

June 25, 1964

To: Virgil Stuart
Chief of Police

Re: Reverend Louis Mitchell
White male

The subject served a pastorate in one of the large Episcopal churches of Birmingham during the year of 1961 and was fired at the insistence of the congregation after serving approximately one year. During his stay in Birmingham he was associated with the Rev. Alfred Hobart of the First Unitarian Church and with Norman Jemison, executive director for the Alabama Council on Human Relations.

Hobart and Mitchell were both members of the Alabama Council and were most active, along with Jemison, in promoting racial dissention in Birmingham.

After the end of his pastorate he remained in Birmingham a few months and seemed to be devoting all of his time to work for the Southern Regional Council out of Atlanta. The Alabama Council on Human Relations and the Florida Council are both affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

Police information on Mitchell indicated that he promoted many bi-racial meetings and seemed to be especially active in introducing white college students into the movement. Among the college students, he seemed particularly interested in recruiting white girls.

During the time of his stay in Birmingham a number of white girl students and some non-students, mostly members of the Unitarian Church, mixed socially with Negro Civil Rights leaders particularly at a place called "The Bellman's Club," at 4th Ave. & 17th S. in Birmingham.

Mitchell left Birmingham several months ago and stated he was accepting a position with the Southern Regional Council in St. Augustine, Florida where he would work for the Florida Council on Human Relations.

Many of the Rev. Mitchell's contacts in Birmingham are known or suspected Communist fronts and he was considered among the most radical ministers in the Birmingham area on race issues.