Battle, a petition to authorize defendant to take depositions out of state was argued. The defense, during this argument, indicated that they desired SAC Hitt, Atlanta Office, and J. D. Garner (operator of rooming house where Ray resided Atlanta, Georgia) be interviewed regarding the admissibility of evidence. During this argument, Judge Battle refused to allow depositions be taken from SAC Hitt and J. D. Garner, but the Judge stated he was agreeable to have SAC Hitt and J. D. Garner appear in his court for a pretrial suppression hearing. You advised on February 11, 1969, no motion has been filed to suppress the evidence obtained from this rooming house by our Agents.

If and when such motion to suppress is filed, you should obtain a copy of same and immediately forward it to the Bureau for review. You should also furnish a copy of the motion to the Atlanta Office for their review.

Keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments along the above lines.

① - Atlanta (44-2386) (for info)

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Lawyer, Ex-Kleagle, To Ask Ray Retrial

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — J. B. Stoner, an attorney long associated with anti-Jewish, anti-Negro causes, has been retained by James Earl Ray in his effort to win a new trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Stoner's office announced Friday.

Edward R. Fields, director of the militantly segregationist National States Rights party, said Stoner would help Ray change his plea from guilty to innocent and would ask for another trial.

Stoner is an NSRP attorney whose office is located in the party headquarters here.

Ray was sentenced to 99 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in Memphis to last year's sniper-slaying of King.

Fields said Stoner was en route to Nashville where Ray was lodged in cell No. 4 in the Tennessee State Penitentiary. He said Stoner would confer with Ray Saturday morning.

Warden Lake Russell said he did not yet know whether Stoner would be allowed to see Ray.

"We'll let him see him if he can present the proper credentials," Russell said. "He'll have to show that he (Ray) actually hired him as his lawyer."

In Memphis, court officials said there was nothing on file to indicate that Stoner had been designated attorney of record by Ray.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle Jr., who presided in the Ray case, disclosed

Wednesday that he had been notified by Ray that he wanted to withdraw his guilty plea and stand trial for first-degree murder.

The judge said also that Ray wrote him he had fired his attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston, Tex.

Ray had been scheduled for trial April 7 when he abruptly switched plans and pleaded guilty March 10. The 99-year sentence was prearranged by the state and Foreman.

Ray was reported to have told officers who accompanied him from Memphis to the Nashville prison that he had changed his mind and wished he had gone on

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trial and taken his chances of getting a life sentence rather than the electric chair.

Under a life sentence, Ray would be eligible for parole in 13 years. However, the 99-year term prevents him from seeking parole for 30 years.

Stoner would be Ray's third attorney. He had also dismissed former Birmingham, Ala., Mayor Art Hanes.

Stoner, 44, has been involved in Ku Klux Klan and anti-Jewish activities since boyhood. At 16, he was an organizer and officer of a Chattanooga, Tenn., Klan and once was shown as the Kleagle of Tennessee.

In 1945, he formed the "Stoner Anti-Jewish party" and mailed out pamphlets urging removal of the Jews. In 1952, he announced formation of the Chris-

tian Anti-Jewish party and urged deportation of Jews and confiscation of their property for distribution to "Christian Americans."

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He wrote a book entitled "The Gospel of Jesus Christ Versus the Jews."

Stoner was graduated from an Atlanta law school in 1952 after two years of study, passing a state bar examination while still a student.

In recent years, Stoner had been active in the NSRP and in litigation involving racial conflicts. He was the NSRP vice presidential candidate in 1964.

The party supported former Alabama Gov. George Wallace last year.

Stoner walks with a limp, the result of a polio attack as a child of 2.

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THE ATLANTA
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Guilty Plea Pressured Out of Me, Ray Says

Ex-Klansman Lawyer of Savannah Vows Libel Suit Against 'Life'

By JOHN VAN MOL

NASHVILLE (AP)—James Earl Ray's new lawyer said Saturday Ray has reversed the position he took in open court and now says he was innocent and was "pressured into a guilty plea" in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of Atlanta.

When Ray pleaded guilty March 10 in Memphis, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle asked him specifically if he had been pressured in any way into pleading guilty. Ray replied then, "No."

But the lawyer who visited Ray Saturday, J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., reported Ray has changed his story. Stoner said he would represent Ray in filing libel suits against "Life magazine and others" who Stoner said interfered with Ray getting a fair trial.

RAY'S BROTHER, Jerry, visited him almost immediately after Stoner, and the Nashville Tennessean quoted Jerry Ray as saying Percy Foreman, Ray's previous lawyer, "pressured" him into pleading guilty.

The brother said he delivered "evidence" to support this claim consisting of contracts between

Foreman and Ray, the Tennessean reported in a copyrighted story. Foreman said in Houston that Ray had sent him a letter officially requesting the guilty plea.

"I have a letter and I showed it to the judge and to the prosecuting attorney," Foreman said. "I wouldn't leave myself open on that count."

He said he advised Ray to plead guilty "because I believed he would be electrocuted if he didn't." Ray "thought he'd be electrocuted, too," Foreman said.

The Tennessean also quoted Ray's brother as saying a petition seeking a new trial, in which Ray would plead innocent to King's murder, would be filed in Memphis, "possibly this week."

STONER had no comment when asked if he would help Ray in a post-conviction hearing in Memphis. He refused to discuss any criminal aspects of the case, saying he would represent Ray in "civil suits and libel suits only."

Stoner's office earlier said he had been retained to help Ray win review of his guilty plea and 99-year sentence for first-degree murder in the death of King, who was slain April 4 in Memphis.

Judge Battle had asked Ray in Memphis: "Has any pressure been put on you to enter a plea of guilty?" Ray replied, "No."

Battle also asked Ray: "Is this plea of guilty on your part a free act of your own free will, made with your full knowledge and understanding of its meaning and consequences?"

"Yes, sir," Ray replied.

ASKED who, in addition to Life magazine, would be involved in libel actions, Stoner replied, "So many have libeled him (Ray) it would be impossible to include them all." But, he said, "Life magazine and others could count on it."

His past associations with Ku Klux Klan members should not harm his case, Stoner said, adding: "I have represented klansmen and other white men in the past. I don't think it will hurt."

Ray, he said, "appeared in good spirits for a man in a hotel like this." Ray, he added, gave him permission to make

the statement about Ray's being pressured into a guilty plea. But he did not elaborate.

Thus, Stoner left unanswered when and how Ray will carry through his announced intention of seeking a review of the case.

IN MEMPHIS, Capt. R. A. Cochran of the Memphis Police Department, who played a major role in the investigation of King's slaying, said he is "amazed that so many people still insist" that King's death was the result of a conspiracy.

Ray, he said, "made so many major blunders, things he would never have done had there been any sort of mastermind behind the plot." Police Chief Henry Lux said his office is not saying there was no conspiracy, just that there is now no evidence of it.

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Will Ray Seek a New Trial? Attorney Contradicts Aide

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Two officials of the National States Rights party, including James Earl Ray's new attorney, issued conflicting statements Tuesday and left unclear whether Ray would seek a new trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Edward R. Fields, chairman of the militantly segregationist NSRP, announced that Ray definitely would try to change his guilty plea to innocent and apply for a new trial.

Fields said he was acting as spokesman for J. B. Stoner, Ray's attorney and vice chairman of the NSRP.

Shortly thereafter Stoner said Fields, who shares an office with him, was mistaken.

"He was just confused," Stoner said.

Stoner, who announced late last week that he would represent Ray in a libel action against several national magazines, said he was "attorney for Mr. Ray only on civil matters."

Asked Tuesday if he would represent Ray in efforts to win a new trial, he said, "I have no present plans. I have some information on the subject but at the present time I'd rather not comment on it."

Ray pleaded guilty March 10 to last year's sniper-slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn. He was sentenced to 99 years and lodged in the Tennessee State Penitentiary in Nashville.

Since his sentencing, there have been reports Ray wanted to change his plea to innocent and face a first-degree murder trial.

Stoner conferred with Ray in the prison Saturday.

Memphis court officials said Tuesday nothing had been filed in connection with the Ray case since his brief trial ended after his guilty plea.

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TO REFLECT JAMES BEVEL PRESENTLY IN CHICAGO. INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, PHILADELPHIA AND
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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, 'SIXTYNINE.
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ADVISED DURING PRESENT WEEK THERE WAS RUMORED AMONG MEMBERS SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF THAT JAMES BEVEL, DIRECTOR,
NON-VIOLENT EDUCATION, SCLC, HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A
HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTEN-
TION MAY BE NECESSARY. SOURCE UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS INFO
OR PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT MEMBERS OF SCLC
STAFF FROM TIME TO TIME IN PAST HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION BEVEL'S ACTIONS
SUGGEST HE IS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SOURCE HAS NO INFO BEVEL IS OR HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN ATLANTA.
WILL REMAIN ALERT TO INFO INDICATING WHEREABOUTS.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING INFO, IT IS SUGGESTED CHICAGO, NEW YORK
AND PHILADELPHIA CONTACT SOURCES FOR INFO BEVEL MAY BE HOSPITALIZED
IN ONE OF THOSE CITIES.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A confidential source advised on April 2, 1969, he had learned that a number of employees of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had the understanding that James Bevel, Director of Nonviolent Education, SCLC, had, during the recent past, committed himself to a hospital in order to obtain a rest and such medical assistance as might be deemed necessary.

Source could furnish no further details regarding the above matter but recalled from time to time in the past some SCLC employees having expressed the opinion, Bevel was in need of rest and possibly suffered from some form of mental problem.

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

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

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California; at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

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however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1330 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

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

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

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

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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Atlanta, Georgia

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re Atlanta teletype, 4/3/69, to Bureau captioned MURKIN.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven copies of an LHM and for each other recipient one copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is AT 1387-R information from whom must be classified confidential.

Source utilized to characterize JAMES BEVEL is CG 6905-S.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN

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Re Memphis teletype to the Bureau, 3/28/69.

Contact with available sources in Mobile Division, coverage of MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial, 4/4-5/69, and demonstrations at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala., 3/29/69 to present, failed to reflect JAMES BEVEL presently in Mobile Div. Investigation continues.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 1969

ROY RICHARD ERWIN, Georgia State Prison (GSP) Number 57075, was located in the visitor's section just off the rotunda, GSP. He was advised he was to be interviewed in regards to a letter from a ROY ERWIN received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. ERWIN was given a Rights and Waiver form, which he read and signed.

A letter was read to ERWIN as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to inform you that I drove a 1965 model Mustang from Memphis, Tenn. to Atlanta, Ga. on April 4th, 1968. If this date reminds you of anything that happen in Memphis, last April 4th at 9:45 p.m.

"Sincerely,

Roy Erwin"

ROY RICHARD ERWIN orally advised as follows:

He did not write the letter and did not send any letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. No one has hinted to him that such a letter had been written. He was unable to think of any inmate in the GSP who would write such a letter. He knows of no inmate in the GSP that dislikes him who would write a letter and send it out with his name on it.

He has engaged in conversation with other inmates regarding the Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING case, but he does not recall ever having mentioned a Mustang automobile in these conversations with other; however, he could have said something about such a vehicle.

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On 4/3/69 at Tattnall County, Georgia File # Savannah 44-1768

by SA SYDNEY J. SMITH /lbb Date dictated 4/5/69

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He recalled that a friend of his, JERRY BENNETT, had owned a 1965 Mustang, white, two door hardtop. BENNETT is employed at Coronet Carpet Company, Dalton, Georgia, but it is believed that he had traded the 1965 Mustang in on another car.

On the last Saturday in March, 1968, he had left Dalton, Georgia, with JERRY BENNETT, and MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives near Dalton, Georgia. BLALOCK's home is located by going out the Chatsworth Highway about six miles, then turn off the highway onto a dirt road. BLALOCK is in the U.S. Army at the present time.

After leaving Dalton, Georgia, on the last Saturday of March, 1968, BENNETT, BLALOCK and he drove in BENNETT's 1965 Mustang to Atlanta, Georgia, where they stayed about two hours. They then traveled back to Dalton, Georgia, where he, ERWIN, obtained his 1963 Lincoln Continental, light blue, and drove to Chattanooga, Tennessee, along with BENNETT and BLALOCK in BENNETT's 1965 Mustang. In Chattanooga, Tennessee, BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN checked in at the Florida Hotel and stayed there for one night and a day.

He left his car, the Lincoln Continental, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and drove with BENNETT and BLALOCK to Knoxville, Tennessee, where they stayed for four or five hours. They then drove to Memphis, Tennessee, where they stayed for a couple of days. They left Memphis and drove back to Chattanooga and checked in at the Florida Hotel, Chattanooga. A Florida Hotel porter, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT, a Negro male, about 65 to 66 years of age, tall and muscular build, knows him, ERWIN, well. Between 9 PM and 10 PM on April 4, 1968, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT told him about the fact that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The next day, April 5, 1968, in the early afternoon, he drove back to Dalton, Georgia, in his 1963 Lincoln Continental. About a half mile from Dalton, his 1963 Lincoln motor burned up and he had to have the car hauled into Dalton to his home.

He knows nothing about the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A description of ERWIN as obtained by observation and interrogation, is as follows:

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Name	BOY RICHARD ERWIN
GSP Number	57075
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20
Born	<input type="text"/>
Place	Dalton, Georgia
Height	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Tattoo	Three dots on left wrist
Marital status	Single
Father	OSCAR ERWIN
	302 Fleming Street, Dalton, Georgia (operates Erwin Discount Outlet, Dalton, and Ocoee, Tennessee)
Mother	Mrs. MARIE ERWIN same address

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Date April 8, 1969

Mr. LAMAR L. MC GREGORY, Record Clerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison (GSP), furnished the GSP file on ROY ERWIN, GSP #57075.

A review of the file revealed the following:

Name	ROY ERWIN
Serial number	A-71338
GSP #	57075
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20
Born	[REDACTED]
Place	Whitfield County, Georgia
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Violation	Forgery
Sentence	2 years and 7 months, probated and revoked, received in penitentiary on June 11, 1968, received at GSP June 20, 1968
Occupation	Textile worker
Mother	Mrs. MARIE ERWIN
Father	OSCAR ERWIN 302 Fleming Street, Dalton, Georgia
Tattoo	Three dots left wrist
Received in GSP	Transferred to GSP due to mental condition
Court orders	Psychiatric examination
Finding by medical board of examiners	Not psychotic on August 1, 1968
Court Order	Psychiatric examination, December 19, 1968, found not psychotic by Medical Board of Examiners on January 16, 1969

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Report of
Punishment

1) Refused to return to assigned
dormitory, June 26, 1968

2) Disobeying orders, October 2, 1968

3) Disobeying orders and back talk to
an officer, December 12, 1968

FBI Number

402 591 F

TRUE COPY

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform you that I drove a 1965 model Mustang from Memphis, Tenn. to Atlanta, Ga. on April 4th, 1968. If this date reminds you of anything that happen in Memphis, last April 4th at 9:45 p.m.

Sincerely,

Roy Erwin

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Date: 3-28-69

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(Priority)**To: SAC, Savannah (44-1768)****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN**

Enclosed for Savannah are two true copies and one true copy for Memphis of a letter received at the Bureau from Roy Erwin, who is incarcerated by the Georgia Board of Corrections at Reidsville, Georgia.

Savannah should immediately interview Erwin for all information he possesses concerning the contents of his letter and set forth necessary leads to thoroughly resolve issues. It is to be noted that James Earl Ray owned a 1966 Mustang which was abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5, 1968. It is also to be noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot at 6:01 p.m. (Memphis time) on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Bufiles indicate that one Roy Erwin admitted stealing a 1963 Ford Fairlane in Dalton, Georgia, on 8-16-65, and abandoned same in Columbia, South Carolina. In this matter the Assistant United States Attorney in Columbia declined prosecution as subject juvenile and had been charged by local authorities for theft of same vehicle.

Bufiles further indicate that under FBI number 402 591 F one Roy Irwin, white male, born [redacted] was fingerprinted by the State Board of Corrections at Atlanta, Georgia, (number A-71338-57075) on 6-20-68, in connection with charges of forgery and received a sentence of two years and seven months.

Enclosures (2)**1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info) (Enc. 1)**

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RE: MURKIN

Under this same FBI number one Richard Erwin was fingerprinted by Georgia Industrial Institution (number A-61871/7616) at Alto, Georgia, on 10-8-65, in connection with charges of larceny of an automobile and received a sentence of two years. It is not known if this entire sentence or portion thereof was served.

4/8/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Savannah and Memphis, 3/28/69.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Division are the following:

- 1) One xerox copy of above referenced Bureau communication.
- 2) One xerox copy of a letter reportedly from ROY ERWIN.
- 3) One copy of an FD-302 with Mr. LAMAR L. MC GREGOR, Records Clerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison, Tattnall County, Ga., conducted on 4/3/69.
- 4) One copy of an FD-302 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN, GSP #57075, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., conducted on 4/3/69.

Enclosed for the Knoxville Division is one copy each of the above four items.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 7 copies each of the above FD 302s.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 14)
② - Atlanta (Enc. 4) (44-2386)
2 - Knoxville (Enc. 4)
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LEADS:

ATLANTA

AT DALTON, GEORGIA

- 1) Will identify, locate and interview JERRY BENNETT, who is employed at Coronet Carpets Company, thoroughly regarding trip taken in latter part of March, 1968, and first part of April, 1968, together with ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect name of ERWIN at all times) and MICHAEL BLALOCK, to Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga, Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn., and back to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga.
- 2) Will determine from BENNETT where he, BLALOCK and ERWIN stayed in Memphis and purpose of their trip to Memphis, Tenn.
- 3) Will determine from BENNETT where he heard about murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- 4) Will determine where BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN went after leaving Chattanooga, Tenn., after hearing of death of KING.
- 5) Will determine whether or not 1965 Mustang disposed of and to whom, so that 1965 Mustang can be examined to determine if a police radio ever was installed in it.
- 6) Will identify, locate, and interview MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives on dirt road six miles out Chatsworth Highway from Dalton, Georgia, who is said to be in U.S. Army, at present, along same lines as JERRY BENNETT.

KNOXVILLE

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

- 1) Will contact the Florida Hotel to determine dates on which JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect at all times) were registered in the Florida Hotel. (Note BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN were allegedly registered in Florida Hotel on 2/separate occasions in late March, 1968, and early April, 1968.
- 2) Will contact a porter, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT, who allegedly works at Florida Hotel to determine if he knows JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY ERWIN, and if he told them of death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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FBI PHILA

1119PM 3-27-69 URGENT JLK

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

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MURKIN

RE BUAIRTEL THREE TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE.

RETEL INSTRUCTED PHILA TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW REVEREND JAME BEVEL SCLC OFFICIAL CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT IN "NEW YORK TIMES" LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS PD APPROXIMATELY FOUR THREE SIX EIGHT CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED WHILE IN MEMPHIS. 3

MEMPHIS PD KNOWS NOTHING OF LETTER.

BEVERLY STERNER, GIRL FRIEND OF BEVEL TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN AT A MEETING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. SHE STATED SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CALL BEVEL AND HAVE HIM CALL PHILA. SHE WAS TOLD FBI WOULD TALK TO HIM WHEREVER HE WAS LOCATED.

ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND WFO CONTACT SOURCES TO DETERMINE BEVEL'S LOCATION AND IF THERE IS ANY SCLC CONFERENCES.

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AT...JTB

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
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URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND NEW YORK
FROM: PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN - 44 2386

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED MARCH TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND
ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED APRIL THREE, LAST.

REFERENCED AIRTEL INSTRUCTED PHILADELPHIA TO INTERVIEW
REV. JAMES BEVEL OF SCLC FOR INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION
REGARDING HIS STATEMENT IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES" ON MARCH
EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT A LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS
POLICE ON APPROXIMATELY APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH
CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE
ASSASSINATED.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL STATED RUMORS WERE THAT BEVEL
HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO
OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTENTION MAY BE
NECESSARY.

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PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN - R ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD BEEN AT BEVEL'S APARTMENT AND AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL OF SCLC STATED BEVEL WAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT SCLC WAS KEEPING THE QUIET. ALL OTHER SCLC PEOPLE ADVISED SIMPLY THAT BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HOSPITAL AT WHICH BEVEL IS LOCATED BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW WITHOUT BUREAU PERMISSION.

IT IS FELT BEVEL SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED IF HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

IF BEVEL IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK, THE FACT THAT HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL MAY BE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT BEVEL IS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

4/11/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of Savannah airtel to Memphis dated 4/8/69, and an FD-302 dated 4/8/69 which reflects an interview on 4/3/69 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN, an inmate of the Georgia State Prison.

The Bureau will note that ERWIN has denied writing a letter bearing his name which indicated that he had driven a 1965 Mustang from Memphis, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., on 4/4/68, the date that victim was killed. The subsequent interview with ERWIN on 4/3/69 indicates that ERWIN was in Chattanooga, Tenn., on 4/4/68, and ERWIN denies having any knowledge regarding KING's murder.

Since it does not appear to serve any useful purpose to conduct the investigation set out in Savannah airtel of 4/8/69, Atlanta and Knoxville should hold the requested investigation in abeyance and should not conduct same, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA, AND NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

MURKIN

REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL THREE, SIXTYNINE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR SIXTYNINE, AT THIRTEEN EIGHTY SEVEN DASH R ADVISED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT JAMES BEVEL, DIRECTOR OF NON VIOLENT EDUCATION, SCLC, WAS CURRENTLY IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. INFORMANT STATED NO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION PERTAINING TO THE REPORTED RECENT HOSPITALIZATION OF BEVEL. HE SAID HE ASSUMED BEVEL COULD PRESENTLY BE CONTACTED THROUGH SCLC, PHILADELPHIA.

INFORMANT POINTED OUT THAT BEVERLY STERNER, WHITE FEMALE, SCLC, EMPLOYEE, SERVES AS AN AIDE TO BEVEL IN PHILADELPHIA. STERNER HAS BEEN PROMISCUOUS WITH VARIOUS SCLC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES INCLUDING BEVEL. THE SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF GENERALLY CONSIDERED STERNER TO BE VERY PARTIAL TO BEVEL. IN INFORMANT'S OPINION, STERNER IS MORE LIKELY TO KNOW OF BEVEL'S CURRENT

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 - (1 - 157-656) (JAMES BEVEL)
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WHEREABOUTS AT ANY TIME THAN ANY ONE ELSE IN SCLC.

PHILADELPHIA, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE BEVEL
THROUGH SCLC, PHILADELPHIA, AND/OR STERNER.

PERTINENT PORTIONS ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE
INCLUDED IN LHM RE BEVEL.

INFORMATION FROM AT THIRTEEN EIGHTY SEVEN DASH R
CONFIDENTIAL.

ONE COPY (RM) MEMPHIS AND MOBILE.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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To: SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReATTel 4-11-68 and ATairtel 4-10-68 submitting major case prints of DONALD EUGENE WALLACE.

On basis information furnished in referenced Atlanta teletype no fingerprint record could be located in Identification Division files for EARLAN CARL LACY, Army service #ER 1558672.

Remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with the finger or palm prints of WALLACE.

Prints of Wallace being temporarily retained in Identification Division.

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TYPE OR PRINT

LAST NAME: WALLACE FIRST NAME: DONALD MIDDLE NAME: EUGENE

SEX: M RACE: W
HT. (Inches): 67 WT.: 145
HAIR: BLDE EYES: GREEN
PLACE OF BIRTH: CALIF

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS: FBI, ATLANTA

ALIASES

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

Donald Eugene Wallace

YOUR NUMBER: AT44-2386

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SCARS AND MARKS: *1/2" scar on rt. eyelid* AMPUTATION: *None.*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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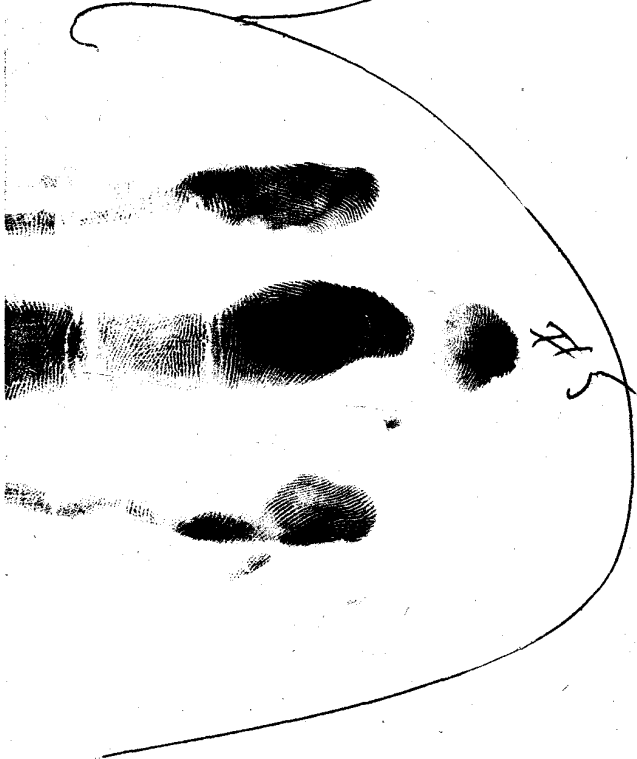
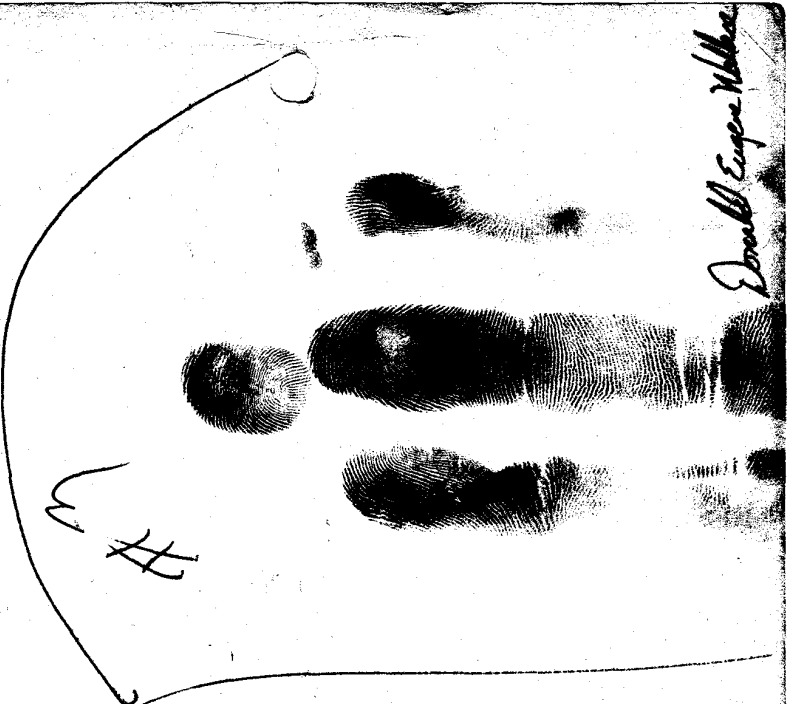
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Donald Eugene Walker



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Atlanta, Georgia

April 29, 1969

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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On April 3, 1969, a confidential source advised he understood there was then currently a rumor among members of the Executive staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that James Bevel, Director of Nonviolent Education, SCLC, had recently committed himself to a hospital in order to obtain rest and such medical assistance as might be deemed necessary.

Source pointed out most members of the SCLC staff have long considered Bevel to be an individual whose actions can seldom be predicted. As a consequence, some of these staff members, from time to time, have expressed opinion that Bevel has been in need of medical attention.

On April 24, 1969, source advised no further information had come to his attention regarding the purported hospitalization of Bevel. As of that date, source understood Bevel was then working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of SCLC.

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

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

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California; at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

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however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

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

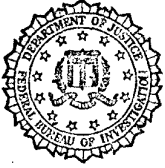
A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

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

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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