

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

DATE: 6/10/65

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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On 6/1/65 [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] is resigning as [REDACTED] of SCLC, although the reason for this resignation is unknown. It is believed [REDACTED] will be offered this position. Regarding the flow of funds and finances at SCLC, all incoming money is routed to [REDACTED] (RALPH ABERNATHY). ABERNATHY rigidly controls all the handling of funds. The finance office does not have anything to do with the issuing of expense checks or vouchers. This is handled by ABERNATHY. KING and ABERNATHY still insist that they sign all checks issued by SCLC. ABERNATHY has continuously attempted to impress the informant with his personal honesty.

Concerning [REDACTED] they are responsible for the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They are very close to [REDACTED] and have given indications that they are most agreeable with him politically.

- 1- 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1- 100-5586 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1- 157-257 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-698 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-621 [REDACTED]
- 1- 100-6563 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-639 [REDACTED]
- 2- 157-New [REDACTED]
- 2- 157-New [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-895 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-755 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-725 [REDACTED]
- 1- 100-6684 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-661 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-726 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-936 [REDACTED]
- 1- 157-653 [REDACTED]
- ① 157-933 (SCOPE)

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The bookkeeping and finance system at SCLC is definitely archaic and definitely needs revision. During the height of the Selma campaign it could not properly be run through the organization because of the system. The back log became so great that boxes of money were sitting around the finance office because the safe would hold no more. The build up became so great that boxes of money were taken to employees' homes for safe-keeping.

ABERNATHY has attempted to place a number of persons in the office at SCLC as a charitable move in that he feels these people need jobs and rehabilitation. This is a constant source of friction between ABERNATHY and [REDACTED] on a number of occasions had indicated he is a great admirer of W.E.B. DuBOIS. [REDACTED] however, appears to be contemptuous of KING, ABERNATHY and some of the other ministers connected with SCLC and has indicated they create a good image but definitely do not understand the purpose of the organization. [REDACTED] is ideologically dedicated to the civil rights movement and the social aspects of the organization. He is undoubtedly the most efficient and able individual at SCLC.

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Concerning [REDACTED] the informant said her status at SCLC is somewhat of a mystery. It is generally known she is very important and not to be offended. She draws but [REDACTED] per week in salary from SCLC and the remainder of her salary is paid by some foundation, the identity of which is unknown.

Concerning [REDACTED] the informant said he is a very likeable, personable and intelligence person; however, his problem appears to be women. [REDACTED]

The informant was quite positive of this statement regarding the relationship of [REDACTED]

Concerning [REDACTED] informant said [REDACTED] and is merely using his position at SCLC to further his own ambition.

AT 100-5718
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Informant said to his knowledge only \$35,000 has been allotted by SCLC to project SCOPE. He knows of no other funds allotted to this project. He said HOSEA WILLIAMS, who is directing this project, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to RALPH ABERNATHY, is extremely trusted by ABERNATHY and very loyal to him.

Regarding [REDACTED] informant said [REDACTED] apparently serves no useful function at SCLC except to be an aide to KING. He is a somewhat [REDACTED] On one occasion in the recent past, [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] However, the informant was not aware of any current problems regarding this matter.

ACTION:

Make active files for [REDACTED] to determine whether security investigation should be conducted regarding these individuals.

Open 157 New files on [REDACTED] MEW SONG LI to fully identify and determine whether or not they have any security background.

"Atlanta, Georgia
10/18/65

"As of the present time, the Summer Community Education Project (SCOPE), for all practical purposes, is defunct. From the inception of this program early in the summer of 1965 to the present time, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has spent over one quarter of a million dollars.

"The SCOPE House or Headquarters of SCOPE maintained by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta during the summer of 1965 is still open. It presently houses the staff of Hosea Williams. Hosea Williams is head of the Voter Registration Department of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Basically SCOPE's activity was Voter Registration. Many students who worked for SCOPE during the past summer returned to their homes. However, some remained with SCOPE and are presently assisting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Voter Registration work."

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On [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] The main topic of conversation at this
meeting was SCOPE. The general trend of the conversation
as reported by Hosea Williams was that [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] felt that SCOPE was too costly of a project
and was not successful enough last summer for SCLC to
undertake the project again. Hosea argued bitterly
against this, and had support from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He mentioned [REDACTED] support him
weakly on the matter. He said that on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was to take place in which they would
decide whether or not they would have the SCOPE project
this summer. What happened [REDACTED] is not known at
this time.

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"It has been indicated by Hosea Williams and talked about by his staff that if there is no SCOPE project this summer sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Hosea Williams might well resign or take a leave of absence to sponsor his own SCOPE project financed by funds which he can solicit from different organizations to carry out the SCOPE project this summer."

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