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Re: JAMES I. FARMER
Program Director
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

JAMES I. FARMER is a Negro who was born January 12, 1930, at Wiley, Texas, and who was educated at Wiley College, Texas, and Howard University, Washington, D.C. He currently resides at 85 Bedford Street, New York City, New York. On February 20, 1959, FARMER's employment was listed as being International Representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations. In January, 1960, FARMER's employment was listed as National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York City.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during October, 1954, that JAMES FARMER of 85 Bedford Street, New York City, was, at that time, employed as Student Field Director of the League for Industrial Democracy.

A characterization of the League for Industrial Democracy may be found in the Appendix Section hereto.

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APPENDIX

LEAGUE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY

Report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Volume I, page 663, reflects that in 1905, the Inter-Collegiate Socialist Society, later known as the League for Industrial Democracy, had been organized for the purpose of promoting an intelligent interest in Socialism among college men and women, graduates and undergraduates.

WALTER F. STEELE, editor of the "National Republic", when testifying before the Dies Committee, stated that the League for Industrial Democracy was the main propagandā and agitation agency of the Socialists.

The March 25, 1955, issue of "U.S.A. - An American Bulletin of Fact and Opinion", on page 1, relates, "The League for Industrial Democracy doesn't want public attention drawn to the fact that from 1905 until 1921, the organization was called 'The Inter-collegiate Socialist Society.' The motive for this name changing was a strong one. Even in 1921, at the tender age of sixteen, the organization's record was so bad, and public reaction against alien radicalism was so strong, that the members found it wise to adopt a collective alias,...

"Under any name, the L.I.D. is Socialist. And whenever the oldtime members of the executive board found it expedient, they formed a united front with Communists and pro-Communists."

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The background information concerning JAMES I. FARMER was secured from the records of the Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department as reviewed by SA [redacted] and the records of the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles as reviewed by IC [redacted]

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The source used in the attached letterhead memorandum was [redacted] Public Service Mutual Insurance Company, New York City, who furnished the information to SA [redacted] and who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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It is to be noted that the records of the Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department reflected that JAMES I. FARMER is a Negro. The source in furnishing background information concerning JAMES I. FARMER, [redacted] lists his race as white.

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It is to be noted that the records of the HCUA were not checked and no information from the records of that agency is contained in this memorandum.

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JAMES LEONARD FARMER

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-433744

Date: September 4, 1963

Subject: James Leonard Farmer

Date Searched: 3/25/63

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

- James Leonard Farmer
- James Farmer
- James E Farmer
- James I Farmer

SUMMARY

- James L. Farmer
- James Lee Farmer
- Jim Farmer
- J. L. Farmer

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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NOTIFICATION

ABBREVIATIONS

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CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

FOR.....Fellowship of Reconciliation

N. Car.....North Carolina

RELATIVE WHO HAS BUREAU MAIN FILE

The relationship, biographical data, association with pacifist organizations and activities in racial relations work of James Farmer were set forth in the serials of the main file on [redacted]

[redacted] as follows:

REFERENCE NUMBER

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[redacted] of the National Republic magazine furnished Photostat material captioned "Pacifism." Included in this material was an open letter to the President of the U. S., dated 1/29/38, captioned "It Will Not Be Our War, We Cannot Fight In It." This letter listed James L. Farmer, Jr., as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth.

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61-10498-1042
(24)✓

This reference is a printed announcement concerning the Workers Defense League National Convention, NYC, on June 1 and 2nd. James Farmer was to lead a discussion on "Rights of Negro Workers."

61-7559-8883X p. 1
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*believed to be 1940

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Fourth Annual Convention of the Youth Congress Against War was held in Madison, Wisc., 12/28-30/40. James Farmer was one of the speakers on 12/28/40. (Speech quoted therein)

Informant also advised that Farmer was the chairman of the 12/30/40 session until he had to catch a train.

100-3-14-172 p. 67,68,82
(6)✓
SI 100-3587-153 p. 11,29
(7)✓
SI 100-23462-X6 p. 1,2,3
(11)✓(outside unknown source, not further identified, speech set out)

A letterhead of the National Sharecroppers Week (100-14597) dated 2/27/41 listed James L. Farmer, Jr., as a Washington, D. C., sponsor.

100-14597-0 p. 1
(24)✓

The NY Agency of the MID advised that on 5/1/41, in Washington, D. C., at McPherson Park, several representatives of the Socialist Party gave "soap-box" speeches. One of the speakers was James Farmer.

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100-36054-5 p. 5
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[redacted] of the National Republic magazine furnished Photostat material captioned "Keep America Out of War Congress" (61-10689). This material revealed that James L. Farmer was a sponsor of the National Anti-War Congress held 5/30/41 to 6/1/41 in Washington, D. C.

61-10689-29
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Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] (100-38083) dated 1/10/42 listed James Farmer as a member of the National Committee of the Workers Defense League, NYC (U) (U)

100-38083-140 encl. p. 5 (U) (U)
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[redacted] advised that the purpose of the CORE was to eliminate racial discrimination by inter-racial non-violent direct action. This organization, according to the informant, was founded at the University of Chicago in April, 1942 by James Farmer, a Divinity student from NY, as an outgrowth from the FOR. (U) (U)

100-6007-7 p. 8
(9)✓
SI 124-6596-25 p. 23
(19)✓

The 5/20/42 issue of the "Christian Century", a periodical printed by the Christian Century Press, Chicago, Ill., contained an article by Rev. Bruce Brownlie Maquire (14-181) which described the FOR convention held 4/11,12/42 in Cincinnati, Ohio. This article stated that the FOR national council expressed concern over discrimination against Negroes. It authorized James Farmer, the inter-racial secretary, to take steps toward bringing together and planning a conference of persons concerned about problems of race discrimination and injustice.

Maquire also advised that Farmer was the Middle-Atlantic Student secretary of the Staff of the national council of the FOR.

14-181-8 p. 4,6
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This reference is a US Censorship report dated 10/17/42. In a communication from C. P. S. Camp 27, Crestview, Fla., to Sociedad De Los Amigos, Paso De Ovejas, Veracruz, Mexico, the following was set out:

Jim Farmer was one of the speakers at the Southern General FOR conference held near Nashville, Tenn., in September, 1942.

It was noted that C. P. S. Camps were Civilian Public Service camps for conscientious objectors to military service.

100-11392-39 p. 1
(30)✓

A Monthly Summary of Intelligence Matters dated 7/5/43 at Chicago, Ill., set out the following:

In the national conference held in September, 1942 the March on Washington Movement placed themselves on record against receiving any assistance from any white groups or individuals.

In spite of this declared policy, the FOR, essentially a white organization, had been taking an active part in the convention. James Farmer was named as a member of the FOR.

100-3-14-1495 p. 18
(6)✓

G-2 report dated 1/7/43 set out the following:

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Publications for October and November, 1942 from Peace Action, National Council for Prevention of War, Washington, D. C., addressed to Guatemala City, Guatemala, was condemned by the Office of Censorship, San Antonio, Texas. Comments of the Examiner follow:

Racial Discrimination Cited - Issue for October, 1942, stated that James Farmer said that an ominous tension prevailed between Negroes and whites and that the racial issue was critical. He said that whites were divided - the guardian of caste working to crush the rising dissatisfaction among Negroes and the progressive whites beginning to identify themselves with the struggle against racial discrimination.

62-497-47 encl. p. 1
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[redacted] of Schools, Monmouth, Iowa, advised that he had on several occasions had conversations with [redacted] and that although of the liberal type he believed that [redacted] was not a CP member, but was a member of the Socialist Party. He stated that on one occasion [redacted] entertained Jim Farmer, who was introduced to him as Vice-President of a national equality group; and he stated that [redacted] sponsored Farmer's appearance before a group in the Methodist church.

Postmaster Gerald Gilmore advised that [redacted] resided in Monmouth from January until October, 1942.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Boston, Mass., advised that on 3/27/43 a meeting under the auspices of the FOR was held at his church. James Farmer, Race Relations Secretary, FOR, NYC, was one of the speakers. b7C

100-158790-10 p. 2
(14)✓

War Department, Army Service Forces, Governors Island, NY, report dated 4/10/43 set out the following information:

During the first week of April, 1943, a series of meetings of the NY Institute on Race Relations and Non-Violent Solutions were held under the auspices of the FOR, at Grace Congregation Church and St. Philip's Church, both in NYC. One of the speakers was James Farmer.

100-7660-1320 encl. p. 11
(10)✓

MID report dated 5/10/43 advised that from 4/9-11/43 the St. Louis Institute on Race Relations and Non-Violent Solutions (100-203853) conducted sessions under the auspices of the FOR, NYC. One of the speakers at the 4/10/43 session was James E. Farmer.

100-203853-1 encl. p. 2
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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity was known to the Bureau, advised that on 4/15/43 [redacted] of the Civil Rights Federation (61-10149), was contacted by an individual identified only as [redacted]. Their discussion was confined to the FOR conference.* [redacted] stated that James Farmer would speak on the "Non-Violent Technique of a United State."

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61-10149-185 p. 8
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* Believed to have been in April, 1943 in Detroit, Mich.

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Intelligence report dated 5/31/43 from Headquarters, Third Service Command, US Army, Baltimore, Md., advised that the FOR was actively assisting the March on Washington Movement to develop the non-violent civil disobedience campaign to be launched simultaneously with the national conference. James Farmer had suggested that they try out their program in some of the larger cities prior to the national conference.

100-35128-23 encl. p. 1
(11)✓
SI 100-7660-1395 encl. p. 9
(10)✓(War Department, Army
Service Forces,
Governors Island, NY,
report dated 5/22/43.)

A Quarterly Intelligence Summary dated 7/29/43 at Indianapolis, Ind., set out the following:

On 6/11,12,13/43 there was held in Indianapolis a meeting of the FOR, said meeting was entitled "The Indianapolis Institute on Race Relations and the Non-Violent Solutions." One of the speakers was James Farmer.

66-8720-21-53 p. 7
(5)✓

Bumemo captioned "General Intelligence Survey in the US, August, 1943," set out the following:

The March on Washington Movement held what was termed the "We are American Too Conference" in Chicago, Ill., from 6/30/43 through 7/4/43. One of the speakers was James Farmer.

66-7777-124 encl. p. 76
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[redacted] Metropolitan PD (protect identity) advised that the Institute on Race Relations (100-242108) opened 7/30/43 at the Lincoln Temple Congregational Church, Washington, D. C. At this session James L. Farmer, Jr. spoke.

100-242108-2 p. 2
(26)✓
SI 100-242108-1 encl. p. 1
(16)✓(G-2)

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The 9/4/43 issue of the "New Orleans Sentinel" contained an article captioned "Annual Session of N. O. Area Council Is Well Attended." This article stated that the annual session of the Area Council of the New Orleans Area of the Methodist Church was held in Waveland, Miss., 8/27-30/43. Dr. J. L. Farmer, in discussing the Post War Program, said that the Negroes throughout the country were wholeheartedly supporting the total war program, but he felt that in the victory, that was to follow, the Negro race should share equally in all the benefits of Democracy for which the allied forces were fighting.

100-193384-A
"New Orleans Sentinel" 9/4/43
(29) ✓

A letter from the War Department, MIS, dated 9/13/43 enclosed a report captioned "Recent Developments in the Correspondence of Pacifist Organizations in the United States." This report stated that James Farmer was one of the chief FOR leaders; headed "Free India" and was scheduled to speak at a "March on Washington" meeting.

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100-3-4-2593 encl. p. 1,8
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 advised that the FOR held a National Midwest conference in Chicago, Ill., 9/24-26/43. Informant advised that James Farmer participated in a "round-table conference" at this conference on 9/25/43.

100-21817-14 p. 3
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 advised that on 10/26/43 a meeting of the NAACP, (61-3176) Phoenix chapter, was held to hear the talk of James Farmer, who was believed to have been the Vice-President of the National Council of Methodist Youth, Vice-President of the Christian Youth Camp and Chairman of the Federal Committee on Racial Politics. (U)

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61-3176-189 p. 3
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SI 100-3-27-60 p. 32
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Chicago letter dated 9/24/43 advised that the Chicago branch of the Post War World Council (100-88475) had been sponsoring an "Institute on Racial Minorities in the Post War World." A schedule of speakers at the institute revealed that James Farmer, Jr., would speak on 10/28/43.

100-88475-14 p. 2
(11) ✓
SI 100-3-14-1716 encl. p. 1
(6) (unidentified source)

[redacted] made available ^W copies of a circular distributed by the Institute of Racial Minorities which set forth the dates and lecturers to be given by certain individuals during the period from 7/8/43 to 11/11/43. Among the lecturers listed was James Farmer, Jr. b2 b7D

100-3-14-1928 p. 13
(6) ✓

G-2 report for the period 11/27/43 to 12/4/43 set out the following:

James Farmer spoke recently in Dayton, Ohio, at a program sponsored by the FOR. He gave a description of the success of non-violent direct action in fighting discrimination.

100-7660-1847 p. 15
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[redacted] Elm Hotel, 1631 Tremont Place, Denver, Colo., furnished a letter from the FOR dated 12/13/43, which enlisted her support for the 1944 budget of the FOR. The letterhead of this letter listed James L. Farmer, Jr., Race Relations and Bayard Rustin, Special Field Work, both on the National Secretarial Staff.

Enclosed with this letter was a pamphlet entitled "You and the 1944 Budget-Plain Talk About Our Work." This pamphlet stated that about \$1300 was added to the 1944 budget for the improvement of race relations, chiefly to provide Rustin and Farmer with a secretary to handle correspondence, make schedules, gather material for the new race relations bulletin "Together", and thus enable them to devote themselves to field work, supervision of action projects and writing.

100-16291-23 p. 4,5
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NY teletype dated 1/23/44 advised that the Harlem Ashram Society (100-139065), an inter-racial group under the leadership of a [redacted] and James Farmer, arrived in NYC from Washington, D. C., and planned to have a poster march on the British Consulate, 25 Broadway, NYC, on 1/26/44.

100-139065-12 p. 1

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SI 100-139065-14 p. 1

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SI 62-41850-103 p.1

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[redacted] advised that James Farmer was one of the speakers at the mass meeting held under the sponsorship of the Washington Committee Against the Poll Tax Filibuster at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on 5/14/44. b7C

[redacted] and [redacted] Metropolitan PD (protect identity) advised that Farmer was among the pickets in the demonstration at the Capitol during the period 5/15-17/44.

100-165165-39 p. 3,7

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From the literature distributed by the FOR it was determined that James L. Farmer, Jr., was a member of the secretarial staff of the National Council of the FOR.

This information was submitted by NYC report dated 10/3/44.

14-181-69 p. 19

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Army Service Forces, Headquarter Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Ill., report for the period 2/17/45 to 2/24/45 set out the following:

James Farmer spoke in a Tomah, Wisc., church 2/18/45 of the injustices of racial inequality. Farmer spoke to a moderately responsive and all-white congregation of approximately 75 regular members.

100-7660-2753 p. 5

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SI 100-7660-2768 p. 5

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Army Service Forces, Headquarters Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Ill., report for the period 2/24/45 to 3/3/45 set out the following:

James Farmer, race relations secretary of the Federal Council of churches, continued his tour of Wisconsin, speaking at churches in Eau Claire on 2/25/45. Farmer's lectures consisted of relating his own experiences of discrimination against himself in hotels, restaurants and by railroads. He stated that CORE was a definite step toward a better understanding of the Negroes' status in the US. It was indicated that Farmer would next conduct a series of lectures in Chicago.

100-7660-2769 p. 4
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SI 100-7660-2841 p. 4
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Army Service Forces, Headquarters Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Ill., report for the period 3/10/45 to 3/17/45 set out the following:

James Farmer spoke at a CORE meeting on 3/7/45 in Chicago. Farmer said that [redacted] of Cleveland, National FOR and CORE leader, would go to Washington, D. C. to meet with leaders of several Negro and white organizations for the purpose of planning a two-month anti-discrimination project scheduled for July and August.

100-7660-2811 p. 2
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SI 100-7660-2871 p. 3
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[redacted] (colored) [redacted] Michigan branch of the NAACP [redacted] (protect identity) advised that this branch published a monthly bulletin which announced the date and place of the meetings of the NAACP in Grand Rapids, and set forth the various problems of the Negro people which would be taken up at the regular open meetings.

[redacted] furnished Volume I, No. II of this bulletin which stated that James Farmer would talk at an inter-racial, inter-faith youth council at the Museum Auditorium, on 3/18/45.

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Army Service Forces, Headquarters Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebr., report for the period 4/7/45 to 4/14/45 set out the following:

"Human Relations Institute," similar to the institute on race relations held last year, was scheduled for 4/13-15/45 in Kansas City, Mo. Out of town leaders scheduled to participate included James Farmer.

100-7660-2918 p. 2
(10) ✓

This reference is a Counter Intelligence Monthly Summary (100-153679) for the month ending 4/30/45 from the District Intelligence Office, Ninth Naval District. This summary stated that CORE had announced through its national leaders James Farmer and [redacted] of FOR and CORE, a two months anti-discrimination project would be held between June 15th and August 15th, at which time restaurants, hotels, skating rinks, and other public places would be tested to determine to what extent they discriminate against Negroes. Chicago had been selected for this mass project.

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100-153679-93 encl. p. 10
(14) ✓

San Antonio letter dated 1/14/47 advised that on 10/27/46 Jim Farmer appeared in Austin, Texas, at which time he led an informal forum on the race problem in the South before the Christian Young People of the University Presbyterian Church. Farmer attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas and subsequently attended Howard University of Religion at Washington, D. C., where he was awarded his Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

[redacted] member of the teaching staff of the University of Texas, stated that Farmer spoke in favor of the Fair Employment Practices Committee, against the Poll Tax, and other matters that had been more or less sponsored by the CP in this section of the country.

100-348268-1 p. 1
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The 5/22/48 issue of the "Los Angeles Tribune" contained an article captioned "U. S. Too Smart to Arrest Randolph, Says Farmer." This article stated in part as follows:

"Although the United States government is probably aching to arrest A. Philip Randolph, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters President, for daring to urge Negroes to refuse further service in a jim crow army, it will probably be too smart to do so. This backhanded tribute to federal shrewdness was given by James Farmer, another advocate of mass civil disobedience, who spoke at Peoples' Independent Church of Christ Last Sunday under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Committee of Racial Equality and Fellowship of Reconciliation... (continued on next page)

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"Farmer was one of the founders of the national CORE in 1942 and served as its first national president in the two years following. Born in Texas, he has spent most of his life there and in other southern states. He has been active in Methodist and Christian youth groups having held, among various offices, that of race relations secretary with the national FOR, for which he has lectured in 47 states."

56-2237-255 encl. p. 3
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A letterhead, not dated, of the League for Industrial Democracy, Inc., (LID) (61-524) listed James Farmer as Student Field Secretary.

A Photostat of an undated article entitled "The LID Advances" published by the ILD, contained information pertaining to the background and activities of Farmer.

The January, 1951 issue of the LID "News Bulletin" contained an article, entitled "Some Campus Activities, James Farmer Reports." This article stated that Farmer had spoken before audiences in over 25 campuses in NY State, NJ, Pa., Ohio, Mo., Mich., Mass., and Conn.

Another article in this issue stated that Farmer and others appeared on Radio Station WEVD, place not given, 12/1/50, and discussed the topic, "Is Labor Winning the Next Generation?"

This issue also listed Farmer as Student Secretary of the LID.

61-524-87 encl. p. 5,8,15-17
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CIA letter dated 3/31/59 advised that a 1953 brochure disseminated by the American Committee on Africa (105-43756) listed James L. Farmer as a member of the Executive Committee. (SU)

105-43756-17 p. 2
(26) ✓

[On 11/4/56 [] furnished (SU) the "In Friendship" (100-424895) leaflet which listed James Farmer as a sponsor.

100-424895-12 p. 6
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[redacted] (u) advised that the 2/14/60 issue of "The NY Times" carried an article in which it was stated that CORE was formed in Chicago, in 1942 by a group headed by [redacted] now [redacted] of CORE; [redacted] now [redacted] of the American Committee on Africa; and by James Farmer, now Program Director for the NAACP.

62-101087-49-341 p. 2
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The 3/15/60 issue of "The Washington Post" contained an article captioned "Agenda for Geneva." Among those who signed this article was James Farmer, a Board member of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (100-410898).

100-410898-98 encl. p. 7
(17) ✓

An anonymous source, not further identified, made available a letter dated 5/19/60 on the letterhead of the American Committee on Africa which extended an invitation to attend an Emergency Action Conference on South Africa, at Carnegie Endowment International Center, NYC.

Attached to this letter was a schedule of activities for this group. James Farmer was listed as one of the people who were to lead the discussions at this conference.

105-87964-11 p. 28
(18) ✓

[redacted] (u) furnished mimeographed documents which were distributed at the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (157-275) Conference, held 10/14-16/60 in Atlanta, Ga. One of these documents was the "Agenda" which listed James Farmer as head of one of the Non-violence Workshops.

157-275-5 encl. p. 3
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[redacted] Sumter, N. Car., advised that on 5/11/61 two buses arrived in Sumter carrying two groups of people who called themselves the "Freedom Riders." After this group held a meeting, [redacted] and told [redacted] [redacted] desired to join the "Freedom Riders" on their trip to New Orleans.

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[redacted] the Local CORE representative, who in turn got in touch with James Farmer, the CORE representative who was in charge of the "Freedom Riders." [redacted]

They left on a Trailways bus 5/12/61 which was enroute to New Orleans.

149-1684-25 p. 10
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[redacted] Associated Press representative, Birmingham, Ala., advised that on 5/14/61 he was at the Trailways Bus Station, inside a waiting room, awaiting the arrival of the bus carrying some of the members of the "Freedom Crusade."

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[redacted] also advised that he had received a wire that date from NY, which indicated the following: "Try to locate James Farmer, President of CORE, understand more coming Sunday."

He elaborated further by stating it was his understanding that the group of people to arrive Sunday were people from Atlanta, Ga.; Washington, D. C.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Baltimore, Md.

149-1684-84 p. 432
(19) ✓

The 5/15/61 issue of "The Evening Star" contained a photograph and an article which stated "These 'Freedom Riders' involved in attacks in Alabama are shown planning the trip before they left Washington on May 4. From left they are Edward Blankenheim of Tucson, Ariz.; James Farmer of NYC; Miss Genevieve Hughes, a Chevy Chase (Md.) native, now of NY; Rev. B. Elton Cox of High Point, N. C.; and Henry Thomas, a Howard University sophomore from St. Augustine, Fla. Some were injured in the attacks."

149-1684-A "Evening Star" 5/15/61
(19) ✓

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[redacted] furnished the following documents:

Newspaper photo from the 5/16/61 issue of the "Atlanta Daily World" of "Freedom Riders Pass Through Atlanta." One of the individuals in this photo was James Farmer.

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A list of names, showing race, age and address of individuals which was headed "The original group of Freedom Riders that arrived in Birmingham were identified to us as follows." Farmer appeared on this list.

A list of names, showing (police department) number, date of birth, address, entitled "PD, Jackson, Miss.", contained the name of Farmer.

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The 7/11/61 issue of the "Baltimore Afro-American," a Baltimore, Md. newspaper, contained an article which stated that plans were being made for the annual board meeting of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee to be held in Baltimore from 7/14/61 to 7/16/61. According to this article James Farmer would be on the program.

157-275-31 encl. p. 1
(20) ✓

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[redacted], of Atlanta, Ga., [redacted] of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC), advised that delegates of the SNCC would hold their bi-monthly board meeting in Baltimore, Md., 7/14-16/61. James Farmer was scheduled as one of the speakers at the 7/15/61 session.

157-6-53-37 encl. p. 1
(19) ✓

[redacted] advised that on 8/28/61 [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] of CORE Director James Farmer. Mr. Farmer was not available as he was appearing on a television panel show. They discussed the indictment of [redacted] Negro leader from [redacted] N. C., concerning the charges of [redacted] kidnaping a white man and his wife and holding them hostage during a race riot in [redacted] stated that he hoped that CORE would be able to do something, such as make a statement or attempt to contact AG Kennedy to make him realize the error of his ways. (u)

[redacted] stated that she would speak to James Farmer about it. (u)

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(18) ✓
SI 97-4196-634 encl. p. 1
(6) ✓

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The 8/28/61 issue of the "Dayton Daily News," contained an article captioned "CORE Director Walks Wire Between Rival Groups Here." The article stated that "The CORE in Dayton yesterday ran smack into its first experience with an internal split among Negro supporters. National Director James Farmer said as much after talking with rival groups of Negro leaders here about the application of W. S. McIntosh and the West Side Citizens Council for a CORE franchise.

..."Mrs. Minnie Peterson, initiator of the move to oppose a CORE franchise for the McIntosh group, gave this summation of the closed session afterwards: 'We told Mr. Farmer that we want CORE to come into Dayton but if it is under McIntosh's leadership we won't follow it.' ..."

West Side Citizens Council (WSSC) was the subject of file #62-106785.

The 8/28/61 issue of the "Dayton Journal Herald" contained an article captioned "CORE Still Investigating WSSC, Leader Says." This article was the same in substance as the one above.

62-106785-3 encl. p. 1,2
(5)

Department of Justice memo dated 10/31/61 furnished copies of a telegram from James Farmer dated 10/20/61. In this telegram, Farmer requested a thorough report by the FBI of the fire bombs which caused heavy damage to the St. Rest Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., during a dinner meeting of the Shreveport CORE on 10/19/61.

By letter dated 11/3/61 the New Orleans Office was advised to conduct a limited investigation of the above matter as requested by the Department.

44-18526-1 p. 1
(2)

The 11/27/61 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article captioned "Meany's Stalling on Racism Stirs Negro Labor Council." This article stated that the delegates to the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) (100-432067), second annual convention in Chicago 11/10-12/61, directed most of their attention to AFL-CIO President George Meany's censure of NALC President A. Philip Randolph and to the rejection by the AFL-CIO executive council of Randolph's charges of racial discrimination in the labor movement.

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This article further stated that James Farmer was one of the speakers at a rally which opened the convention.

100-432067-A "National Guardian"
(17) ✓ 11/27/61
SI 100-432067-415 encl. p. 1
(17) ✓ (CG-6065-S)

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[redacted] advised that at [redacted] CORE [redacted] meeting, a discussion was had concerning the planned visit of Farmer to San Diego in November, 1961. (u)

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[redacted] advised that at [redacted] CORE [redacted] meeting, it was announced that Farmer would visit San Diego to examine the local situation which was a requirement before a charter was issued by the national organization to any local group. (u)

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Informant advised that [redacted] stated that CORE was having some difficulty in Tucson and she desired that Farmer be present in that city for some organization work [redacted] should agree to have Farmer appear in Tucson [redacted] that Farmer would be in San Diego [redacted] and agreed to work out a schedule of activities for him on that date. (u)

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[redacted] advised [redacted] was a member of the San Diego county CP. (u)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was a communist sympathizer from [redacted] joined the CP in San Diego. (u)

Informant advised that at [redacted] meeting of the CORE [redacted] it was decided that all CP members [redacted] would resign. [redacted] prior to the visit of Farmer. (u)

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Informant advised that on 11/21/61 Farmer spoke to a group at San Diego State College. In the afternoon he received a Key to the City from the Office of Mayor Dail and appeared at a faculty coffee hour at the above college.

Farmer then attended a reception at the residence of [redacted] of the "El Cajon Valley News" and in the evening attended a meeting of the El Cajon Open Housing Committee. (u)

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Informant further advised that [redacted] had attended the Farmer meeting on 11/21/61. (u)

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100-435495-7 p. 3-6
(18) ✓

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Memphis teletype dated 12/14/61 advised that [redacted] attorney, Nashville, Tenn., advised that he had received information that two individuals had directed a letter to CORE and NAACP, NYC, setting forth plans for a "live-in" demonstration to take place in Fayette and Haywood counties, Tenn.

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NY Office was requested to contact James Farmer and determine if information concerning letter was correct.

157-6-28-194 p. 2
(19) ✓

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On 12/15/61 [redacted] Community Relations Director, CORE, NYC, advised that James Farmer was then out of town but he, [redacted] had no personal knowledge of any letter to CORE regarding "live-in" demonstrations in Fayette and Haywood counties, Tenn.

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157-6-28-198 encl. p. 14
(19) ✓

12/17/61 [redacted] 6th Squad, NYC PD, advised that on [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, was assaulted by an unknown white male in Mother Hubbard's Restaurant, NYC, who apparently was critical of remarks he overheard [redacted] make concerning the trial of [redacted] Nazi war criminal.

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[redacted] stated that James Farmer had sent a telegram to the Police Commissioner, NYC, demanding "Immediate investigation of assault of [redacted] by Nazis on streets of NY."

157-3-34-46 encl. p. 1
(19) ✓

Copy of a telegram from James Farmer to the AG complained that on 12/22/61 while CORE members were engaged in a "sit-in" demonstration at Woolworth's lunch counter in New Orleans they were attacked by two unknown white men who threw acid upon them and that police officers who were standing by at the scene did nothing to protect the victims or to arrest or charge the persons who threw the acid.

44-18828-4p. 1
(2) ✓

In reference to the above complaint by James Farmer a limited investigation was made at the request of the AG. Signed statements of the victims were set out. No arrests were made in this case.

44-18828-5 p. 1
(2) ✓

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The 12/30/61 issue of "The New Crusader," Chicago, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ contained an article captioned "Harlem Muslims Set For Powell's Church's Forums." This article stated that a series of forums would be held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, NYC, as announced by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the church. Malcolm X, minister of the fast-growing Harlem Mosque No. 7, was scheduled for the Jan. 7th forum. James Farmer and others have agreed to participate in the forum series.

25-330971-A "The New Crusader"
12/30/61

(1) ✓

NY airtel dated 1/25/62 set out the following information regarding request to contact James Farmer at NY headquarters of CORE for any information he could furnish concerning the racial situation in Tennessee, Fayette and Haywood counties:

The 1/25/62 issue of the "NY Times" contained an article which stated that on 1/24/62 Farmer was convicted of breach of peace in connection with a "freedom ride" to Jackson, Miss., on 5/24/61, and sentenced to 4 months in prison and fined \$200. The article further stated that Farmer who arrived in Jackson from NYC on 1/23/62, had been released on \$1,000 bond after his attorney announced he would appeal the ruling to the Circuit Court.

New Orleans was requested to contact Farmer in accordance with above mentioned lead.

157-6-28-203 p. 1,2
(19) ✓

Chief of Police French Harris, Knoxville, Tenn., advised that he attended the conference of "The Challenge of Desegregation for the American Police Executive" held in NYC, 2/4-9/62 and made available a pamphlet and statement of recommended police policy.

Harris said that James Farmer, listed in the pamphlet as National Director, CORE, had stated that the Freedom Riders were selected people, chosen for their dedication and willingness to risk their lives. He stated frankly that it was their wish and objective to be arrested.

66-6353-2377 p. 1
(5) ✓

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The 3/4/62 issue of the "NY Post" contained an article captioned "ADA Rally Here Backed In Colleges." This article stated that a Stand Up for Democracy Rally at St. Nicholas Arena had support in 30 colleges. James Farmer, was scheduled to speak at this rally, sponsored by the Young Democrats and Americans for Democratic Action (100-348196).

100-348196-A "NY Post," 3/4/62
(17) ✓

The 3/6/62 issue of "The Worker" contained an article captioned "Rally March 7 Against Ultra Rights." This article stated that Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, James Farmer and Assemblyman Mark Lane would be among the speakers at the counter-rally to the Madison Square meeting called March 7 by the Ultra-Right Young Americans for Freedom (100-434516).

100-434516-A "The Worker" 3/6/62
(18) ✓

The 4/30/62 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an ad which stated that James Farmer would be one of the speakers at a benefit symposium to aid the Monroe defendants scheduled for 5/1/62 at the Palm Gardens, NYC.

100-436091-A "National Guardian"
(18) ✓ 4/30/62

[redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Metropolitan PD, advised that on 5/17/62 a demonstration sponsored by CORE was held in front of the Democratic and Republican National headquarters, Washington, D. C.

[redacted] stated that James Farmer, [redacted] CORE, Washington, D. C., and a few unidentified individuals visited the above mentioned headquarters during the time the demonstration was in progress.

157-6-53-78 encl. p. 1
(19) ✓

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Copy of a memo dated 5/28/62 to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice from [redacted] Constitutional Rights Unit, was furnished to us by a contact in the Department on a confidential basis. This memo stated that James Farmer was one of the witnesses at the meeting of the Committee of Inquiry into the Administration of Justice in the Freedom Struggle Sponsored by the CORE, 5/25,26/62, Washington, D. C. (44-19646).

44-19646-14 p. 1

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SI 44-19646-18 p. 2

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[redacted] protect identity)(Farmer's comments set out)

SI 44-19646-31 encl. p. 336

(1) ✓ (testimony enclosed)

The 6/9/62 issue of "The Evening Star" contained an article about the National convention of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation held in Washington, D. C., 6/8-10/62. This article stated that James Farmer was on the speaker's list.

The 6/10/62 issue of "The Evening Star" contained an article which stated that Farmer told the convention that he hoped a full-scale non-violent movement against segregation would be launched soon. (excerpts of speech set out)

100-429425-84 p. 1,3

(17) ✓

NY teletype dated 6/22/62 advised that on 6/21/62 news release purporting to originate with ad hoc Americans Right to Travel Committee but actually written by [redacted] was furnished to Cuban news agency "Prensa Latina" and other news media. This release stated that Negro leaders, which included James Farmer, had sent a telegram to AG Kennedy which urged him to halt prosecution of Worthy.

[redacted]

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The 6/28/62 issue of the "Miami News" contained an article which stated that James Farmer advised there would be a drive to train 30 to 40 members as "leaders in non-violent action" against industry and educational institutions that balk at accepting Negroes. Farmer stated this training would start next month in Houston, Texas.

157-579-8 encl. p. 1

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The 7/13/62 issue of "The Greensboro Record" contained an article which stated that desegregation of a number of eating places in Greensboro, N. Car., which do not serve Negroes would be a project at a two-week workshop of the CORE at St. Stephens Congregational Christian Church, 7/14/62 through 7/29/62. This article further stated that James Farmer from NYC would visit the workshop sometime during the two-week period.

157-579-10 encl. p. 2
(21) ✓

[redacted] advised [redacted] that a press release captioned "Committee Says AG Responsible If Cuban Emigres Attack William Worthy During Miami Trial."

[redacted] This release stated that [redacted] Negro leaders, which included James Farmer, who had rallied to the defense of Worthy to hold AG Kennedy "personally responsible if any bodily harm befalls the newsman in Miami, Fla., during the so-called 'trial' starting August 7." *EU*

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] met at the office of [redacted] NYC. At this meeting [redacted] of the NALC. read a statement [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated that James Farmer was among those [redacted]

105-20110-280 encl. p. 3
(18) ✓

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The August, 1962 issue of "Muhammad Speaks" contained an article captioned "CORE President Condemns L. A. Shooting of Muslims." This article stated that James Farmer agreed that the Muslim movement was growing rapidly and condemned the police shooting of seven unarmed Muslims. In reply to a question about the incident, Farmer stated that CORE stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the NAACP and other human rights organizations. "in condemnation of such police brutality."

25-330971-6267 p. 136,137
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By letter dated 8/13/62 the Department of Justice was furnished the following information:

James Farmer told a Raleigh, N. Car. news conference on 8/11/62 that the mopping up operation of desegregating North Carolina chain restaurants would begin in a few days.

Farmer held a mass rally in Durham, N. Car., on 8/12/62 and thereafter a caravan departed for a Howard Johnson restaurant in Durham.

Farmer had announced that [redacted] of the NAACP was to have been present at the mass rally mentioned above but no information had been received which indicated he was there.

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157-579-63 p. 1,2

(21) ✓

SI 157-579-78 encl. p. 2

(21) ✓ (8/12/62 issue of "The Durham Herald")

SI 157-579-82 p. 1,2

(22) ✓

SI 157-579-71 encl. p. 1

(21) ✓ (8/9/62 issue of "The Durham Sun")

~~The 8/31/62 issue of "Muhammad Speaks" contained a photograph and an article which stated "James Farmer, director of the CORE greets Muslim Captain Joseph X Gravitt of Muhammad's Mosque No. 7 outside the radio station where Minister Malcolm X recently appeared in a discussion on the means of achieving justice and equality for the black man in America. The CORE director expressed hope for growing unity between all men and women fighting for the removal of oppression from the American scene....."~~

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks" 8/31/62

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Department of Justice memo dated 9/6/62 enclosed two copies of a telegram from James Farmer concerning [redacted] who, apparently, was incarcerated at Statesville, N. Car. A request to interview [redacted] was set out.

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Correlator's Note: According to serial 6 [redacted] was interviewed.

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Bureau memo dated 1/14/63 set out the results of a File review regarding Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) (100-225893).

CORE, organized in 1941 by a Chicago group which included James L. Farmer, advocated non-violent direct action by interracial groups to eliminate segregation and discrimination. The following information was set out regarding Farmer:

"Farmer, 43-year-old negro, a graduate of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, and Howard University, Washington, D. C., was appointed National Director of CORE in February, 1961. He has long been connected with the racial movement and is an advocate of non-violent resistance in racial matters. He was one of the Freedom Riders aboard the bus burned in race rioting in Anniston, Alabama, in May, 1961, and was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, on 5/24/61 in connection with CORE testing of segregated bus station facilities in that city. Charged in Jackson with breach of peace and failure to obey a police officer, he was convicted on 1/24/62 and sentenced to four months in jail and a \$200 fine. Farmer was cooperative in furnishing FBI details regarding the activities of his Freedom Riders group. Released on appeal bond from above arrest, he has continued the work of the CORE in other areas of the South without letup.

"Farmer, born 1/12/20 at Marshall, Texas, resides at 85 Bedford Street, New York City. A Negro whose grandfather was reportedly a slave, Farmer is a graduate of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, and Howard University, Washington, D. C. He has been connected for many years with organizations dealing with racial matters. In 1941, at the time he helped form CORE, he was employed as Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, New York City. He left this position in 1945 to work as an organizer with the Upholsters International Union race relations and thereafter, for 5 years, was employed as Student Field Secretary for the League for Industrial Democracy in New York. He served as an International representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees from 1955 to 1959, then was appointed Program Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in New York. In February, 1961, he was appointed to his present position as Director of CORE.

"Farmer is an advocate of non-violent resistance in racial matters and is reportedly an avid reader of the writings of Mahatma Gandhi. His strategy for fighting discrimination by peaceful means was accepted as a basis in the formation of the first CORE group in Chicago.

"Farmer was one of thirteen Freedom Riders aboard the Greyhound bus which was burned at Anniston, Alabama, in May, 1961, during rioting touched off by CORE's testing of segregated bus station facilities. He also was a member of a group of Freedom Riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 5/24/61 while testing the segregated facilities of the Jackson bus station. Farmer was charged with breach of peace and failure to obey the lawful order of a police officer.

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"Farmer was held in local custody in Jackson until mid-June when he was transferred to Mississippi State Penitentiary. He was released from this institution on bond on July 3, 1961. He was subsequently tried and convicted on these charges in Jackson on January 24, 1962, and sentenced to four months in jail and a \$200 fine. He was then released on appeal bond. We interviewed Farmer on 5/26/61 in connection with our investigation of the Freedom Riders. He was cooperative and furnished full details relating to the activities of his Freedom Riders group in Jackson.

"Farmer has continued the work of CORE in other areas in the South without letup. For example, 'The Miami News' of 6/28/62 reported that Farmer had indicated CORE was initiating a drive to train 30 to 40 members as 'leaders in non-violent action' against industry and educational institutions which balk at accepting Negroes. He stated that Houston, Texas, was to be the location of this training. The September 23, 1962, issue of the 'Charlotte Observer' reported that Farmer had announced new attempts would be made to desegregate chain restaurants in North Carolina, such as Howard Johnson restaurants, by picketing and other non-violent action."

100-225892-624 sum. 1/14/63
(23) ✓

~~The 9/23/62 issue of the "Charlotte Observer" contained an article datelined Statesville, N. Car., which stated that CORE had announced a new target for its attempts to desegregate the S and W Cafeterias. This article revealed that James E. Farmer also announced the picketing of Howard Johnson restaurants in the state would be resumed in full scale. Farmer told a news conference in Charlotte that picketing of these restaurants had been discontinued pending talks with restaurant officials by a committee appointed by Governor Terry Sanford. Farmer stated, "We asked for a progress report as soon as possible, but our hands are no longer tied, we'll resume full scale demonstrations." Farmer also stated that CORE believe that the Governor had acted in good faith, further that desegregation attempts would be made at S and W restaurants in Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte and other cities. Farmer further stated that nine of the twenty Howard Johnson restaurants in North Carolina had been desegregated.~~

157-579-144 encl. p. 3
(28) ✓

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San Francisco letter dated 10/4/62 advised that at the Law Enforcement and Racial and Cultural Tensions Conference [redacted] as a National Officer of the NAACP and James Farmer gave a short history of the aims and purposes of their respective organizations, their method of carrying out their aims and the reasons Negroes, as a whole, regard law enforcement agencies with distrust.

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94-40850-27 p. 5
(6) ✓

Correlator's Note: According to serial 26 of the above file, the above conference was scheduled for 9/24-27/62 in Berkeley, Calif.

The 10/9/62 issue of the "Daily Cardinal", student campus organization at the University of Wisconsin (UW), reported that the UW Wisconsin Socialist Club (100-427723) conducted a taped panel discussion by three well-known American Negroes on 10/7/62, which spurred discussion about racial discrimination. One of the three was James Farmer.

100-427723-44 p. 9
(17) ✓

The 11/14/62 issue of the "News and Observer," a Raleigh, N. Car., daily newspaper, contained an article datelined NY, which revealed that CORE had put five volunteers on a bus for Durham in a new effort to integrate restaurants and motels on major highways in North Carolina. This article revealed that CORE had stated that after the demonstrations in North Carolina, adjoining states would be objectives and that James Farmer stated the project would have to be developed much further "before we tackle Mississippi and Alabama, two tough nuts to crack," Farmer further stated that for the most part, the volunteers would be assigned to cities in North Carolina and would work with local community leaders sympathetic to their aims.

157-579-173 encl. p. 6
(22) ✓

The 11/19/62 issue of the "Daily News," a Greensboro, N. Car., newspaper, contained an article which stated that James Farmer told a mass meeting of Negroes in Greensboro, on 11/18/62, that "if our parents had been willing to go to jail, we wouldn't have to do it today." Farmer gave words of high praise to the individuals who were arrested following sit-in demonstrations at two downtown cafeterias. Farmer stated, "If the road to freedom goes through the jailhouse, then that's where we will go." Farmer further stated, "We can use our bodies, bucks and ballots to create a democracy with the same rights and privileges for all."

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157-579-175 encl. p. 1,2
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The 12/2/62 issue of "The Worker" contained an article captioned "Negro Leaders Back Africa's Liberty Fight." This article stated that almost 100 of the nation's Negro leaders at a meeting in Harriman, NY, adopted a program of action to aid the newly independent African states and the people still struggling for independence. The six-member committee which called the meeting, entitled the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa (105-116631), was authorized to "implement the action voted today." James Farmer was one of the above mentioned committee.

105-116631-1 p. 1
(18) ✓

The Washington Capital News Service release dated 12/17/62 stated that a group of Negro leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., conferred with President Kennedy this date to urge a greater role for Negroes in U. S. African policies. Scheduled to attend the White House meeting along with King was James Farmer.

109-12-302-A Wash. Capital News
Service, 12/17/62
(18) ✓

The following references in the file captioned "Congress of Racial Equality" file 100-225892, contain information pertaining to the activities of James Farmer, an officer in this organization:

SERIAL NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
2	(14) ✓
3	(14) ✓
4	(14) ✓
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27	(14) ✓
29	(14) ✓
34	(25) ✓
53	(25) ✓
62	(14, 25) ✓
163	(14) ✓
165	(15) ✓
191	(15) ✓
194	(15) ✓
196	(15) ✓
204	(15) ✓
205	(15) ✓
229	(15) ✓
282	(15) ✓
341	p. B, 1, 8, 16-19 (signed statement and background data set out) (15, 25, 29) ✓

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488	(15)✓
580	(16)✓
607	(16)✓
617	(16)✓
621	(16,25)✓
623	(16,25)✓
624x	(25)✓
627	(16)✓
-A"NY Times," 2/1/61	(25)✓
-A"Pittsburgh Courier," 11/18/61	(16)✓
-A Washington Capital News Service 1/24/62	(16)✓
-A"The Worker," 3/4/62	(16)✓

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The following references in the file captioned "Fellowship of Reconciliation" file number 61-3415, contain information pertaining to the activities of James Farmer, an officer in this organization:

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27	(3)✓
36 p. 3	(23)✓
105	(3,23)✓
177	(3)✓
186	(3)✓
209	(24)✓
210	(24)✓
221	(3)✓
268	(3)✓
269	(3)✓
272	(3)✓
286	(3)✓
299	(4)✓
329	(4)✓
330	(4)✓
336	(4)✓
345	(4)✓
361	(4)✓
368	(4)✓
433	(24)✓
453x	(4)✓
459	(4)✓
516	(4)✓

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The following references on James Farmer appear in the file captioned "Agitation Among the Negroes" file 100-135. These references set out his activities for the period 4/9/43 to 3/18/45. He served as National Chairman of CORE; Race Relations Secretary for FOR and on the Advisory Committee of the Southern Workers Defense League. He spoke at numerous meetings of various racial organizations in Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich.; Huntington, W. Va.; Indianapolis, Ind.; NYC; Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Washington, D. C. Farmer also edited a news bulletin captioned "Civil Disobedience An Answer to Jim Crow."

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100-135-201	(6) ✓
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100-135-10-28	(6) ✓
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100-135-15-84	(7) ✓
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100-135-17-26	(7) ✓
100-135-20-20	(7) ✓
100-135-21-51	(7) ✓
-62	(7) ✓
100-135-34-101	(7) ✓
-181	(30) ✓
100-135-37-124	(7) ✓
100-135-42-24	(28) ✓
-34	(28) ✓
100-135-53-117	(24) ✓
-142	(7) ✓

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The following references in the file captioned "Workers Defense League" file 100-5557, contain information pertaining to the activities of James Farmer, an officer in this organization:

SERIAL NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
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31	(8) ✓
41	(8) ✓
45x1	(8) ✓
51x	(8) ✓
64x	(8) ✓
64x1	(8) ✓
75	(8) ✓
114x	(8) ✓
117	(8) ✓
120	(8) ✓
131	(8) ✓
145	(9) ✓
147	(9) ✓
163	(9) ✓
173	(9) ✓
174	(9) ✓
191	(9) ✓
192	(9) ✓
209	(9) ✓
230	(9) ✓
258 encl. p. 1	(9) ✓

The following references on James Farmer appear in the file captioned "Freebus," file 157-373. James Farmer, Director of CORE, accompanied the students in the Freedom Ride of 1961 in Meridian and Jackson, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala.

SERIAL NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
136	(26) ✓
175	(20) ✓
202	(20) ✓
335 p. 17	(20) ✓
341 p. 32	(20) ✓

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The following references on James Farmer appeared in file captioned "Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous," (FR) file 157-387. Activities of Farmer set out below.

ACTIVITY	SERIAL NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
As a FR, arrested at Jackson, Miss.	99 encl. p. 2	(26) ✓
Arrest report in Jackson PD on Farmer as one of those arrested in Jackson Trailway Bus Station.	132 p. 10	(26) ✓
Received letters regarding CORE demonstrations, FR movement while in State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss.	463	(20) ✓
Interviewed after release from prison concerning FR activities.	520	(29) ✓
Speaker at FR rally in Newark, NJ.	662	(20) ✓
Listed as a contact, found in the possession of a FR.	697	(20) ✓
Scheduled speaker at a rally in Newark, NJ.	794	(20) ✓
Arrange liaison concerning FR return to Jackson for trial.	827	(20) ✓
Leader of FR enroute to Jackson.	882	(21) ✓
Sent telegram to CORE officials throughout country.	883	(21) ✓
Leader of FR en route to NYC from Jackson.	909	(21) ✓
Telegram to AG which requested US Marshals be sent to Jackson to preserve law and order.	916	(21) ✓
Newspaper article, Farmer stated more FR will be sent to Houston, Texas.	1002x6	(21) ✓

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ACTIVITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
As a FR, appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, court set date of trial.	1179 p. 3	(26) ✓
Tried and convicted in Hinds County Court, Jackson. Convicted to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. Released on appeal bond.	1359	(26) ✓
Announced future CORE activities at a meeting of the National Council CORE held in Cincinnati, Ohio.	1371	(21) ✓

The following references in file captioned "March on Washington Movement" file 100-95014 pertain to the activities of James Farmer who spoke at various meetings of this organization:

SERIAL NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
202	(11) ✓
203	(11) ✓
218	(11) ✓
232	(31) ✓
234	(12) ✓
266	(12) ✓
270	(12) ✓
273	(12) ✓
284	(12) ✓
298	(12) ✓
315	(12) ✓
323	(12) ✓
333	(12) ✓
348	(12) ✓
351	(12) ✓
352	(12) ✓
354	(13) ✓
356	(13) ✓
368	(13) ✓
372	(13) ✓
391	(13) ✓
458	(13) ✓
489	(13) ✓
575	(13) ✓
626	(13) ✓

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The following references pertain to James Farmer's affiliation with the Youth Committee Against War of the Keep America Out of War Congress (100-23462). Farmer held the positions as indicated below:

DATE	POSITION	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
5/18/40	Vice-chairman	61-10498-151 p. 1	(39)✓
6/17/40	An officer	61-7559-9355x1 encl. p. 1	(5)✓
1/6/41	Vice-chairman	100-8352-1 p. 5	(30)✓
6/17/41	National Chairman	100-23462-8 p. 2	(25)✓
9/27/41	Co-chairman	100-23462-6 p. 8	(24)✓
2/9/43	Member of the National Council and Vice-chairman	100-23462-11 p. 4,6	(11,25)✓

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SUMMARY

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Difference in source will be noted on the search slip.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summary dated 9/4/63 filed as 100-433744-2.)

Main File No: 100-433744

Date: July 1, 1964

Subject: James Farmer

Date Searched: 1/7/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

James Farmer
James A. C. Farmer
James B. Farmer
James E. Farmer
James I. Farmer
J. L. Farmer

James L. Farmer
James Lee Farmer
James Leonard Farmer
Jim Farmer
James Farmer

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

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[redacted] and [redacted] furnished a Photostat of "Progress Report," official publication of the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee (100-434770) for September, 1962. This publication stated that James Farmer was scheduled as a speaker in a series of meetings during a 6 day visit to Southern California under the auspices of the AFSC. (Not identified) Schedule for 10/14-20/62 set out. b2 b7D

100-434770-10 encl.p.14
(3)✓

Bureau memo dated 1/14/63 advised that by letter dated 1/3/63 [redacted] Program and Training Department, CORE (100-225892) requested an appointment on 1/23/63 for CORE National Director James L. Farmer, [redacted] and himself, to discuss some instances of alleged discrimination within the FBI. By letter dated 1/4/63 [redacted] was advised that the Director would be out of the city on 1/23/63, but that an Assistant Director would be available to see them on that date. Background data on CORE and the above-mentioned individuals set out. b7C

100-225892-624 p.a,b,2-4
(11)✓

The Memphis, Tennessee "Press-Scimitar" newspaper had reported during the month of March, 1963, that Leflore County, Mississippi, and its County Seat of Greenwood, deep in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, had become the nation's newest, hottest trouble spot as Negroes press for more rights. The paper described the core of the problem as a drive to register Negro voters in Leflore County.

The above paper reported that James Farmer demanded Federal marshals to accompany Negroes to the Court House to register. Farmer stated CORE planned to send a group of about twenty-five to help in the vote registration efforts.

157-4-28-117 encl.p.8
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This reference is a report of Bureau Confidential Informant [redacted] at Detroit, Mich., dated 3/29/63. This report stated that a meeting was held [redacted] Mich. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a tape of Malcom X. They heard a few words from Malcom X, then they tried to hear what James Farmer was saying, but couldn't make out what he said other than he ran down the white race and stated the Negroes did not need their help. [redacted] of the NAACP program [redacted] KU

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The 4/1/63 issue of the "NY Times" contained an article captioned "3 New Directors Elected By Civil Liberties Union." This article stated that the American Civil Liberties Union (61-190) had elected three new directors. One was James Farmer.

61-190-A "NY Times" 4/1/63
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The 4/4/63 issue of the "NY Times" contained an article captioned "US Negroes Plan Active Link With Peoples of African Nations." This article stated that a decision was made to establish a permanent liaison between American Negro leadership and the new African nations. The liaison was to evolve a permanent national organization with the mission of identifying the American Negro's consciousness with Black Africa. The decision was made at a meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel by the committee that organized the American Negro Conference on Africa. James Farmer was a member of this committee.

61-3176-A "NY Times" 4/4/63
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Savannah letter dated 5/10/63 advised that Chief L. J. Campbell, Columbia PD, Columbia, SC, advised that he considered the police conference, Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky. helpful to an extent, pointing out particularly that the Chiefs of Police had the opportunity to question NAACP and CORE officials as to their respective problems, and that generally speaking, it was his impression that [redacted] NAACP official, was well received, but the CORE official, James Farmer, made no friends with the group because he advocated violence, if necessary, on the part of his group to achieve their objectives.

94-1-6863-117 p.1
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The 5/12/63 issue of "The Worker" contained the following article which was captioned "Protest HCUA's Interference in Monroe, NC Case":

"Hear: David Dellinger, James Farmer, Conrad Lynn, William Worthy, Maxwell Greismar, Paul Krassner, Melvin Wulf.

HCUA's attempt to grill Conrad Lynn, attorney for the Monroe 'Kidnap' defendants, aids North Carolina racists.

Protest this new invasion of civil rights

Community Church, 40 E. 35 St. (between Park and Madison),
Wed., May 15, 8:00 P.M.

Ausp: Jayvan Covington Defense Fund" (100-440465)

100-440465-1 encl.p.1
(3)✓

By letter dated 5/31/63, in answer to a request from ACSI, a summary of information on James Farmer was furnished to ACSI.

62-5-16370 p.5
(2,11)✓

NY letter dated 6/17/63 set forth activities of [redacted] on 6/14/63 and 6/16/63. On 6/14/63 [redacted] advised that [redacted] took home** James Farmer. (Not further clarified) ^u✕

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** Possibly Jackson, Miss.

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Bureau memo dated 6/14/63 advised that the Director had inquired as to the identity of the FBI's contacts in the NAACP (61-3176) and other Negro groups. Jim Farmer, President of CORE, was also in the NAACP and was a responsible friend.

The Bureau was in a position to take up any matter involving criticism of the FBI in the Civil Rights field with Farmer and other influential Negro leaders. Director's notation.

61-3176-3644 p.1
(17)

Bureau memo dated 6/15/63 captioned "Desegregation of Jackson, Mississippi, Business Establishments and Public Facilities, Racial Matters," advised that it was anticipated that a large crowd would attend the funeral of Medgar Evers, including James Farmer and other Negro leaders and dignitaries.

157-896-130 p. 1
(9)

Bureau memo dated 6/17/63 advised that the panel-type program entitled "Race Relations in Crisis" on television WTTG, Washington, DC on 6/16/63 was monitored. The panel members included the well-known Negro Muslim leader Malcom X; Wyatt Lee Walker, assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King; Allen Morrison, NY editor of "Ebony" magazine; and James Farmer. Details of the discussion, which was dominated by Farmer, set out.

94-42957-19 p.1,2
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SI 100-399321-74 p.20
(3)/(WNEW-TV, NYC)
SI 25-330971-34-127 encl.p.1
(2)/(transcript of program)

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Dayton, Ohio, who attended the CORE (100-225892) convention in Dayton, furnished the following information:

Approximately 250 delegates to the four-day CORE convention met at the Phillips Temple CME church, 6/27/63, and were addressed by James Farmer.

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The heaviest applause received by Farmer came when he informed the audience that CORE was committed to a march on Washington, DC, in the event of a Senate filibuster against the Kennedy administration civil rights bill.

On 6/28/63 Farmer announced that CORE representatives would meet with other civil rights leaders in NYC on 7/2/63, to plan the march, which he stated would involve 100,000 marching faces, both black and white. He pledged that CORE's basic philosophy of direct, non-violent action would be maintained.

100-225892-654 encl.p.1,2
(3)✓

[redacted] Conn. advised that during July, 1963, he met James Farmer. [redacted] Farmer stated that the Negro marchers in the 8/28/63 demonstration at Washington, DC, would be "contained," however, Farmer felt there might be a possibility of violence from other sources during this demonstration. [redacted] did not further reveal the identity of any specific groups which might be involved in such contemplated violence.

157-970-316 encl.p.2
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The 7/3/63 issue of the "NY Herald Tribune" reported that on 7/2/63 a "summit" of top Negro civil rights leaders met in NYC to lay plans for a mass civil rights March on Washington (157-970) and that the date of 8/28/63 had been agreed upon. The article identified the Negro leaders and their organizational affiliation, which included James Farmer, National Director of CORE.

157-970-350 encl.p.1
(10)✓

Cleveland airtel dated 7/15/63 advised that it had been reported that a mass demonstration for racial equality was scheduled for 7/14/63, in Cleveland, Ohio, sponsored by the United Freedom Movement (157-933), an amalgamation of some thirty organizations interested in desegregation.

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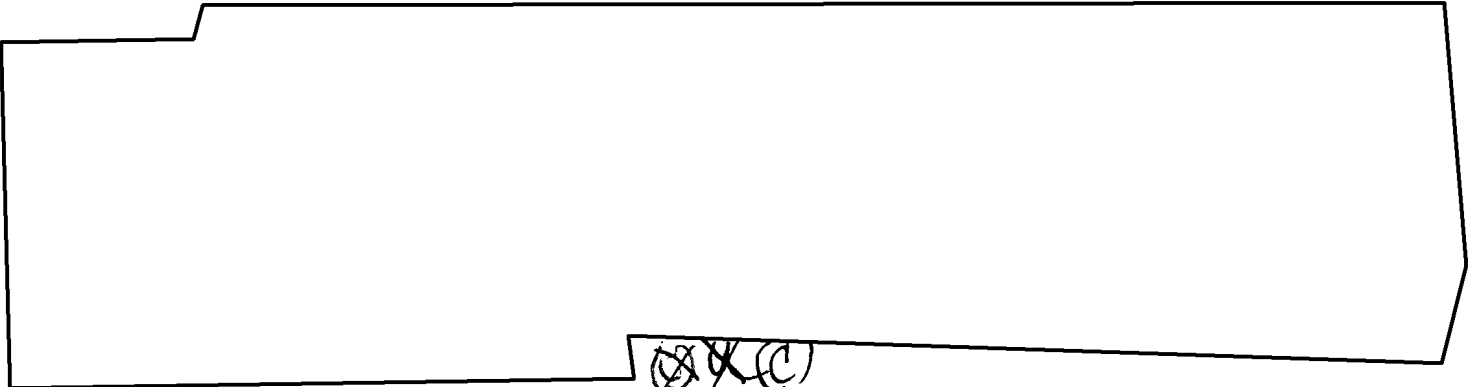
On 7/15/63, "The Plain Dealer," daily Cleveland newspaper, reported that the marchers were joined by additional people for the rally at the Cleveland Municipal Stadium and that an estimated crowd of almost 25,000 heard the featured speakers at the stadium.

According to the article, Roy Wilkins, National Executive Secretary of the NAACP, Harold B. Williams, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland NAACP and James Farmer made the principal talks.

157-933-6 encl.p.1
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The 7/16/63 issue of the "NY Journal-American" contained an article captioned "Leadership 'Disunity' Grows Graver." This article stated that as the Negro-white problem heats up to boiling point, another crisis was developing concurrently-within the Negro leadership. This article set out the conflicts between Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, James Farmer and Martin Luther King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

62-102926-A "NY Journal-American,"
(2) 7/16/63


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It was believed desirable to interview Farmer in connection with this matter.

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25-330971-6599 p.1,2
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On 7/31/63 James Farmer was interviewed in NYC and advised he had no knowledge that the Muslims would take part in the march on Washington or that he indicated that they would. In fact, Farmer said the Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971) was opposed to the policies of the groups participating in the march and Malcolm X Little, NOI leader in NYC and Washington, DC, had stated the NOI would not participate in the march unless ordered to do so by Elijah Muhammad, leader of the NOI.

25-330971-6611 p.1
(not indexed)

On 7/29/63 [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYC PD, made available the Organizing Manual No. 1, issued by the National Office March on Washington (157-970), NYC. This Manual, which set forth detailed information concerning arrangements for the March, advised that James Farmer was one of the national leaders who issued the official call for the March on 7/12/63. b7C

157-970-14 encl.p.2
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[redacted] advised that Malcolm X, Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971) Mosque No. 7, NYC, announced on 7/29/63 that Mosque No. 7 would hold an outdoor rally at 115th Street and Lenox Avenue, NYC, on 8/10/63. Malcolm X stated that the Mosque was thinking of inviting James Farmer and other well-known Negro leaders to be speakers.

On 7/30/63 Farmer advised that even though the NOI took no direct action to oppose the programs and policies of CORE and the NAACP, neither did they assist in any way, since the doctrines of the NOI were directly opposed to those of such groups as CORE and the NAACP.

25-330971-34-107 p.1, encl.p.1,2
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[redacted] advised that on 6/12/63 a meeting of the Nation of Islam (25-330971) was held by Muhammad Mosque No.2, Chicago, Ill. At this meeting [redacted] stated that James Farmer and other integration leaders were wrong in humbling themselves and in begging to eat, worship and live by the white man. (u)

The 8/2/63 issue of the newspaper "Muhammad Speaks" contained an article captioned "Urge Negroes To Unite! 'Harlem In Unity Rally'." This article stated that Akbar Muhammad, youngest son of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, spoke at a giant Harlem rally. In his speech he mentioned Farmer. (details of speech set out)

25-330971-6680 p.76,83
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On 8/19/63 [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYC PD, advised that the Polo Grounds, NYC, had been leased for a rally scheduled for 8/25/63, for the benefit of the March on Washington (157-970) Committee. One of the guest speakers was James Farmer.

157-970-493 encl.p.5
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This reference is a Bureau memo dated 8/23/63 which set out the various groups which would participate in the March on Washington, 8/13/63 (157-970). James Farmer was listed as a cochairman of the March. Farmer was also a member of the delegation of March leaders who would call on President Kennedy prior to the gathering at the Lincoln Memorial.

157-970-1018 encl.p.1,2,8,11
(10)

SI 157-970-697 encl.p.7
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SI 157-970-347 p.1

(10) (Information furnished by [redacted])

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SI 157-970-481 encl.p.1
(10) [redacted]

Washington Chapter, CORE)

SI 157-970-972 encl.p.4
(10)

SI 157-970-1017 p.1a,3
(12)

On 8/27/63 [redacted] who was [redacted] and who described himself as a CORE task force worker from NYC, advised that on 8/26/63 a chartered bus left Baton Rouge, La., enroute to Washington, DC.

[redacted] stated [redacted] an active CORE member, left on the above-described bus. According to [redacted] [redacted] would address the National Assembly of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom at Washington, DC. [redacted] would deliver the speech that had been prepared for James L. Farmer, Jr., who was in jail at Donaldsonville, La. [redacted] stated that Farmer had on 8/19/63, participated in the freedom demonstration at Plaquemine, which resulted in his arrest on charges of disturbing the peace and committing violence or inciting violence.

157-970-889 encl.p.5
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Bureau memo dated 8/26/63 advised that a Bureau official met with the Deputy Attorney General and a group of Departmental officials and discussed plans with reference to the 8/28/63 March on Washington (157-970).

Some concern was expressed by the Deputy Attorney General because of the indicated absence of James Farmer who was in jail and who had refused to make bail. The Department was considering whether to take direct action to get Farmer out of jail and to insure his presence at the March on Washington. This was being considered because of information received by the Department as to the activities of a left wing element in CORE which had communist leanings, as well as another faction which had a loose association with the Nation of Islam group. Four persons concerning whom the Department had received suspicious information in CORE were [redacted] and Bayard Rustin. It was noted that [redacted] was the principal CORE leader in the absence of Farmer.

157-970-891 p.1
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On 9/1/63 ASAC, New Orleans, telephonically advised that James Farmer, after unsuccessful attempt to contact Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office from Plaquemine, La. Farmer alleged that on the night of 8/31/63 fifteen members of CORE were trampled by horses used by the Louisiana State Police. He also alleged that State Police used "electric prodders." These fifteen persons, who required medical treatment, were then located at the Plymouth Rock Baptist Church in Plaquemine.

Farmer requested the FBI conduct an investigation.

44-23213-6 p.1
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SI 44-23213-1 p.1
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On 9/16/63 [redacted] Subversive Detail, Berkeley, California PD, advised that [redacted] applied for and received a permit for the Ad Hoc Committee For Justice In Birmingham (100-441062) to hold a street-meeting on 9/17/63 at the south entrance to the University of California. According to [redacted] request, the speaker would be James Farmer.

On 9/16/63 [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a CP member. *XU*

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San Francisco letterhead memo dated 9/17/63 stated that on that date a leaflet was distributed in the vicinity of the University of California, Berkeley, Calif. This leaflet advised that James Farmer would be one of the speakers at a meeting held under the sponsorship of the Bay Area Friends of SNCC* (not identified) and Berkeley CORE on 9/17/63 at Telegraph Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

[redacted] PD, (protect identity) advised that at this meeting, which was held immediately adjacent to the University of California, Farmer discussed violence in the South.

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100-441062-2 encl.p.2

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*Believed to be Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The 9/10/63 issue of "The Worker" contained an article concerning a proposed march on City Hall, NYC, to protest discrimination in the building trades. The march was being planned by the Joint Committee for Equal Opportunity which consisted of CORE and other civil rights organizations.

The 9/16/63 issue of the "NY Times" contained an article which stated that James Farmer of CORE had announced that the march on City Hall had been rescheduled from 9/29/63 to 10/13/63. The article stated further that this was done to allow time for "civil" groups and others to take part.

It was noted that this march was not held.

100-3-116-475 p.1

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[redacted] advised that during a discussion between Stanley Levison and [redacted] on 9/30/63 they noted the existence of a left wing group in CORE which was trying to make CORE into a mass organization and take it away from the sectarian approach which it now had. According to [redacted] this group was trying to take CORE away from (James) Farmer and [redacted]. Levison described [redacted] as "much smarter than Jim Farmer" and [redacted] was mentioned by [redacted] as "one of the leaders" (possibly of the left wing group in CORE) *qu*

On 7/16/63 NY-694-S* advised that Stanley Levison and [redacted] were secret members of the CP. *qu*

100-3-116-447 encl.p.3
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100-3-116-398 p.2
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This reference is a report of Bureau Confidential Informant [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa., dated 10/9/63. This report stated that some of the Muslims had stated that if they could get rid of people like Martin King, [redacted] and James Farmer it would be a great step in their favor. *qu*

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On 11/5/63 [redacted] advised that meetings of the National Action Council, governing body of the CORE, would be held in the Los Angeles area from 11/8/63 to 11/11/63. Floyd McKissick, CORE National Chairman and James Farmer would be the principal speakers. (schedule set out) *qu*

157-1069-10 encl.p.1-3
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[redacted] Washington Chapter, CORE, advised that he attended the National Action Council of CORE held 11/7-10/63 in Los Angeles, Calif. At this council a discussion of the FBI's role in Civil Rights was held. It was decided this matter would be referred to the Steering Committee of National CORE in NYC. [redacted] advised that James Farmer was a member of this committee. [redacted] commented that as far as National CORE was concerned, no further action was planned on this matter and it was a "dead issue."

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[redacted] advised that Martin Luther King [redacted] had a conference on 11/30/63 with [redacted] and others. King indicated the conference was in reference to a conference with the President. King said the Unity Counsel had agreed to a conference with the President to see where he stood, however, in the meantime the President decided to call the Civil Rights leaders in separately.

Informant further advised [redacted]

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100-438794-46 p.7

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*Not identified

The following references on James Farmer appear in file captioned "Racial Matters-Segregation." Farmer was one of the signers of a telegram sent to Defense Secretary urging that Havelock and New Bern, NC, declared "off limits" because merchants discriminated against Negro marines; call from official of CORE regarding allegation against FBI, who was acting in behalf of Farmer and other CORE representatives; Farmer and his assistant both liaison contacts of the NY Office; Farmer in favor of a letter to Governor Rockefeller to secure increased wage minimum for underpaid workers, mainly Negro and Puerto Ricans; took part in picketing at White Castle Restaurant, Bronx, NY; spoke at a rally in NYC; attended integration rally in Los Angeles; spoke at a rally in Trenton, NJ; in a newspaper article he commented on his assessment of Miami race relations; was available to go to Tallahassee to handle demonstrations if they got out of hand; addressed a meeting in Lexington; in contact with Chicago CORE leadership concerning the stepping up of racial demonstrations there; led demonstration marchers in High Point; spoke in Durham; reported to visit Birmingham; spoke in Gadsden; would attend mass demonstration in Shreveport if a committee was not set up to deal with this; contemplated moving CORE activities to Boothville, La.; confined to Donaldsonville, La. jail after arrest for demonstration; served with a restraining order in connection with demonstrations at Plaquemine, La.; was tried for this demonstration; spoke in Greensboro, NC, then proceeded to Washington, DC for meeting with "top ten" integration leaders; spoke at a mass march in San Francisco; in a radio interview commented on President Johnson and his position on Civil Rights; was a member of a panel discussion at Howard University regarding the Negro non-violent protest movement against segregation.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-A "Washington Post and Times Herald" 11/6/63	(11)✓	157-6-4-729 p.1	(4)✓
		792 p.5	(4)✓
		1171 p.1	(4)✓
-A "Washington Daily News" 11/6/63	(12)✓	1408 p.1	(4)✓

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157-6-4-1413 encl.p.1	(4) ✓
1490 p.2	(4) ✓
157-6-8-476	(4) ✓
499 p.2	(4) ✓
504 p.2	(4) ✓
508 encl.p.2,13	(4) ✓
552 encl.p.2	(5) ✓
669 encl.5	(5) ✓
837 encl.p.3	(5) ✓ (15) ✓
157-6-9-220 encl.p.1	(5) ✓
157-6-26-188 encl.p.1	(5) ✓
196 encl.p.1	(5) ✓
157-6-27-159 encl.p.1	(5) ✓
170 encl.p.2	(5) ✓
157-6-29-314 p.2	(5) ✓
157-6-31-246 encl.p.1	(5) ✓
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