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Jerry-Ray  
P.O. Box 145  
Lake Zurich, Ill. 60047

Ms. Ellie Dyhan  
WMAQ - Radio  
Chicago, Ill.



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March 24, 1977.

Dear Ellie,

Inclosed is and article from the Waukegan Newspaper, attached to it is Kup's Column. I havent read The New Times article yet, but it will be on the News Stand within a couple of days.

My Attorney has already informed New Times t-hat a Libel Suit will be filed against them. So now it looks like i dont have to wait for that phone call from WMAQ to make me rich, as i beleive New Times is going to make me rich. I see where you switched from the evenings to the afternoon.

Just stay healthy and keep spinning those records, weather it's in the afternoon or evenings makes no difference.

Sincerly

*Jerry Ray.*

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P.O. Box 145 -  
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Ms. Ellie Dylan  
WMAQ - Radio  
Chicago, Ill.



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March 5, 1977.

Dear Ellie,

I'am just going to type a short note as i'am leaving tomorrow morning to meet Dan Rather in Knoxville, Tenn.

Dan Rather is a reporter for CBS- TV, and he does 60 minutes plus another show called Who's Who in which is shown on Tuesday night at 7 O'clock.

The interview that he is going to do with my Brother James, will either be shown on Who's Who, either Tuesday March 15 or 22.

I thought you might like to know on account of my Brother has never given and interview where he discussed his involvment in the King Assassination.

As i told you in my other letter i'll mention to him that you suggested corresponding, and i'll let you know his thoughts about that matter when i return in which will be around March 15.

I beleive i told you in my other letter also, that i have to be in Knoxville on April 25, as i'am suing Time Magazine for 2½ Million dollars for a scandal story they ran in one of there issue last year concering I and my Brother James.

I have about seven other letters to type so i'am going to make this very brief.

I beleive i told you in my other letter that those pictures that i sent are yours to do what you want with them, weather you keep them as a souvenir or what is up to you.

I'll get in touch with you when i return from Knoxville, and i'll let you know how everything went.

Sincerly

*Jerry Ray.*

P.S. Quit getting sick so much as i work at night and miss your five hours, also throw that Clock Radio out the window and make a demand at the station that they send somebody to wake you up.

Jerry Ray  
P.O. Box 145  
Lake Zurich, Ill. 60047



Ms. Ellie Dylan  
WMAQ- Radio  
Chicago, Ill. 60654

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# Suburban Trib

Lake County  
Wednesday, March 23, 1977

## Ray case echoes in Long Grove

By Chuck Hutchcraft

**JERRY RAY**, brother of James Earl Ray, convicted murderer of Martin Luther King Jr., lives unbeknownst to the world in a small room at the Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove.

He's a night watchman at the club, which is on Old McHenry Road. The country club has a large clubhouse surrounded by an 18-hole golf course and large trees. His room is on the third floor of the clubhouse.

Jerry Ray was sleeping there Monday when a reporter knocked on his door with some disturbing news. The news had to do with a recently published article that accuses him, not his brother, of killing King.

**THE ARTICLE** is in the April edition of New Times magazine. Two independent investigators, David S. Lifton and Jeff Cohen, say in the article that Jerry Ray is the "Raoul" whom James Earl Ray has blamed for killing the black civil rights leader.

James Earl Ray was sentenced to 99 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to murdering King in Memphis in 1968. He has since changed his story, saying it was a "Raoul" who killed King. Ray is now asking for a new trial.

Monday, Jerry Ray stood in the doorway of his darkened room wearing only his underwear.

**HE WAS ASKED** if he had read or heard about the magazine story.

"I haven't heard about the article," he said.

Is he the Raoul his brother says killed Martin Luther King Jr.?

Jerry Ray blinked his eyes sleepily. "I ain't no Raoul." There was no irritation in his voice, but he acted as though such a thought was foolish. "If I was, I'd be in jail right now."

**IT WAS A SHORT** conversation. Jerry Ray said he had seen his brother only eight days before. He had gone to the Brushy Mountain Prison at Petros, Tenn., with CBS newsman Dan Rather, who interviewed James Earl Ray for the "Who's Who" television program.

Jerry Ray was asked about reports that the U.S. Justice Department has decided he helped his brother escape from a Missouri prison and lied to the FBI about his contacts with his brother.

A grin appeared on his face. "I was working seven nights a week. I couldn't get away," he said.

# Man held in Mundelein girl's death

REFUGIO S. GUTIERREZ, 22, of rural Mundelein, was charged Tuesday with the strangulation death of a 19-year-old Mundelein girl found beaten near Lake Michigan Sunday.

The victim, Elizabeth M. Butler, 928 N.W. Holcomb, Mundelein, was last seen leaving her home about 6 p.m. Sunday when she left to see Gutierrez, according to Lake Forest Police Chief Charles Gilbert.

marijuana. Preliminary hearing on the murder charges has been set for March 29.

Miss Butler's body was found by the Lake Forest Police just before midnight Sunday along a footpath leading to Lake Michigan about 100 feet east of South Circle Lane in that suburb.

"SHE WAS LYING on her back, fully clothed [in bib overalls and a T-shirt]. There was no evidence of her having been molested," Gilbert said.

The Lake County coroner's office said the girl apparently had been hit in the face and throat and died of asphyxiation. A coroner's inquest is expected within 10 days.

Miss Butler's car was found parked in a no-parking zone on South Circle Lane near a private area frequently troubled with trespassers, police said. Police began to search the path when they found the car late Sunday.

MISS BUTLER, who attended Mundelein High School, was the daughter of Dorothy Summers of 928 Northwest Holcomb, Mundelein, and Ronald Butler of 2927 N. Willow, Franklin Park. She lived with her mother and stepfather, William Summers.

Kristan Funeral Home, 219 W. Maple, Mundelein, is in charge of arrangements.

## McClory gets office in space shortage

By Ray Gibson

U.S. REP. ROBERT McClory will be allowed to rent office space in the Lake County Courthouse, Waukegan, even though office space in the complex is sparse.

The county board recently approved a request by McClory [R-13th, Lake Bluff] to rent 360 square feet for \$168.33 a month.

But the request touched off debate over whether granting McClory's request would "open up the doors" for other politicians who would be vying with county departments for space.

"I'D LIKE TO KNOW if we're going to serve our own departments first," said board member John Balen [D-2, Waukegan].

"Our current Circuit Court clerk has files in a laundry room and a missile silo," said board member Alice Banis Shorts [R-3, Waukegan].

Shorts noted that the lack of space for the Circuit Court clerk means it takes two or three days or longer to locate old

McClory would be given space now used by the Lake-McHenry [counties] Law Enforcement Commission. McClory is to provide his own telephone service and office personnel, she said.

She said it was likely that granting the space to McClory would cause a wave of politicians' seeking space in the complex.

"We're not looking for tenants. Congressman McClory came to us a year ago looking for space," she said.

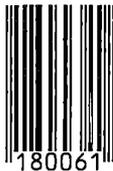
MORRISON SAID the board's financial and administrative committee, which she heads and which had recommended the rental agreement, thought that if U.S. Senators Percy [R] and Stevenson [D] wanted office space in the building, it would be good for the county, but that it was highly unlikely.

But she said that state legislators wouldn't be given a chance to rent such space. "On the state level, the numbers [of representatives] alone would preclude any request," she said.

"I think it's [renting the space to politicians] an excellent

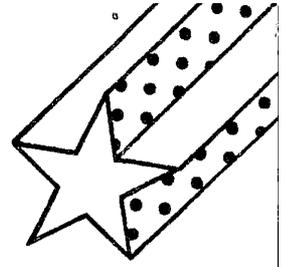
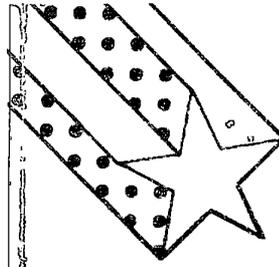


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- Sleeping Beauty

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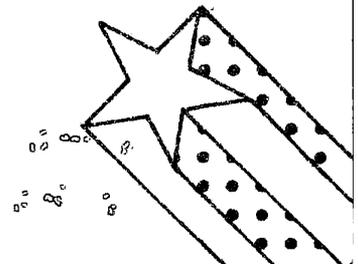
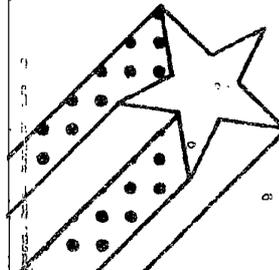
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- over the hill
- horny

**Take your**

- medicine
- own sweet time about it
- clothes off

**And you will soon be**

- on your feet again
- feeling your old self again
- swinging



## See you soon

- back at work
- in the funny papers
- you-know-where

Dear Ellie,

I heard where you were sick, but imagine you're fully recovered by now.

I put an X besides the sentence that fits you.

Inclosed is a dirty story that was written about me in yesterday's tribune.

I was asleep when this Reporter knocked on my door and started asking crazy questions.

WMAQ might not make me rich, but New Times magazine will as I'm filing a 2 1/2 million dollar libel suit against them.

Stay out of the hospital as your listeners miss you, plus we want to see you stay happy & Healthy.

Sincerely

*Jerry Ray*

FROM  
Jerry Ray

P.O. Box 145  
Lake Zurich, Ill. 60047

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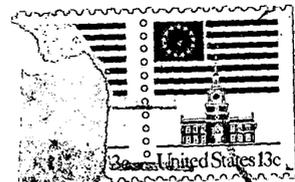
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# Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: 4/12/77

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ <sup>two newspaper articles in "The Kentucky</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>Messenger"</sup>  
dated 3/30/77 at Louisville, Kentucky.

A.  This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B.  The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C.  The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D.  Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E.  Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F.  This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G.  This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H.  This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division (Enc. - 2)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

NOTE: The Louisville Office of the FBI provided the attached two newspaper articles setting forth details concerning the recently reported allegation by Clifton E. Baird, Louisville, Kentucky, that he received an offer from FBI Agents and police officers to assassinate King. No information is contained in the files of the Louisville Division substantiating allegations in these articles.

Airtel

4/20/77

1 - Mr. Lawn  
1 - Mr. Helterhoff

To: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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**MURKIN**

Re your letter 4/15/77.

By return mail, suLHM reporting details as to how you received the enclosures furnished by referenced letter.

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4/22/77

1 - Mr. Lawn

To: SAC, Seattle

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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*Biff*  
**MURKIN**

Re Memphis letter dated 4/11/77 enclosing a copy of a letter from Rufus J. Harpom, Spokane, Washington, copies of which are enclosed for Seattle.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Harpom. Seattle, unless some information contained in your files exists to the contrary, promptly interview Harpom for full details concerning any information he desires to furnish re captioned matter. Submit LHM results incorporating a copy of his enclosed letter as well as summarizing results of any prior information in your files.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (For information)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: April 20, 1977

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

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Civil Rights Division

1 - Office of Professional Responsibility  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

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Brown envelope to Ms. Ellie Dylan 2/24/77, containing letter and four photos (two of James Earl Ray).

Ellie Dylan is a well known "country Western style" disc jockey, broadcasting on a nighttime program over WMAQ radio station, Chicago.

These enclosures received by our Chicago Office of the FBI, and you will be advised the details as to how they were received.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/26/77

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/20/77.

Enclosed are the original and five copies of an LHM submitted as requested in referenced airtel.

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- 1- Chicago

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- 1- Criminal Division
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Enclosed are the original and five copies  
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/30/77

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
April 26, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 44-1114

JAMES EARL RAY

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JOHN MELCHER  
MONTANA

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

April 5, 1977

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Hon. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

In the enclosed article copied from "The Review Of The News", a publication printed in Belmont, Massachusetts, serious allegations are made against the late Reverend Martin Luther King. The article speaks of surveillance records kept on Reverend King and alleged Communist associates.

I believe that if any such files exist on Dr. King, they should not be kept secret after such a long period of time. The allegations in the attached article are serious and should be checked out.

The files and the facts must be made public.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*John Melcher*

*JMK* XEROX  
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Enclosure

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*Letter to Senator Melcher  
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**United States Senate**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Danny Coulson  
Legal Counsel, FBI

Here is the Martin Luther King  
article which should have been en-  
closed with Senator John Melcher's  
recent letter.

I am sorry for the inconvenience.

Sherry Donovan  
224-4209

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EX-100



# The King File

by Robert H. Reeder

■ SENATOR Frank Church (D.-Idaho) has turned the Senate Intelligence Committee into a vehicle for smearing the late F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover. Hoover's private files show that he had become convinced that Martin Luther King was a person of low moral character who had fallen under the control of the Communists. Church claims to find this absurd. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, however, did not find it absurd in the least and authorized F.B.I. surveillance of King — including wiretaps, which were maintained between 1963 and 1966.

Those wiretaps and other evidence proved that Martin Luther King was indeed a person of low moral character who had fallen under the control of the Communists. But Senator Church has, like Richard Nixon, ducked the

issue by refusing to release the damning tapes. And the "Liberal" press has cooperated by laboring to create the myth that Martin Luther King was an innocent victim of Director Hoover's bad temper.

The F.B.I. has been accused of playing "dirty tricks" on Martin Luther King. It has been accused of threatening to release information in its files that would have been damaging to King's respectability. And almost nothing has been said about Martin Luther King's notorious immorality and Communist associates. The *New York Times*, on November 19, 1975, commented: "The committee staff members said they could find no justification for the bureau's attack on Dr. King." The Senate Intelligence Committee would like us to believe that Martin Luther King was under

December 3, 1975

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surveillance because he criticized the F.B.I.

We do not know what information is in the substantial F.B.I. file on Dr. King, but we do know that even the most cursory look at Martin Luther King's *public* record should convince the merest tyro that there was very good reason for Director Hoover to consider King "dangerous."

Martin Luther King was quoted in the *New York World Telegram* of July 23, 1964, as declaring: "[I am] sick and tired of people saying this movement has been infiltrated by Communists and Communist sympathizers. There are as many Communists in this freedom movement as there are Eskimos in Florida." One hardly has to look at the entire "freedom movement" to find evidence of Communist infiltration — though the level of infiltration was overwhelming when the whole movement is considered. Rather, to be scrupulously fair, let us look directly under Dr. King's nose — at those persons closest to him — and see what we find.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell came to work for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.) late in 1960 as Dr. King's staff consultant. In the fall of 1962 he was promoted to acting staff director in charge of voter registration and integration workshops. During this period, O'Dell was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. The "Liberal" press ignored it. Finally, on October 26, 1961, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* revealed that in 1956 and 1958

Hunter Pitts O'Dell had been identified under oath as a Communist organizer.

What did Martin Luther King do? He announced that he had discharged Comrade O'Dell.

A few months later it was discovered that O'Dell had not been fired but promoted, and was now running King's large New York office! When the story hit, Dr. King claimed to have discharged O'Dell a second time. A subsequent check by U.P.I. determined that Hunter Pitts O'Dell of the National Committee of the Communist Party was still employed by Dr. Martin Luther King.

Bayard Rustin is the notorious homosexual King called "a brilliant, efficient and dedicated organizer and one of the best and most persuasive interpreters of nonviolence." He was secretary and advisor to King from 1956 to 1960, and went with him to Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize in 1964.

Rustin was an organizer, recruiter, and fund-raiser for the Young Communist League, served 28 months in prison during World War II for refusing to do work required of those who were conscientious objectors, was given 60 days in jail in California for lewd vagrancy in 1953, and while working for King was one of only five "impartial observers" at the Communist Party's closed-door 16th national convention in 1957. That is only *part* of the record.

Fred Shuttlesworth, longtime field secretary of King's S.C.L.C., was

president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (S.C.E.F.). This group was thoroughly investigated by Committees of both the House and Senate and repeatedly found to have been a major Communist operation. On November 26, 1963, Shuttlesworth was one of two honored guests at the 15th anniversary dinner of the *National Guardian*, described by a Congressional Committee as "a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia." A former bootlegger, Fred Shuttlesworth's Communist, Communist Front, and radical activities fill three typewritten pages. King said of Shuttlesworth: "Reverend Shuttlesworth is my principal aide. Why, he gave me my start and he advised me from the very first. I depend on him."

James Bevel was Martin Luther King's chief aide in Chicago. He has declared: "We must move to destroy Western Capitalism." At a Black Power rally at Berkeley, California, in 1966 Bevel announced: "One of the problems of not being able to burn down the slums of Chicago is at this point not having the proper discipline required for the problems of carrying out that kind of a mission. That is why we haven't burned it down . . . . We are going to be part of an international revolution to end slavery . . . . I guess I hate Western Civilization more than most people . . . ."

The "Reverend" Bevel continued to emphasize the destruction of capitalism, and then he told the crowd that, when John Kennedy was President, Bevel had told people: "If the Vietcong

jumped Jackje in my back yard, I wouldn't pull them off her."

Wyatt T. Walker, staff aide to Martin Luther King, was editorial advisor to the Marxist-Leninist Progressive Labor Movement. He was a familiar supporter of Communist Fronts.

Myles Horton was director of the Highlander Center, an outgrowth of the Highlander Folk School, in Tennessee, where King was trained. Martin Luther King was in fact listed as a sponsor of the Highlander Center on its stationery. Horton conceived the Highlander Folk School, described by a Joint Committee of the Tennessee Legislature as "a meeting place for known Communists and fellow travelers." The Georgia Commission on Education termed it a "Communist Training School."

James Dombrowski was another member of the Communist Party who was a close friend and advisor to Martin Luther King. Law enforcement authorities obtained a cancelled check made out to King from the Communist Front S.C.E.F. which was signed by Dombrowski and Benjamin Smith. Smith, according to Senator James O. Eastland (D.-Mississippi), ". . . is registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act as an agent of Fidel Castro."

In a letter discovered by government investigators, King wrote to Comrade Dombrowski: "Dear Jim: This is just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letters of recent date. We, too, were more than happy to have you in our home, the fellowship was

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very rewarding . . . Very sincerely yours, Martin."

Carl and Anne Braden have both been longtime, notorious members of the Communist Party working in the Louisville area. The Bradens, officers of the S.C.E.F., were part of the "Louisville Seven" — a group responsible for purchasing a house in an all-white area of Louisville, selling it to a Negro family, and then dynamiting it to stir up racial trouble.

King wrote a letter to the Bradens in 1959 urging them to become permanently associated with his Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

A photograph taken at the 6th annual conference of the S.C.L.C. in 1962, and found in the files of James Dombrowski, shows Martin Luther King, Carl and Anne Braden, and James Dombrowski, and describes King on the back as "responding to Anne Braden's speech."

Aubrey Williams was president of S.C.E.F. until 1963. In 1945 the U.S. Senate rejected his appointment to a government post because of his affiliations with the Communist apparatus. In 1954, Williams was identified under oath as a member of the Communist Party by two witnesses.

Two years later, in 1957, King was photographed with Williams, Myles Horton, Abner Berry (a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party), and other Comrades at a Communist training school in Tennessee. King referred to Williams as "one of the noble personalities of our times."

Ralph David Abernathy was Mar-

tin Luther King's top aide from the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. He succeeded King as head of the S.C.L.C. Abernathy accompanied Dr. King to that Communist training school in Tennessee in 1957. And they had more than their radical commitment in common. In the 1958 case of *Alabama v. Davis*, sworn testimony was introduced regarding sexual aberrations committed by Abernathy on a 15-year-old girl who sang in the choir of his church.

Not only is Abernathy an active supporter of such Communist causes as the effort to free Communist Angela Davis, but in 1972 he was an honored guest of the Soviet Union and of Communist East Germany (G.D.R.), where he declared: "As pastor and theologian, I am of the opinion that the G.D.R. embodies what we aspire to in the world." Two hours before his departure he told a Communist Party press conference: "What we are still fighting for in the U.S.A. is what has already been achieved in the G.D.R."

The East German Communists gave Abernathy a medal, and reported that agents of their leading religious Front had "for many years" been in correspondence with Martin Luther King. They presented the "Reverend" Abernathy with a German edition of Coretta Scott King's *My Life With Martin Luther King*, and he declared: "President Kennedy once said in West Berlin that he was a Berliner. I want to change that and say: 'I am a Citizen of the [Communist] German Democratic Republic.'"

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LITTLE wonder that after lengthy investigation the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities for the State of Louisiana concluded in its three-part Report on the activities of S.C.E.F. that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, headed by Martin Luther King, was "substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund [S.C.E.F.] and the Communists who manage it."

If Martin Luther King was "sick and tired of people saying this movement has been infiltrated by Communists and Communist sympathizers," it was because he knew it was true.

And so did J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. Director Hoover spoke out many times to warn of Communist involvement in the "civil rights" movement. On one occasion, he said: "We do know that Communist influence does exist in the Negro movement and it is this influence which is vitally important." Hoover declared that the Communist Party "strives only to exploit what are often legitimate Negro complaints and grievances for the advancement of Communist objectives . . . Racial incidents are magnified and dramatized by Communists in an effort to generate racial tensions."

Mrs. Julia Brown is a brave and gracious Negro lady who spent more than nine years as a member of the Communist Party in Cleveland, serving as an undercover operative for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. According to Mrs. Brown:

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*. . . Mr. King was one of the worst enemies my people ever had.*

*I know that it is considered poor taste to speak ill of the dead. But when someone served the enemies of our country while alive, and his name is still used by his comrades to promote anti-American activities, shouldn't people who know the truth speak out?*

*I learned many surprising things while I served in the Communist Party for the FBI. Communist leaders told us about the demonstrations that would be started, the protest marches, the demands that would be made for massive federal intervention. Every Communist was ordered to help convince American Negroes that we are no better off than slaves. Wherever we went and whatever we did, we were to promote race consciousness and resentment, because the Communists know that the technique of divide and conquer really works.*

*We were also told to promote Martin Luther King, to unite Negroes and whites behind him, and to turn him into some sort of national hero. We were to look to King as the leader in this struggle, the Communists said, because he was on our side!*

*I know they were right, because while I was in the Communist Party I learned that Martin Luther King attended a Communist training school. I learned that several of his aides and assistants were Communists, that he received funds from Communists, and that he was taking directions from Communists.*

*Most Americans never look at the*

*Communist press in this country. If they did, they would learn that the Communists loved Martin Luther King. He was one of their biggest heroes. And I know for a fact the Communists would never have promoted him, financed him, and supported him if they couldn't trust him. He carried out their orders just as slavishly as Party members in Cleveland, Ohio.*

Little wonder that F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover called Martin Luther King "the most notorious liar in the country."

We do not know what additional information Mr. Hoover had on King, but after years of electronic surveillance he certainly knew much more than we have been able to present in this brief survey from the public record. Yet the Senate Intelligence Committee has refused to release the F.B.I. file on King. They chose instead to attack the F.B.I. for using "dirty tricks," and members of the Committee staff said "they could find no justification for the bureau's attack on Dr. King." Incredibly, a U.P.I. release on November 19, 1975, declared: "A top FBI official said Wednesday that the Bureau had no legal justification for its smear campaign against Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. but suspected, without evidence, he might be under 'Communist influence.'"

*"Suspected, without evidence.*

... "That is, as we have seen, simply not true. And the distortion is intended to damage the reputation of both the F.B.I. and the late Director J. Edgar Hoover.

John J. McDermott, Assistant Director of the F.B.I., spoke on November 21, 1975, before a Connecticut group which aids families of policemen, firemen, and corrections officers killed in the line of duty. He said the F.B.I.'s six-year surveillance of Martin Luther King was justified because of concern that King was influenced by subversives. He put it this way: "We did what we felt we had to do for the welfare of the nation at the time. Don't forget they [radicals and Communists] were bombing the Pentagon. They said they were going to shut down the government." Another F.B.I. official reminded us that the King projects "were started at a time when cities were being burned . . . ."

We believe most Americans would agree that our law enforcement authorities should keep under surveillance any person or group about which there is substantial evidence of involvement in such crimes as revolutionary violence, Communist subversion, and conspiracy with agents of a foreign power to overthrow the U.S. Government by force and violence. To the extent the F.B.I. maintained such surveillance under J. Edgar Hoover, we heartily applaud its efforts. ■■

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Honorable John Melcher  
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- 1 - Mr. Adams
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Dear Senator Melcher:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated April 5, 1977.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiated a security investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1962 to determine the scope and depth of Communist influence upon him. This investigation terminated at the time of his death in 1968. Similar investigations have also been conducted on a number of his associates who were either known or alleged to have Communist connections. The results of these investigations have been made available to the Department of Justice and other interested agencies of the Government.

With respect to results of our electronic surveillance of King conducted during this investigation, the following information may be of interest to you. On January 31, 1977, U. S. District Court Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., dismissed two civil suits filed against the FBI by a former assistant to King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which King headed until his death. The court ordered the FBI to file with the National Archives all of its tapes and documents obtained through telephone and microphone surveillances of King and that this material not be made public for at least 50 years, except by court order. The FBI is currently in the process of complying with this court order.

I appreciate your concern in bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley  
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Director

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