

Church Committee
Testimony of FBI Agents
Courtney Evans and Cartha DeLoach

The sworn testimony of FBI agents Courtney Evans and Cartha ("Deek") DeLoach before the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities (the Church Committee) under the chairmanship of Senator Frank Church (D-ID) is at pp 165-198 of Volume _____.

In the course of their testimony, testimony was given and documents were cited that gave Senators on the Committee reason to believe that:

- Dr. Martin Luther King and his associates were wiretapped with the express permission of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, as well as placed under surveillance. Wiretaps included those installed in Dr. King's residence and in offices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in both Atlanta and New York City, and derogatory material derived there from was delivered to the Attorney General and to Walter Jenkins at the Johnson White House.
- Derogatory information developed on Dr. King, after being shared with the Johnson White House, was then leaked to the press by the FBI.
- Upon orders from President Johnson, the FBI sent surveillance teams to the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, who used informants, "various confidential techniques" (the code words for use of electronic bugging devices), wiretaps, and infiltration by undercover FBI agents on the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDC). The FBI also used false press passes supplied by an NBC employee to gain entry to the Convention.
- Information thus obtained was provided in some forty-four separate reports, addressed to Walter Jenkins or to Bill Moyer of the Johnson White House.
- A direct telephone line from President Johnson was installed in DeLoach's own bedroom to facilitate President Johnson's requests for FBI actions and investigations.
- At the request of the Johnson White House, derogatory information on at least eight people who authored books or articles that disagreed with the Warren Commission Report was provided by the FBI.
- At the request of the Johnson White House, the FBI monitored hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that heard from witnesses that were critical to Johnson's conduct of the Vietnam War, compared those statements with ones made by Communists, and reported the results to the White House.
- At the request of Johnson White House, FBI files were reviewed in 1964 for derogatory information on thirteen members of Senator Goldwater's staff, with derogatory information being reported on two of them.
- At the request of the Johnson White House, physical surveillance was undertaken, and a wiretap placed on the phone, of Anna Chennault.
- At the request of President Johnson himself, information was supplied by the FBI with regard to toll numbers called by Spiro Agnew and Richard Nixon.
- At the request of Attorney General Robert Kennedy, a New York Times reporter was placed under FBI surveillance.

Senator Baker questioned as to why, when he pursued the same line of questioning about FBI activity at the 1964 DNC convention when he was a member of the Ervin Committee, he was given negative answers.

Their full testimony is attached.