

October 4, 1966

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: R. Earl Landers

It is our understanding that Don Slayman, head of Civil Rights department of AFL-CIO in Washington, D. C., is wiring Dr. Martin Luther King today regarding Dr. King's interest in the Atlanta Firemen's strike. It is our understanding that Mr. Slayman is advising Dr. King that these men were formerly members of an AFL-CIO affiliated union and as such were sworn not to strike. It is our further understanding that Mr. Slayman will advise Dr. King that AFL-CIO has a very keen interest in the Atlanta strike.

Carl Sutherland was told this morning that one of the reasons numerous firemen pulled out of the Local #134 and joined the new Independent Union was because AFL-CIO had contributed \$25,000. to NAACP. This, of course, could well be a lot of gossip and should be used accordingly.

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