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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

March 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California. It now has affiliated groups in over 25 cities throughout the United States and a membership exceeding 1,200.

The public statements of its leaders repeatedly stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

Reviews of telephone toll call records and information supplied by informants show that the leaders of the organization use the telephone extensively.

The largest and most active Black Panther Party chapter outside of the San Francisco Bay area is in Los Angeles, California. The organization maintains several offices in the Los Angeles area and has a headquarters office at 4115 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles. The next most active Black Panther Party group is located in New York City which maintains its principal office at 2026 7th Avenue, New York City.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The telephone surveillance on the national head-quarters of the Black Panther Party which was authorized on February 4, 1969, has proved to be most valuable. It has provided information concerning the planned establishment of Black Panther Party branches at Eugene, Oregon; Fresno, California; the Watts area of Los Angeles, California; Syracuse, New York; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Columbus, Ohio. It provided information concerning the removal of Joudan Ford from his leadership position in the New York City branch and, most recently, has furnished details concerning the travel of National Chairman Bobby George Seale to the Scandinavian countries where Seale is at the present time.

Live informants are furnishing information indicating that the organization will increasingly use underground methods of operation which further emphasizes the desirability of obtaining additional coverage to supplement data being furnished by our live informants.

It is requested that authority be granted for telephone surveillances on the Black Panther Party headquarters at 4115 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, and on the Black Panther Party office at 2026 7th Avenue, New York City, or on any other places to which they may move.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706-Sub 34

December 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW YORK DIVISION

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate and continue a telephone surveillance on the office of the extremist Black Panther Party (BPP) in New York City located at 2026 Seventh Avenue. This installation continues to provide significant data on this group's plans and operations, and it is apparent the BPP in New York City is second only to the national headquarters in Berkeley, Californial from the standpoint of generating plans for racial violence.

This Bureau has developed information that the BPP in New York recently opened an office at 1370 Boston Road, Bronx, New York! This office is known as the Black Community Information Center and reportedly is to function as the East Coast Information Center for the BPP! It is, therefore, apparent that a telephone surveillance at this location will provide access to invaluable data regarding the BPP's plans and activities, not only on a local level in New York City, but on a national scale as well.

It is, therefore, requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance at the above location. The telephone, concerning which coverage is requested, is listed in the name of Ronald Morris, a known BPP member in the New York area.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In view of the violence-prone nature of the BPP, it can reasonably be anticipated that subjects involved in past or future criminal violations may be monitored. The guidelines to be followed, as previously furnished by you, will be strictly complied with in such instances.

If you approve, a telephone surveillance will be placed on the above BPP office at 1370 Boston Road, Bronx, New York. If the coverage proves productive, it will be continued for an indefinite period. There will be no trespass involved in connection with the installation of this telephone surveillance.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 34

March 25, 1971

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW YORK DIVISION

On December 12, 1970, you authorized this Bureau to continue for an additional three months, effective December 28, 1970, a telephone surveillance on the office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in New York City located at 1370 Boston Road. This office has recently been designated the East Coast Ministry of Information for the Eldridge Cleaver faction of the BPP. This installation provides extremely valuable and voluminous data regarding the BPP. It is an invaluable source for coverage concerning dissension within the Party and the interrelationship between the Cleaver faction in the United States, Cleaver, and other of his followers in Algeria. Examples of significant data produced by this source are the following:

On a daily basis since December, 1970, this source furnished details concerning local, national, and international operations of the BPP, including information on the recent internal dissension within the BPP terminating in the factional split between BPP leaders Huey P. Newton and Eldridge Cleaver. On January 10, 1971, this source furnished data concerning the BPP's fortification of its office at 1370 Boston Road. On February 8, 1971, the source provided data on the disappearance and expulsion of BPP leaders Michael Tabor, his wife Connie Matthews Tabor, Richard Moore, and Edward Joseph. Michael Tabor, Moore, and Joseph are currently

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being sought as fugitives for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution on charges of conspiracy to commit arson and murder. On February 26, 1971, this source furnished information concerning Huey Newton's expulsion of Eldridge Cleaver from the BPP. Cleaver, a Bureau fugitive, is residing in and operating from Algiers, Algeria. On March 5, 1971, this source advised that Cleaver was moving the BPP's Central Headquarters from Oakland, California, to New York City. On March 19, 1971, the source furnished data on apparent plans of BPP members in Newark, New Jersey, to obtain explosive materials.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months effective March 28, 1971.

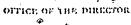
Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 9, 1970

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY New Left Oriented Campus:

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Reference is made to your letter dated May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Mark Rudd national Weatherman leader, in a closed meeting in early February, 1970, stated the Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society would go underground, break into small groups and direct "strategic sabotage" against military and police installutions by the use of bombs and confrontation with the police.

On March 6, 1970, a series of dynamite explosions occurred in a multiple residential dwelling in New York City in which Weatherman activists Theodore Gold and Diana Oughton, were killed. (Cathlyn Wilkerson, national Keatherman leader, was observed leaving the premises at the time of the explosions, and it is believed other Weatherman members were also in this building.

On March 18, 1970, a young Weatherman member in Washington, D. C., advised her fither that one of the next things this group would become involved in was to bomb passenger airplanes, including the Boeing 747, the largest passenger plane in existence.

In late February, 1970, William Avers was the leader of a group of Weatherman in Detroit which made plans to bomb: the Detroit Police Officers Association Evilding. On March 6, 1970, bombs consisting of ten sticks of examite and thirty-four sticks of dynamite were located in an unexploded condition at this building and at the 13th Precinct of the Detroit Police Department, respectively.

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On March 30, 1970, the Chicago Police Department discovered a cache of fifty-nine sticks of dynamite in an apartment at 5433 North Kenmore Street, Chicago. This dynamite is identical in many respects to the dynamite found in the Detroit police buildings on March 6, 1970. Investigation has determined that this apartment was rented to Dianne Donghi, a Weatherman member who is presently in Buffalo, New York, on an unknown assignment. Also reported being seen at the North Kenmore Street address was Naomi Jaffe Safler, who is currently in buffalo with Donghi Jaffe Safler, who is currently in buffalo with Donghi Jaffe as she is most commonly called, was in contact with Avers shortly prior to March 6, 1970, when the dynamite was found in the Detroit police installations.

Two Weatherman members were scheduled to appear in a local criminal court in Detroit in early March, 1970, and did not appear. /Dr. Oliver Fein, 31 Pierrepout Streets Brooklyn, New York, representing himself as their physician, advised the court by telegram that these two individuals were ill and unable to attend. / Fein has been identified as a possible doctor for many Weatherman members who are in an underground status in the New York City area. He is 30 years old and has been active in Students for a Democratic Cociety, affairs since 1964. He reportedly treated individuals injured in Chicago in August, 1988, during the Democratic Hational Convention. In late 1968, he was reportedly contributing \$1,400.00 monthly to Students for a Democratic Society. He was arrested in 1964 during a sit-in demonstration in Cleveland. Fein is currently connected with the Health Policy Advisory Center, 17 Murray Street, New York City, a radical medical organization. fein is a conscientious objector and reportedly attempting to avoid the draft.

A source at Fein's residence, which is also his office, has observed photographs on his desk of Cathlyn Wilkerson and Kathie Boudin, Weatherman leaders who are currently wanted by the FBI in connection with demonstrations in Chicago on September 24, 1969, and October 9, 1969. Wilkerson is also wanted by the FBI as a fugitive in connection with the dynamite explosions at her father's residence in New York City on March 6, 1970. This source also advised there was a memorandum on Fein's desk indicating he is a doctor of a commune, not otherwise identified.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A telephone surveillance on the address at 31 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyng would undoubtedly provide extremely valuable information concerning the possible whereabouts of Weatherman members, including those members presently being wanted by this Bureau as fugitives.

Weatherman members live in unknown residences referred to as communes. Many have apparently moved to the New York City area. It is well known that these individuals have a continuing need for medical attention because of the filthy conditions under which they currently live. Many use drugs and many are known to be afflicted with venereal diseases.

Based on the information previously set forth, it can be expected that all of the individuals who have access to the phone at 31 Pierrepont Street. Brooklyn, either are or may become subjects of either local of Federal criminal violations. It is also anticipated, based on this information, that results from a telephone surveillance at/31 Pierrepont Street. Brooklyn, will be introduced as evidence in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence—type information, but also on the basis that evidence will be obtained that will be used in court. In line with instructions on page five of your referenced letter, the following information is set forth:

- 1. Some of the individuals who may utilize the phone at 31 Pierreport Street. Brooklyn, are currently the subjects of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution investigations. Oliver Feig has stated he is a conscientious objector and is trying to avoid the draft. It is further believed that individuals having access to the phone at this address will become involved in violations of the Destruction of Government Property statute, the Destruction of Aircraft or Motor Vehicles statute and the Antiriot Law.
- 2. At the present time, we are conducting both intelligence and criminal investigations on the individuals who may utilize this address and phone number. As previously noted, many of the Weatherman members we are now investigating are fugitives. We do not have sufficient live informant coverage of these individuals.

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- 3. As set forth previously in this memorandum, filter helm who has been extremely active in Students for the creatic Society affairs and who may be in contact with the contact will utilize the phone at 31 Pierrepont It is anticipated other individuals in the catherant group will also use this phone; however, their institutes are unknown at this time.
- 4. It can be expected that the interceptions on the phone of 31 Pierreport Street will furnish us with interaction concerning the whereabouts of Weatherman members and possibly the whereabouts of Weatherman members who are ingitives. It could possibly furnish us with plans of this group to violate Federal statutes as noted above.
- I, therefore, recommend the installation of a telephone surveillance at 31 Pieurepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, for a period of thirty days. If approved, you will be advised when this installation has been made.

Respectfully,

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 25, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTOUNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY INTERNAL SECURITY - C

New Left Oriented Campus Group

The captioned organization is a socialist-oriented youth group which is self-described as an organization of "liberals and radicals." It claims to have a membership of 1.700 with chapters on 41 college campuses. The national headquarters of this organization is located at/1103 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

This organization has recently been extremely active in staging protest demonstrations against United States action in Vietnam and sponsored a "Student March on Washington" in April, 1965, at which time approximately 15,000 demonstrators paraded in front of the White House. Information has recently been developed that within the Students for a Democratic Society there is a secret group known as the "Crisis Committee." the purpose of which is to organize resistance to the forces of the United States Government in the event of a crisis of a national or international scale. Members of this Committee would be called upon to block roads leading to missile bases, persuade troops to desert or lay down their arms, and blockade embarkation points.

An investigation of this organization is being conducted to determine the extent to which it is infiltrated by communists and other subversive elements.

In view of the potential threat the activities of this organization represent to the national defense interests

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of the Nation, you are requested to authorize a technical surveillance at the office of the national headquarters of the Students for a Democratic Society, at 1103 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, or at any other premises it may occupy in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 14, 1969

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY New Left
INTERNAL SECURITY - STUDENTS FOR A Oriented Campus
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY Group

The Students for a Democratic Society is a part of the New Left movement which is currently organized into approximately 235 chapters throughout the United States. The national headquarters is at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Students for a Democratic Society is a fiercely anarchistic group whose spokesmen boast of their determination to end our form of Government and destroy the traditions of democracy. Members of this organization have been in the forefront of the protest movement against United States policy in Vietnam and have called for an end to selective service as well as founding a number of antidraft unions.

During the past year drastic changes have occurred in the tactics employed by the Students for a Democratic Society to achieve their objectives. Students for a Democratic Society leaders who formerly advocated "nonviolence" and "passive dissent" are now urging the use of violence as a form of "active resistance" against the existing social order. Confrontation with school administrators now involves violence and heavy destruction of school property. Since April, 1968, major disorders precipitated by the revolutionary adherents of the Students for a Democratic Society have occurred on a number of college campuses.

At the Students for a Democratic Society National Convention held in June, 1968, one of the workshops dealt with explosives and sabotage techniques. The same militant mood was in evidence at a Students for a Democratic Society National Council meeting held in October, 1968, where pamphlets dealing with the making of various explosive devices were made available to the Students for a Democratic Society members.

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At a National Council meeting of this organization held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in December, 1968, a manual captioned Work-In, a National SDS Summer Project, was brought to the attention of delegates to the meeting. This manual which has received wide distribution in this country sets forth a program by Students for a Democratic Society, to invade industrial plants and other business organizations this summer for the purpose of disrupting operations and conducting an intensive propaganda campaign among employees geared against the United States and particularly private industry.

At an Eastern Regional Conference of the Students for a Democratic Society held on February 1-2, 1969, at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, a five-page proposal entitled Smash the Military Machine in the Schools' was distributed by the Columbia University Students for a Democratic Society chapter. This proposal called for fomenting student uprisings, agitational demonstrations and other disturbances and violence in universities and high schools this spring throughout the country. It strongly emphasized a nation-wide attack on Reserve Officers Training Corps on college campuses.

While this proposal has never been passed in the form of a resolution by the National Office of the Students for a Democratic Society, it nevertheless has been implemented on a number of occasions this spring by Students for a Democratic Society members and sympathizers. The major attack against Harvard University in April, 1969, was to abolish the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University. Such attacks have also occurred at Yale University, George Washington University, Dartmouth College, Cornell University, California State College, Michigan State University and at many other colleges and universities.

At the Students for a Democratic Society National Council meeting held in Austin, Texas, in March, 1969, Michael Klonsky, Students for a Democratic Society National Secretary, advocated that Students for a Democratic Society become a strong, centralized, Marxist-Leninist, revolutionary movement. Many of the national leaders of Students for a Democratic Society support Klonsky in this regard.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

During the six-month period from August, 1968, through January, 1969, 449 telephone calls were made from Students for a Democratic Society National Headquarters outside of the State of Illinois. During this same period of time an additional 86 telephone calls were made in Illinois outside of the metropolitan Chicago area.

A telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the Students for a Democratic Society would provide extremely valuable information concerning the plans of this organization with respect to its efforts to implement its programs. Such a surveillance would supply valuable data concerning the advance planning of this group, its leaders and the source of its funds.

I, therefore, recommend the installation of a telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the Students
for a Democratic Society, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago,
Illinois, or any other address to which this organization may
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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 12, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY New Left
Oriented Campus

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated *Group* November 13, 1969, captioned 'Students for a Democratic Society' By your approval of that memorandum on November 13, 1969, you authorized the continuance of the telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the captioned organization at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The telephone surveillance mentioned above has continued to be a source of extremely valuable, timely and pertinent information concerning the activities, strategy, plans, and operations of the Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society. The Weatherman faction has been in complete control of the national headquarters of the Students for a Democratic Society since the June, 1969, National Convention. The Weatherman faction is totally committed to violent revolution at this time and has made strategic plans to build an underground paramilitary organization designed to carry out guerrilla warfare in the cities of the United States.

Weatherman members have moved into collectives in the major cities of the country and in an effort to keep their whereabouts unknown to local and Federal authorities are continuously moving from one collective to another. Sensitive information from the telephone surveillance has enabled the Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate many of these individuals as well as ascertaining the location of their frequently changing collectives. Furthermore, the identities of persons who participated in the recent trip to Cuba sponsored by the Wenceremos Brigade have been furnished by this source.

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It is believed this surveillance's potential for continuation of this high-level performance is excellent, especially in furnishing information concerning the leadership, policy, and activities of the Students for a Democratic Society.

There are a substantial number of individuals currently under Antiriot Laws investigation as a result of their activity in Chicago, October 8-11, 1969. It is likely that certain of these individuals may be overheard on this surveillance.

At the current time, the Weatherman group is being forced to leave the premises at 1608 West Madison Street. However, a new headquarters has not been located and the move has not been completed.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at 4608 West Madison Streets or to whatever new location the leadership of the Weatherman faction moves, for an additional three months. When the move is effected and telephone service installed at the new location, you will be advised.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 27, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: THE YOUNG LORDS ORGANIZATION

1678 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS

Investigation by this Bureau has revealed that the Young Lords has its principal offices in Chicago and New York and is attempting to establish a nationwide organization based on Marxist-Leninist principles enunciated by Communist China and Cuba. The Young Lords has received political education from and has embraced the basic program of the Black Panther Party. It has accepted aid and direction from revolutionary Puerto Rican groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. Its publication, "YLO," is replete with calls for revolutionary action.

The New York Young Lords in December, 1969, seized a neighborhood church and held it for ten days before being evicted by police action. On March 5, 1970, an officer of the Young Lords in New York stated before a college audience, "From now on when the fascist pigs point guns at us, we will retaliate." The same speaker continued that he and his brothers in the Young Lords would no longer remain calm but would be violent "from this day on."

Your authorization is requested to institute telephone surveillance coverage on the New York headquarters of the Young Lords located at 1678 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, for a period of three months. This installation will be made away from the premises and will not involve trespass.

It is expected that the requested telephone surveillance coverage will provide valuable intelligence information vital to the internal security concerning the Young Lords efforts to establish a national organization, its connections with the Black Panther Party and Puerto Rican independence groups, as well as provide intelligence regarding potential violence by this group.

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The monitoring of this surveillance may result in the interception of conversations involving individuals who are or may be defendants or attorneys in pending Federal cases. Therefore, monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 19, 1970

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: YOUNG LORDS PARTY
FORMERLY THE YOUNG LORDS ORGANIZATION
1678 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated March 27, 1970, captioned The Young Lords Organization, 1678 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, Internal Security - Young Lords, approved by you on March 30, 1970, seeking authority to institute a telephone surveillance on the New York headquarters of the Young Lords Organization.

On May 25, 1970, captioned New York group split from the Chicago group of the Young Lords Organization on the grounds that the Chicago group was not providing leadership to form a successful revolutionary party. The Young Lords Party has retained the same program, leadership, membership, and headquarters in New York as its predecessor.

Our coverage of the captioned organization has resulted in obtaining valuable data concerning the travels of the leaders and plans for a demonstration of the captioned organization. Coverage has also furnished valuable data concerning the organizational and financial structure of the group and has furnished data concerning the identity of at least 15 new members of the group. The installation enables this Bureau to gain valuable intelligence data concerning the activities and scope of this revolutionary group.

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The Attorney General

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at the headquarters of the Young Lords Party in New York for an additional three-month period, effective June 30, 1970.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 15, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: YOUNG LORDS PARTY (YLP)
INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated June 19, 1970, and approved by you on the same date wherein you approved continuation of telephone surveillance at the headquarters of the YLP in New York for a three-month period, effective June 30, 1970.

It has been determined that telephone service at YLP headquarters has been terminated due to nonpayment of the telephone bill. Accordingly, the coverage previously approved by you is being discontinued, effective July 15, 1970.

The YLP continues to have telephone service at its Bronx, New York, chapter which is also the center for publication of its revolutionary paper, "Palante." It would appear that YLP activity in the New York area will now be centered at the YLP office, Bronx, New York. Previous technical surveillance coverage of YLP headquarters provided valuable intelligence data regarding the organizational and the financial structure of the YLP and also furnished information regarding the identities of at least 15 new YLP members.

The YLP continues to advocate revolution and violence, and recently applauded the actions of those Puerto Rican revolutionaries who attempted to assassinate President Truman in 1950 and who wounded several individuals in a shooting spree within the chambers of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1954.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter dated July 14, 1969, captioned "Electronic Surveillances."

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The Attorney General

Your authority is requested to institute telephone surveillance coverage on the YLP office located at 949 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York, for a period of three months.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: YOUNG LORDS PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated July 28, 1970, whereby you were advised that telephone surveillance at the Bronx office of the Young Lords Party (YLP), New York City, previously approved by you, had been installed on July 24, 1970.

Since installation, technical surveillance coverage of the Bronx office of the YLP has resulted in identifying 12 apparent members of the YLP has furnished information regarding possible travel of YLP leaders to Cuba; has furnished information concerning a two-day conference of militants organized by the YLP in New York has furnished details concerning a demonstration called by the YLP in New York before the United Nations Building; and additionally, has provided background information concerning individuals in the YLP. This coverage has provided valuable information regarding day-to-day operations of the YLP.

The YLP continues to be a revolutionary-oriented and violence-prone organization of Puerto Rican youths in New York City. On October 18, 1970, following the suicide of one of its members in a New York City jail, the YLP held a funeral procession after which members of the group carried the casket into a church and barricaded themselves inside. They were armed with 14 rifles and announced that they would resist all police efforts to evict them by use of the rifles.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Your authority is requested to continue technical surveillance coverage on the YLP office, 949 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York, for an additional period of three months, effective October 24, 1970.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 6, 1970

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: YOUNG LORDS PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated October 22, 1970, and approved by you on the same date, wherein you approved continuation of telephone surveillance at the Bronx office of the Young Lords Party (YLP) for an additional period of three months, effective October 24, 1970.

It has been determined that telephone service at the YLP office in the Bronx has been terminated due to nonpayment of the telephone bill. Accordingly, the coverage previously approved by you was discontinued on October 27, 1970.

Telephone service at the national office of the YLP, 1678 Madison Avenue, New York City, has been restored. Previous telephone surveillance coverage of the Bronx office of the YLP and the national headquarters of the YLP provided valuable intelligence data regarding the membership and the financial structure of the YLP. Twenty-seven new YLP members were identified.

The YLP continues to advocate revolution and violence, and supports independence for Puerto Rico through violent means. In October, 1970, the YLP seized a church and members barricaded themselves inside. They are armed with 14 rifles and announced they will resist all police efforts to evict them by use of these rifles.

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The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter dated July 14, 1969, captioned "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to institute telephone surveillance coverage at the national office of the YLP for a period of three months.

Respectfully.

r Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 4, 1971

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: YOUNG LORDS PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - YOUNG LORDS PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated November 6, 1970, requesting authority to reinstitute telephone surveillance at the National Office of the Young Lords Party (YLP), 1678 Madison Avenue, New York City, for a period of three months. You granted such authority on the same date.

Construction in the vicinity of the YLP National Office prevented installation of the telephone surveillance due to an unforeseen effect upon telephone company facilities necessary for the installation. While awaiting solution of the technical problems, our New York Office determined relocation of the YLP National Office was imminent. The YLP National Office is now located at 202 East 117th Street, New York City.

YLP/continues to espouse a doctrine of revolution. Past telephone surveillances of its national and Bronx, New York, offices enabled us to identify many members and provided advance information concerning demonstrations and other violence. It is expected reinstitution of telephone surveillance of the National Office, YLP, will again provide valuable data of this nature.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter dated July 14, 1969, captioned "Electronic Surveillances."

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 28, 1971

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

I hereby request, that you, on behalf of the President of the United States, authorize a telephone surveillance on the National Office of the Young Lords Party (YLP) at 202 East 117th Street, New York City.

The YLP is a militant Puerto Rican youth group patterned after the Black Panther Party. In addition to several branches in New York City, there are YLP branches in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Puerto Rico.

According to its 13-Point Program and Platform, the YLP is a revolutionary political party fighting for the liberation of all oppressed people, seeks self-determination for Puerto Ricans' liberation, and believes armed self-defense and armed struggle are the only means to liberation. It cites the Castro revolution in Cuba as an example of the right of the people to destroy a government which oppresses them and of the importance for all true revolutionaries to have definite plans.

Major confrontations with police authorities occurred in New York City during 1969 and 1970 when armed YLP members and sympathizers forcibly occupied a Harlem church for an extended period. During the current month agitational activity of YLP members and sympathizers precipitated serious civil disturbances in New York City and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

One YLP leader, Rafael Viera, reportedly is an associate of various suspects in the Capitol bombing investigation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Past telephone surveillance of YLP/enabled us to identify many members and provided advance information concerning demonstrations and other violence. Currently, YLP efforts are focused on recruiting and strengthening membership in Puerto Rico which it looks upon as a homeland. It is expected reinstitution of telephone surveillance of the National Office, YLP, will furnish us specific information as to identities and plans of YLP leaders traveling between New York City and Puerto Rico. Live sources have been unable to provide us this information.

It is, therefore, requested that the President of the United States through the Attorney General, and in the interests of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all other intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject and that you authorize the surveillance requested until September 28. 1971.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover



# Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 20530

July 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: YOUNG LORDS PARTY

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation located at 202 East 117th Street, New York City, which installation is listed under the name of Young Lords Party.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified Secret and Top Secret, which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States Government against overthrow by force or unlawful means and against a clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the Government.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority invested in me by the President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize the surveillance requested until September 28, 1971.

JOHN N. MITCHELL

Attorney General of the United States

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 29535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 34

May 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW YORK DIVISION

Reference is made to your letter dated May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a violence-prone black extremist group. Its national headquarters is located in Oakland, Californial The organization is split into two violent factions, one of which is under the direction of BPP Supreme Commander Huey Newton. The Newton Faction of the Party in New York City is located at 402 East Tenth Street, the residence of Marie Depury, a white female supported of the group's revolutionary programs. The group maintains close ties with BPP headquarters and with foreign extremist elements which support the Newton Faction in its programs to overthrow the United States Government. The BPP has been involved in numerous incidents of violence involving police officers.

On May 21, 1971, two New York City police officers were murdered by two unknown blacks while returning to their car after responding to a legitimate call for assistance in the Harlem section of New York City. Two days earlier, two additional New York City police officers were wounded by unidentified black assailants. In subsequent messages directed to news media outlets and to the New York City Police Departments

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those claiming responsibility for the May 19, 1971, shootings claimed they were an act of revolutionary justice for black people against "fascist pigs." Weapons of same caliber were used in both shooting incidents which may have been related.

In view of the BPP's advocacy of harassment and killing of police officers and in connection with this Bureau's all-out efforts to effect solution of the case involving the murder of the two police officers, a telephone surveillance at the BPP Newton Faction office in New York City is considered vital. A telephone surveillance at the above location may provide significant information concerning the murders, including the identities of those involved, as well as data of intelligence value concerning day-to-day activities of the revolutionary BPP. It is anticipated results of this telephone surveillance will be introduced in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence data but also on the basis that evidence may be obtained that will be used in court.

Your authority is therefore requested to place a telephone surveillance on the BPP office at 402 East Tenth Street, New York City, for a period of 30 days. If approved, interception will be away from this address. There will be no trespass involved in the installation of this telephone surveillance.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 157-17393

May 28, 1971

· MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: RONALD LEE JACKSON

Reference is made to your letter dated May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Ronald Lee Jackson is an active member of the black extremist Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which organization advocates the use of violence to achieve its goal of black liberation. Jackson serves as editor of SNCC's revolutionary publication, has numerous contacts among black extremists and has reportedly prepared instructional tapes concerning the waging of guerrilla warfare.

In connection with our efforts to effect a solution of the case involving the murders of two police officers in New York City on May 21, 1971, it is felt a telephone surveillance at Jackson's residence could be of assistance in identifying the unknown black assailants. It is possible that conversations of Jackson and other leading SNCC officials would be intercepted by a telephone surveillance at Jackson's residence and it is possible that any of these individuals may become the subject of either local or Federal criminal violations. The existing live informant coverage of Jackson and the SNCC organization is limited and it is felt these informants are not in a position to develop the necessary data regarding these murders.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

It is felt a telephone surveillance at Jackson's residence, 865 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, will provide vital information in our efforts to effect a solution of this murder case as well as information of intelligence value regarding black extremist activities. It is anticipated results of this telephone surveillance will be introduced in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence information but also on the basis that evidence may be obtained which will be used in court. In line with instructions on page five of your referenced letter the following information is set forth:

It is believed that Jackson and other individuals having access to this location may become involved in discussions which could lead to the solution of these murders. At the present time we are conducting intelligence investigations of Jackson and other leading members of SNCC.

On May 21, 1971, two New York City police officers were shot from behind and killed by two unknown black male assailants while returning to their car after responding to a legitimate call in the Harlem section of New York City. days prior to these murders two other New York City police officers were wounded by black assailants and a letter to The New York Times said that the shooting was for revolutionary justice for black people against "fascist pigs." Weapons of the same caliber were used in both shooting incidents which may have been related. In this crime, with the type of motive involved, telephone surveillances of selected persons are most valuable and necessary since a remark during a conversation or a contact often results in leads to the solution of the crime which would not otherwise be available. Jackson has been selected as a person likely to lead to the solution of these murders.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jackson is a male Nagro who was born February 18, 1950, at New York, New York. He resides in Apartment 13H, 865 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City. He has prior arrest records for inciting to riot and for demonstration activity and has exhibited suicidal tendencies in the past.

It is, therefore, recommended authority be granted for a telephone surveillance at Apartment 13H, 865 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, for a period of 30 days. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved. If approved, you will be advised when this installation has been made.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 16, 1971

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

I hereby request that you, on behalf of the President of the United States, authorize a telephone surveillance on Denise Roberts Oliver at '248 West 102nd Street, New York City. The telephone, located at Oliver's residence, is listed in the name of William Crain, a New York attorney. Crain does not reside with Oliver nor is he known to utilize this telephone which is listed in his name for billing purposes only.

A characterization of Denise Roberts Oliver, including a description of her activities, is attached to this memorandum.

It is therefore requested that the President of the United States through the Attorney General, in the interests of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all other intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject, and that you authorize the surveillance requested until February 12, 1972.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

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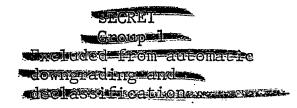
November 16, 1971

## DENISE ROBERTS OLIVER

Denise Roberts Oliver is a black militant revolutionary who is recognized as the direct emissary in the United States of Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther Party (BPP) leader currently in Algeria. In June, 1971, Oliver returned to the United States from Algeria with plans to totally restructure the Cleaver Faction of the BPP in New York City along Marxist - Leninist lines. Until recently, she remained in a leadership capacity in the BPP - Cleaver Faction and edited "Right On!", the official Cleaver Faction newspaper.

In October, 1971, Oliver became managing editor of a new publication, "Babylon," which is the official organ of the recently created Revolutionary Peoples Communications Network (RPCN). The RPCN was created by Eldridge Cleaver and the International Section of the BPP to serve as an international aboveground apparatus for dissemination of information among revolutionary forces. Oliver is also closely associated with another new group, the Afro-American Liberation Army, the underground counterpart of the RPCN, which will engage in urban guerrilla warfare activity in the United States. She is currently assisting Kathleen Cleaver, wife of Eldridge Cleaver, who is traveling through the United States on a fund-raising tour to support revolutionary activities.

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DENISE ROBERTS OLIVER

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation located at 248 West 102nd Street, New York City, which installation is listed under the name of William Crain, an associate of Denise Roberts Oliver.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize the surveillance requested until February 12, 1972.

JOHN N. MITCHELL

Attorney General of the United States

Date

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 8, 1972

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY RE: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

On behalf of the President of the United States. you have previously authorized a telephone surveillance on Denise Roberts Oliver at 248 West 102nd Street, New York City.

A characterization of Denise Roberts Oliver, including a description of her activities, is attached to this memorandum.

This surveillance has in the past provided and continues to provide reliable and significant intelligence information regarding the subject.

It is therefore requested that the President of the United States through the Attorney General, in the interests of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all other intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject, and that you authorize the surveillance requested until May 12, 1972.

Respectfully,

Director

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 8, 1972

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In October, 1971, Oliver became managing editor of a new publication, "Babylon," which is the official organ of the recently created Revolutionary Peoples Communications Network (RPCN). Since that time, she has concentrated her full energies on creating new units of the RPCN which was created by Eldridge Cleaver and the International Section of the BPP to serve as an international aboveground apparatus—for dissemination of information among revolutionary forces. Oliver is also closely associated with another new group, the Afro-American Liberation Army, the underground counterpart of the RPCN, which will engage in urban guerrilla warfare activity in the United States. Oliver coordinated the recent speaking tour of Kathleen Cleaver, wife of Eldridge Cleaver, who traveled throughout the United States on a fund-raising tour to gain support for revolutionary activities.

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
DENISE ROBERTS OLIVER

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation located at 248 West 102nd Street, New York City, which installation is listed under the name of William Crain, an associate of Denise Roberts Oliver.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize the continuation of the surveillance presently conducted until May 12, 1972.

JOHN N. MITCHELL

Attorney General of the United States

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 157-11339 May 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FRANCES MARY BEAL

Reference is made to your letter dated May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

In line with referenced letter, your authority under Presidential authorization is requested to install a telephone surveillance on the home of Frances Mary Beal, 163-19 130th Avenue, South Ozone Park, New York, for a period of 30 days.

This surveillance is in connection with our efforts to effect a solution to the murders of two police officers in New York City on May 21, 1971. Beal is employed by the Education Foundation of the National Council of Negro Women in New York City | She is involved in black extremist activities in New York City as communication officer and a leading functionary of the black extremist Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in New York City. The SNCC has advocated violence to achieve black liberation. Beal! has had numerous contacts in the black nationalist movement and is known among black extremists in the New York City area. (She is responsible for the distribution of funds for SNCC programs and reportedly has had contacts with black extremists who have visited Cuba and Canada.

It is felt a telephone surveillance at the above location will provide vital information in our efforts to

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effect a solution to the murders of the police officers by unknown black assailants as well as information of intelligence value regarding black extremist activities. It is also anticipated that results of this telephone surveillance may be introduced in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence information but also on the basis that evidence may be obtained that will be used in court. In line with instructions on page five of your referenced letter, the following information is set forth:

On May 21, 1971, two New York City police officers were shot from behind and killed by two unknown black male assailants while returning to their car after responding to a legitimate call in the Harlem section of New York City. Two days prior to these murders two other New York City police officers were wounded by black assailants and a letter to The New York Times said that the shooting was for revolutionary justice for black people against "fascist pigs." Weapons of the same caliber were used in both shooting incidents which may have been related. In this crime, with the type of motive involved, telephone surveillances of selected persons are most valuable and necessary since a remark during a conversation or a contact often results in leads to the solution\_of the crime which would not otherwise be available. Beal has been selected as a person likely to lead to the solution of these murders.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance at 163-19 130th Avenue, South Ozone Park, New York, for a period of 30 days. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. (IS) 100-437041 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 24, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Marxist-Leninist Group Affiliate

The Progressive Labor Movement is an extreme left grouping of communists who have split from the (Communist Party, USA) in criticism of the (Party's revisionistic interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. Progressive Labor Movement supports the Red Chinese position against that of the Soviet Union and is an extremely militant organization. This organization is acting, by means of agitation and propaganda, to continue racial demonstrations in New York City. This activity is being directed from its Harlem headquarters at 336 Lenox Avenue, New York, New York. Technical coverage of this headquarters will materially assist in the investigation of the Progressive Labor Movement's part in the New York City racial situation and will be of value in determining impending trouble areas in time for preventive measures to be taken.

I recommend that authority be granted to install a technical surveillance at the/Harlem Progressive Labor Movement headquarters, 336 Lenox Avenue, New York, New York, or at any address to which this organization may move in the future.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. (IS) 100-437041

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 11, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

Marxist-Leninist Group Affiliate .

INTERNAL SECURITY PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTS

A technical surveillance on the Harlem Progressive Labor Party Club and the Harlem Defense Council has been in operation since July 24, 1964. This surveillance, which is operated in connection with the over-all investigation of the (Progressive Labor Party) has provided valuable intelligence data relating to the policies, plans, and objectives at the leadership level.

This surveillance continually provides valuable intelligence data. For example, detailed information has been received concerning the following matters: Progressive Labor Party participation in various demonstrations in the New York City area; (2) contact between Progressive Labor Party members and foreign diplomatic representatives; (3) itineraries and activities of traveling Progressive Labor Party functionaries; (4) speaking engagements on college campuses; (5) Progressive Labor Party activities in the tense Harlem area; (6) identities of Progressive Labor Party contacts.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for six months.

Very truly yours.

hn Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY Affiliate
INTERNAL SECURITY - PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

The Progressive Labor Party (PLD) is the second largest communist party in the United States and is recognized by the Chinese communists (Chicoms) as the only true Marxist-Leninist party in the U.S. It advocates violent revolution as taught by the leader of the Chicoms, MAO Tse-tung, and it is financially supported by the Chicoms.

ently numbers more than 350 hard-core members and numerous sympathizers. Its membership is concentrated in trade union work and on college campuses. During recent months walter Linder, National Trade Union Director; has traveled extensively in the U.S. for the purpose of establishing new PLP branches. A National Committee member was recently sent to Chicago to lead increased activity. A concentrated effort has been made to extend PLP influence on college campuses, where its members work within such organizations as the Students for a Democratic Society. Frederick Jerome and Jacob Rosen, both members of the National Committee, were in Communist China during March, 1969, undoubtedly to obtain financial assistance and instructions from the Chicoms.

Because of the stepped-up activities and expansion of the PLP, as well as its close ties with the Chicoms, it constitutes a severe threat to the national security. Authority is requested to institute telephone surveillances on the residences of two National Committee members; namely,

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Walter Linder, 11 McKeever Place, Brooklyn New York; and Frederick Jerome, 55 Western Shore Lane, San Francisco, California, or at any other addresses to which they may move.

Respectfully,

hn Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C. February 13, 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTOKNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA Headquarters Basic

INTERNAL SECURITY - C Revolutionary Group

INTERNAL SECURITY - C FBI File 100-3

The Communist Party, USA, national and New York State organizations moved their headquarters early this month from 1268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, to the Jefferson School of Social Science Building located at 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

We formerly had technical surveillances on these two important segments of the Communist Party, USA at their former headquarters which were exceedingly productive and furnished highly important day-to-day information concerning the Communist movement that could not have been obtained from any other source.

It is recommended that you authorize technical surveillances on the Communist Party, USA, telephone Oregon 5-9250, and the New York State organization, telephone Watkins 9-0464, at the new headquarters or at any other address to which they may move.

The postal address of the Jefferson School of Social Science Building is 575 Sixth Avenue, however, the telephone company listing for the above telephones is 101 West 16th. Street, New York City, which is the side entrance to the same building and which will probably be the address given for the Communist Party, USA, national and New York State headquarters.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Approved: 163

Date: 2-12-56

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.(IS) 100-3 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 21, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Headquarters Basic Revolutionary Group

In April, 1957, two technical installations were instituted on the building located at 23 West 26th Street. New York, New York, which is occupied by the Communist Party, USA. One installation covers the national headquarters of the Party and the other covers the office of the Party's New York District. These sources furnish extremely valuable and upto-date coverage of the activities of top level national and state functionaries of the Communist Party, USA. These sources also provided information concerning Political Affairs Publishing, Incorporated, which publishes "Political Affairs," monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party.

During the past six months, these sources have continued to provide timely and valuable data relating to the activities of the Communist Party. For example, valuable information has been received concerning the location of important Party meetings, the Party's plans for demonstrations while officials of the United States Government are in New York City, travel plans of Party leaders and planned public appearances of Party leaders on college campuses.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, these technical surveillances will be continued for an additional six months.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 19, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

I hereby request that you, on behalf of the President of the United States, authorize a telephone surveillance on the residence of Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction (BPP-CF) member John William Washington, 4844 Mascot Street, Los Angeles, California, for a three-month period to terminate January 19, 1973. At present, there is no telephone service at this residence; however, it is expected service will be installed in the near future and authority for the telephone surveillance is being requested so that it can be installed when the telephone service is established. Washington recently moved to this address from 1136 West 93rd Street, Los Angeles. On September 25, 1972, you authorized a telephone surveillance on Washington's former address. This telephone surveillance, which was installed October 10, 1972, was discontinued on October 15, 1972.

The above-requested telephone surveillance is believed necessary to protect the Nation against actual or potential attack or any other hostile action of a foreign power and is believed necessary to obtain foreign intelligence information essential to the security of the United States.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Although the BPP-CF is not under the total control or direction of Al Fatah, the above-named member of the BPP-CF has been used by Al Fatah as an agent to support Al Fatah operations. The above-listed residence is one at which Al Fatah operatives can be reasonably expected to make contact with their BPP-CF agent, noting that Al Fatah is known to have operatives in the Los Angeles area.

A memorandum setting forth the circumstances upon which this request is based is attached to this memorandum.

It is therefore requested that the President of the United States through the Attorney General, in the interests of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all other intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject, and that you authorize the surveillance requested until January 19, 1973.

Respectfully,

L. Patrick Gray, III

Acting Director

Enclosure



#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 19, 1972

#### AL FATAH

Over the past several years, Al Fatah, a leading Arab terrorist organization with headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, has had continuing interest in Black Panther Party (BPP) activities in the United States. Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction (BPP-CF) leader Eldridge Cleaver, upon meeting with Yasser Arafat, Al Fatah leader, in 1969, vowed full support by the Panthers of Al Fatah activities. BPP-CF leaders from the United States and Algeria have reportedly traveled to the Middle East for indoctrination and tactical guerrilla training. In April, 1972, information was developed indicating that the BPP-CF is planning the recruitment of trainees to travel to Algeria where they would be instructed in sniper tactics. These terrorists would be specifically trained in use of ground fire to attack the Presidential helicopter and would be utilized if the decision is made by BPP-CF leadership to assassinate the President of the United States.

The BPP-CF was originated in February, 1971, following a split between Huey P. Newton and Leroy Eldridge Cleaver, leaders of the violence-oriented BPP. Cleaver is a fugitive from justice living in self-imposed exile in Algiers, Algeria, from which location he controls the International Section of the BPP-CF. Since its inception, the BPP-CF, with national headquarters at 2026 Seventh Avenue, New York City, has advocated increased disruption of and violence against existing order. It strongly

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advocates urban guerrilla warfare in the United States. Within the past year, individuals associated with the BPP-CF have been directly linked to murders, skyjackings, assaults on police officers, and armed robberies. Its scope of operation, however, has been limited due to lack of financial resources.

Recently, information was received that Al Fatah is now willing to support financially BPP-CF activities in the United States including purchase of weapons and explosives. mid-August, 1972, an Al Fatah operative, at the direction of Eldridge Cleaver, contacted BPP-CF member Charles Emile Pratt, who resides at 19108 Northwood Avenue, Carson, California. According to the information, Pratt was to arrange for acquisition of weapons and ammunition and to make underground contacts needed by Al Fatah for an operation in the United States similar to that which occurred in May, 1972, at Lod Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel, in which 29 persons were killed as the result of an Arab-directed terrorist Pratt introduced the Al Fatah operative to John William attack. Washington, a BPP-CF member, who then resided at 1136 West 93rd Street, Los Angeles, California, and who now resides at 4844 Mascot Street, Los Angeles | Washington reportedly received \$500 from the Al Fatah operative and traveled to the East to obtain arms and weapons that were to be used in terrorist acts in the United States. Although aborted, these acts were to occur simultaneous to and in consort with the recent terrorist acts at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany.

Two confidential sources, who are knowledgeable concerning Al Fatah activities in the United States, have furnished additional information corroborative of the data set forth above. The first source advised in March, 1972, that an Al Fatah leader in Beirut indicated that Al Fatah has trained agents, not connected with Al Fatah, based in the United States who are members of black

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nationalist groups and who stand ready to carry out acts of sabotage in behalf of Al Fatah. A second source confirmed that Al Fatah, during 1972, has contacted members of the BPP in California concerning plans for acts of terrorism in the United States.

The disastrous events which occurred at the 1972 Olympic Games and at Lod Airport clearly demonstrate the foreign potential and capability of Arab terrorist organizations. The utilization by Al Fatah of BPP-CF members to assist in carrying out acts of terrorism would closely parallel the tactics employed at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv in which Japanese nationals were utilized by Al Fatah to carry out a terrorist attack.

Foreign intelligence information essential to the security of the United States, which information is necessary to protect the Nation against actual or potential attack or any other hostile action of a foreign power, may be reasonably expected to be obtained from a telephone surveillance on the residence of John William Washington, BPP-CF member in the Los Angeles area who is acting as an agent of Al Fatah in the United States.

All sources who furnished the information in this matter which is set forth above have furnished reliable information in the past.



## SECRET Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 205 10

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

#### AL FATAH

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation at the residence of Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction (BPP-CF) member John William Washington, 4844½ Mascot Street, Los Angeles, California There is no telephone service at 4844½ Mascot Street, Los Angeles, California however, service is expected to be installed in the near future. Your request was based on the utilization of this BPP-CF member by Al Fatah, a leading Arab guerrilla organization with headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, as an agent to support terrorist operations in the United States. The location at which you requested a telephone surveillance is one at which Al Fatah operatives can be reasonably expected to make contact with their BPP-CF agent, noting that Al Fatah is known to have operatives in the Los Angeles area.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the Nation against actual or potential attack or any other hostile action of a foreign power and is necessary to obtain foreign intelligence information deemed essential to the security of the United States.

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I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize the surveillance requested until January 19, 1973.

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST

Attorney General of the United States

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. (IS) 100-442684 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 3, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT RE: INTERNAL SECURITY - RAM

The founder and leader of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) is Donald Freeman who resides at 1218 Carlyon Street, East Cleveland, Ohio, telephone number 761-0716, RAM is an all-Negro organization which advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government to be replaced by a Marxist-oriented government. RAM follows the Chinese Communist Party line.

It is requested that you authorize installation of a technical surveillance on the above-described residence of Donald Freeman or at any other address to which he may move in the future.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 26

October 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

BLACK PANTHER PARTY RE: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On August 7, 1969, authority was granted by you for a telephone surveillance at the former residence of Evon Carter, 2010 Third Avenue, Apartment 2, Los Angeles, California.

You have been previously advised that Evon Carter had moved from the indicated address and consequently the authorized surveillance was not being instituted. You were further advised that in the event she established a permanent residence in the future and activity at the residence warranted such action we would resubmit a request for a telephone surveillance.

In connection with our previous request for a telephone surveillance you were advised that Black Panther Party leaders had been using Carter's apartment as an underground hide-out and as a meeting and planning site for making high-level policy. was indicated that Carter was the widow of Alprentice Carter, former Los Angeles Black Panther Party Deputy Minister of Defense and head of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party underground.

Evon Carter is now residing at 2728 Ellendale Place, Apartment 3, Los Angeles, California. She has assumed the position of Communications Secretary for the Los Angeles Black Panther Party Residing with her at this address are Elaine Brown, Deputy Minister of Information for the Los Angeles Black Panther Party; Gwen Goodloe, Chairman of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party Breakfast Program; and Joan Kelly, who is also an officer in the Los Angeles Black Panther Party. This address is also being used by other members of the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles. An informant has advised the Los Angeles Black

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Panther Party may be evicted from its headquarters in the near future and, if so, Carter's residence would undoubtedly be used, at least temporarily, as a headquarters to conduct Los Angeles Black Panther Party business. As you are aware, the Black Panther Party is a black extremist violence-prone organization. The Los Angeles, California, chapter has been one of its most active chapters.

A surveillance of Carter's telephone would be a valuable supplement to the telephone surveillance on Los Angeles Black Panther Party headquarters which you initially approved on March 20, 1969, and renewed for a three-month period on September 8, 1969. This coverage has provided invaluable information not available through other sources.

A surveillance on Carter's telephone might furnish a valuable insight into the current power struggle between factions of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party in which the subject is prominently involved. In view of her/current position, she will undoubtedly be contacted on matters of planning and policy. For the same reason she should be in contact with numerous individuals who are actively engaged in Black Panther Party activities in an underground capacity.

It is requested authority be granted for a surveillance on the telephone at Evon Carter's apartment located at 2728 Ellendale Place, Apartment 3, Los Angeles, California. Interception will be away from her residence and no trespass is involved. If the coverage proves productive, it will be continued for an indefinite period.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

November 20, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Leaders of the revolutionary Black Panther Party (BPP) have advocated killings and kidnapings of top United States Government officials. The policy maker and most influential spokesman for this black violence-prone group is Huey P. Newton who holds the titles of Supreme Commander and Minister of Defense. Newton was released from jail on August 5, 1970, following a reversal of a conviction for voluntary manslaughter of a police officer and promptly thereafter exhibited complete disdain for our Government by encouraging black people in this country to fight in Vietnam on the side of the Viet Cong.

The BPP recently secured Apartment 25A at 1200 Lakeshore, Oakland, California, to be utilized by Newton to write a book. The lease for this apartment was signed by David G. Lubell, BPP attorney from New York, New York, and the telephone in this apartment is also listed in his name. Lubell is believed to be identical with a former Communist Party organizer and National Lawyers Guild official. In addition to being Newton's attorney he reportedly is in the process of drawing up legal papers to form the BPP into a corporation which will place all property and holdings of the BPP under ownership of the corporation. It will have a Swiss bank account to deposit all foreign contributions and all BPP chapters will have checking accounts under the corporation's name.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This apartment is in the most exclusive building of its type in the city of Oakland and visitors can gain entrance only after having been cleared by an occupant. It is considered likely that high-level BPP conferences will be held at this location.

Existing telephone surveillances on certain BPP offices, all of which have been authorized by you, have provided extremely valuable information. Additional coverage of Newton and the BPP at this exclusive apartment could result in the receipt of information concerning BPP policies, BPP involvement in foreign matters and plans for violent acts against top officials of this country and foreign diplomatic personnel.

It is requested that authority be granted for a microphone surveillance and a telephone surveillance at Apartment 25A, 1200 Lakeshore, Oakland, Trespass will be involved with respect to the microphone surveillance.

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John Edgar Hoover
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 9, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTERS

Jesse Benjamin Stoner also known as J. B. Stoner is a practicing attorney and a member of the Bar Association of the State of Georgia and currently utilizes office space in the suite of James R. Venable another practicing attorney at 1002 Hunter Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia. Stoner is the attorney for the National States Rights Party, an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro group with headquarters in Birmingham. Alabama. He is presently under indictment along with other members of the National States Rights Party in the Northern District of Alabama for contempt of court in connection with the integration of Birmingham schools in September, 1963.

It should be noted that James R. Venable has recently undertaken a program to consolidate various Klan organizations under his chairmanship.

Information has been received by this Bureau in the past concerning Stoner which indicates that he has information concerning acts of violence on the part of others. Along this line he has frequently counseled others not to submit to an interview by FBI Agents unless the Agents possess a warrant for the arrest of the person.

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#### Memorandum for the Attorney General

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at the office of Jesse Benjamin Stoner in Atlanta, or at any address to which he may move.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. (SC) 100\_

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 1, 1964

(SC) 100-399321

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MALCOLM K. LITTLE INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

Malcolm K. Little who resides at 23-11 97th
Street, East Elmhurst, Queens, New York, is the former
minister of Muslim Mosque Number 7 of the Nation of
Islam who was suspended by Elijah Muhammad, national
leader of the all-Negro semireligious group which
teaches Negro supremacy. Little has now completed his
break with the Nation of Islam and is forming a new group
to be known as Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, in New York
which he states will be more aggressive than the Nation
of Islam and will participate in racial demonstrations and
civil rights activities. He has recommended the possession
of firearms by members for their self-protection.

Technical coverage of Little's residence will materially assist in the investigation of Little and his new organization.

I recommend that authority be granted to install a technical surveillance at the residence of Malcolm K. Little, 23-11 97th Street, East Elmhurst, Queens, New York, or at any address to which he may move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

September 28, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN RACIAL MATTERS

Milton A. Luke resides at 1500 Roscomare Avenue, Orlando, Florida, and has been identified as an official in local, state and national Klan groups since 1957. He has been described as the "Number 2 Man" in the United Florida Ku Klux Klan and a "strong man" in this organization who makes major decisions and who is violent in his hatred of Negroes. Luke carries a sidearm and allegedly has access to explosives. He would possibly be deeply involved in any violence on the part of the Klan in the Orlando area.

The anarchistic tactics utilized by Klan members in furthering their objectives clearly constitute a threat to the internal security of the United States. In order to obtain further information concerning plans and activities of Klan members in racial matters and the identities of contacts of Luke including possible secret members of the Klan, I recommend that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance at the residence of Milton A. Luke, 1500 Roscomare Avenue, Orlando, Florida or at any address to which Luke may move in the future.

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In Reply Please Refer to
File No. (IS) 100-439190

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 15, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT Wilitant Black
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE Extremist Organiza
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST tion

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has been described by confidential informants as the principal target for Communist Party infiltration among the various civil rights organizations. John Lewis, Chairman, and James Forman, Executive Secretary, have made public appearances with leaders of communist-front groups. John Lewis has been reported by reliable informants as stating he will accept any individuals, including communists, into his organization. This and related investigations have identified individuals with subversive backgrounds who hold key positions in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, maintains its headquarters at 8 Raymond Street. Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, and is in the process of moving to 360-362 Nelson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

Authority is requested for the installation of a technical surveillance on the above headquarters of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and at any new location to which it may move in the future.

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John Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. (RI) 105-165706

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 27, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party is the most active and violent black extremist organization in the United States. In less than eight months it has grown from a one-hundred-member local group to a nationwide organization with chapters in major cities across the country and a membership exceeding twelve hundred. It is directed by a Central Committee from its national headquarters in Berkeley, California. Its members have recently been instructed to operate secretly to avoid revealing their identities as Black Panther members.

The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese communist revolutionaries whose intelligence agents have been in contact with Black Panther Party leaders.

The Black Panther Party openly advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in preparation for revolutionary activity against the Government. All members are under instructions to possess large caliber firearms. They have plotted to blow up police stations and have attempted to do so. They are known to possess dynamite and other explosives.

During November, 1968, Black Panther leaders from across the country gathered in the San Francisco, California, area for organizational discussions and briefings in the use of firearms, firebombs and explosives. The Chairman stated the organization had reached the point for nationwide simultaneous destructive action and said notice for such action would be given by telephone calls from the national headquarters to the chapters at some future unspecified time.

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The organization has declared war on the police who are looked upon as the tools of oppressive government, and for over a year there has been a series of Black Panther attacks on police, including snipings and gun battles.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the Black Panther Party national headquarters at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California or at any other place to which it may move.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

April 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California. It now has affiliated groups in over 25 cities throughout the United States and a membership exceeding 1,200.

The public statements of its leaders repeatedly\_ stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

Reviews of telephone toll call records and information supplied by informants show that the leaders of the organization use the telephone extensively.

The Detroit, Michigan, chapter of the Black Panther Party was established in the Fall of 1968. Although it originally used space provided by the Association of Black Students at Wayne State University, it has recently changed the focal point of its activities to the Black Arts Development Center, 9049 Oakland, Detroit, Michigan. Black Arts Development Center is also the headquarters of

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other black extremist organizations in Detroit, Michigan, including the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, a black extremist organization attempting to infiltrate and sabotage Detroit automobile factories and the United Automobile Workers Union; and the Denmark Vessey Society, the contact point between black extremists in Canada and the United States.

The telephone surveillance on the national head-quarters of the Black Panther Party which was authorized on February 4, 1969, has proved to be most valuable. It has provided information concerning the planned establishment of Black Panther Party branches at Eugene, Oregon; Fresno, California; the Watts area of Los Angeles, California; Syracuse, New York; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Columbus, Ohio. It provided information concerning the removal of Joudon Ford from his leadership position in the New York City branch and, most recently, has furnished details concerning the travel of National Chairman Bobby George Seale to the Scandinavian countries.

Live informants are furnishing information indicating that the organization will increasingly use underground methods of operation which further emphasizes the desirability of obtaining additional coverage to supplement data being furnished by our live informants.

It is requested that authority be granted for telephone surveillance on the Black Panther Party headquarters at 9049 Oakland, Detroit, Michigan, or on any other places to which they may move.

Respectfully,

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Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

April 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California. It now has affiliated groups in cities throughout the United States and a membership exceeding 1,200.

The public statements of its leaders repeatedly stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

Reviews of telephone toll call records and information supplied by informants show that the leaders of the organization use the telephone extensively.

The San Francisco, California, chapter of the Black Panther Party is an extremely active chapter with headquarters at 1336½ Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California. Its importance is enhanced by its close proximity to the national headquarters in Berkeley, California, and its close relationship to national leaders from whom it receives constant guidance and instructions. Members of the San Francisco chapter are known to have been in possession of dynamite and weapons and to have fired on police officers.

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The Chicago, Illinois, chapter of the Black Panther Party was established in August, 1968, and is a most active group with headquarters at 2350 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Recently information has been developed that changes will be made in the Black Panther Party organizational structure and Chicago will be in charge of the entire East Coast organization. One of its leaders has been involved in the direction of racial disturbances, has attempted to obtain dynamite to blow up public buildings, and has stated that if contact could be made with Negroes on the White House staff a plan might be formulated to poison people attending functions there.

It is requested that authority be granted for telephone surveillances on the Black Panther Party headquarters at 1336½ Fillmore Street, San Francisco; California, and at 2350 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, or on any other places to which they may move.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 16, 1969

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California. It now has affiliated groups in cities throughout the United States and a membership exceeding 1,200.

Public statements by Black Panther Party leaders repeatedly stress the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

A review of telephone call records and information supplied by informants show that the leaders of the organization use the telephone extensively.

The Sacramento, California, chapter of the Black Panther Party has been active. Its headquarters is at 2941 35th Street, Sacramento, California. Since its formation, officials of the chapter have been in frequent contact with national headquarters. Sacramento chapter members are known to be in possession of firearms.

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# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Recent information indicates chapters are being formed in Vallejo and Fresno, California; and there is a strong likelihood that instructions obtained from national headquarters will be relayed by the Sacramento chapter to the Vallejo and Fresno chapters by telephone.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the Black Panther Party headquarters at 2941 35th Street, Sacramento, California, or on any other place to which the headquarters may be moved.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

October 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Approval was granted by you previously for a telephone surveillance on the Chicago office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) located at 2350 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and on July 25, 1969, you authorized the continuation of this surveillance.

This installation is currently providing extremely valuable information relating to the operation and activities of the BPP in Chicago and its personnel. Examples of the voluminous amount of intelligence data being furnished by this installation include the following:

Information has been developed that instructions and directives from the BPP national headquarters in Berkeley, California, are adhered to by the Chicago chapter. In this regard, information has been developed that the staff of the Illinois BPP Central Committee, which is the governing body of the Chicago chapter, will help the national headquarters in training, directing, and the general overall orientation of all BPP organizations on the East Coast. Information from this surveillance has revealed that the Chicago BPP office conducted an inspection of the operations of the Indianapolis, Indiana, chapter and thereafter the Chicago BPP was ordered by the national headquarters to reorganize the Indianapolis chapter.

This document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. Its use i limited to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FBI.

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Details were developed that the BPP would not participate with the radical element of the anarchistic Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in demonstration activities during October, 1969, because the SDS desired provocative tactics. Information was received concerning shoot-outs between BPP members and the Chicago Police Department at the BPP office in Chicago during July and October, 1969. Information revealed that the Chicago BPP was working closely with the Young Patriots (YP), a white youth gang consisting of poor "displaced Southerners." In this connection, information was developed concerning travel plans of leaders of the BPP and YP who toured several Southern states fulfilling speaking engagements.

Data has also been received from the installation indicating that the BPP had contacts in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. The installation provided data concerning a proposed demonstration during October, 1969, sponsored by the BPP to retaliate for a Chicago Police Department raid on its office. Information has been developed indicating that the Chicago BPP office was sending approximately \$250 a week to the national headquarters for 15,000 to 20,000 copies of the weekly BPP newspaper "The Black Panther."

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months effective October 24, 1969.

Respectfully,

ohn Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 sub 32

November 26, 1969

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW HAVEN CHAPTER

You were previously furnished information concerning the torture and murder of Alex Rackley, a Black Panther Party (BPP) member from New York whose body was found near New Haven, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969. To date 14 BPP members, including several national officers, most notable among whom is Bobby Seale, National Chairman of the BPP, have been charged with complicity in this crime. Twelve of these individuals have been indicted and are awaiting trial.

The New Haven BPP Chapter recently moved its headquarters to 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven. The new headquarters is being utilized for planning and directing BPP activities throughout the state. Since the arrests in connection with Rackley's murder, there has been a steady influx of BPP members from throughout the United States to New Haven to participate in directing rallies, demonstrations, and other activity in an effort to influence the outcome of the trials.

The telephone, concerning which coverage is requested, is listed in the name of James E. Wilson, a known Panther member who reportedly obtained this telephone

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on behalf of the BPP. A survey of this telephone number for the period from October 6, 1969, through October 28, 1969, disclosed over 150 long distance telephone calls ranging from New York to the West Coast.

Much of the BPP policy-making apparatus will be located at New Haven during the next several months and it is felt that instructions affecting the overall movement will possibly be issued through the New Haven BPP office.

In view of the violence-prone nature of the BPP, it can reasonably be anticipated that subjects involved in past or future criminal violations may be monitored. The guidelines to be followed, as previously furnished by you, will be strictly complied with in such instances.

If you approve, a telephone surveillance will be placed on the headquarters of the New Haven Chapter of the BPP at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. If the coverage proves productive, it will be continued for an indefinite period. There will be no trespass involved regarding the installation of this telephone surveillance.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

January 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the San Francisco, California, office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) located at 1336½ Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California, and on October 17, 1969, you authorized the continuation of this surveillance for three months effective October 23, 1969. This installation currently provides extremely valuable information concerning the operations and activities of the BPP in San Francisco and around the country. Examples of the voluminous amount of intelligence data being furnished by this installation include the following:

During October, November, and December, 1969, this installation regularly furnished information regarding the handling and distribution of the BPP newspaper, "The Black Panther," to cities throughout the United States and to BPP contacts in foreign countries. At the present time the BPP is printing over 100,000 copies of this newspaper each week. During this same period information was regularly received from this source furnishing details of travel plans by BPP leaders and functionaries. On November 1, 1969, this source advised of the location of an apartment being used by the BPP in San Francisco On November 25, 1969, this source identified the individual in Canada who distributes the BPP newspaper there and the source also furnished details regarding the procedure used in mailing the newspaper to Canada in order to avoid its seizure by Canadian authorities.

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Information was furnished by this source on November 29 and 30, 1969, concerning the purchase and use of two offset printing presses by the BPP! On December 3, 1969, this source furnished information regarding the whereabouts of BPP Chief of Staff David Hilliard which information aided the United States Secret Service in arresting Hilliard without incident for making a public threat against the President. On January 14, 1970, this source furnished information regarding over \$2,500 owed to national headquarters by two BPP chapters for past editions of the newspaper and the source also furnished details regarding these two accounts.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months.

Respectfully,

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

January 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Approval was granted by you previously for a telephone surveillance on the Chicago office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) located at 2350 West Madison Street; Chicago, Illinois, and on October 20, 1969, you authorized the continuance of this surveillance for an additional three months effective October 24, 1969.

This installation is currently providing extremely valuable information relating to the operation and activities of the BPP in Chicago and its personnel. Examples of the voluminous amount of intelligence data being furnished by this installation include the following:

Information has been developed that directives from the BPP national headquarters in Berkeley, California, continue to be adhered to by the Chicago chapter. In this regard, the fatal shooting of Deputy Chairman Frederick Hampton by police officers in Chicago on December 4, 1969, has resulted in increased activity between the national BPP headquarters and the Chicago chapter. Due to the shooting of Hampton, tension in Chicago ghettos has increased because of BPP activity calling for support of its programs by the Negro community. Information from this surveillance has revealed that Eldridge Cleaver, national BPP Minister of Information and a fugitive from justice outside the United States, commented on (Hampton's death that BPP) "vengeance is totally justified." However, this source was able to furnish information following the death of [Hampton] that the BPP planned no demonstrations.

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BPP speaking tour in Canada during November, 1969, which would realize approximately \$3,000 for the organization. Also, data was developed that two BPP members on the speaking tour were using false identification in Canada and were arrested by Canadian officials. Information revealed that the Chicago BPP was experiencing difficulty with the establishment of a health center because of harassment by a Chicago youth gang. The installation provided data concerning proposed weekly demonstrations in connection with the antiriot conspiracy trial which was being held in Chicago and of efforts on the part of the BPP to fill the courtroom with sympathizers.

Data has also been received from the installation indicating that until BPP members proved their loyalty, they were purged because of irresponsibility and lack of discipline. In addition, this source provided voluminous information regarding the leadership, membership, press releases, funds, formation of chapters, travel, and arrests of BPP members.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 26, 1970

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Approval was granted by you on March 20, 1969, for a telephone surveillance on the office of the Black Panther Party, 4115 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California On December 2, 1969, you granted approval to continue that telephone surveillance for an additional three months.

The above address is no longer being used as the Los Angeles Black Panther Partyloffice. The office has been transferred to 9818 Anzac, Los Angeles, California.

The Black Panther Party continues to be the most violence-prone and dangerous black extremist organization in the United States. The Los Angeles Chapter, in turn, is one of its most active groups. The December 8, 1969, shooting encounter of members of this group with the Los Angeles Police Department, of which you are aware, attests to the group's violence, defiance of law and order, and internal security threat.

You are also aware that the installation described above furnished extremely valuable information concerning many facets of the operations of that organization. It is expected that an installation at the new location will also furnish extremely valuable information not otherwise obtainable.

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Accordingly, it is requested that authority be granted to transfer the telephone surveillance at 4115 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California, to 9818 Anzac, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 13, 1970

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the office of the national headquarters of the Black Panther Party (BPP), 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California, and on December 17, 1969, you authorized the continuance of this surveillance for an additional three months. This installation continues to provide extremely valuable information on the operation and activities of the BPP on a nationwide and international scale. Examples of the voluminous amount of intelligence data being furnished by this installation include the following:

On various dates in December, 1969, and in January, February, and March, 1970, this source has furnished detailed information regarding the extensive travel of BPP leaders throughout the country and overseas. On December 14, 1969, this source furnished data regarding the meeting between BPP representatives and Robert Williams in connection with the then considered merger of the BPP and the extremist Republic of New Africa. Williams is a black extremist and former fugitive from justice who lived in Cuba and China from 1961 to 1969 and who formerly was the president of the Republic of New Africa. Eldridge Cleaver, BPP official and fugitive from justice who resides in Algiers, Algeria, was considering returning to the United States and discussed plans in this regard with BPP officials on January 9, 1970, according to this source.

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This source also furnished information on January 20, 1970, which indicated that BPP official Kathleen Cleaver, wife of Eldridge Cleaver, had left him and traveled to Sweden for medical treatment.

On February 22, 1970, this source advised of unsuccessful efforts by Eldridge Cleaver to obtain a "diplomatic passport" in order to travel to France. On February 23, 1970, this source advised that Eldridge Cleaver in Algiers ordered BPP official Elbert Howard to travel immediately to Algiers. Subsequently, this source furnished detailed information on Howard's travel on February 27, 1970. This source furnished detailed information on February 27, 1970, regarding the expelling by Eldridge Cleaver of two members of the BPP International Committee overseas. These individuals were soliciting funds in Europe and had instructed donors to contribute through them rather than through Cleaver.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months effective March 17, 1970.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706-Sub 15

April 14, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY - NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FASCISM DETROIT DIVISION

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the office of the extremist Black Panther Party (BPP) in Detroit, Michigan, This surveillance was discontinued in June, 1969, when the Detroit BPP chapter was disbanded. The BPP group in Detroit has since been reactivated and is now known as the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF)

The BPP is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California. It has affiliated groups in 39 cities throughout the United States with a hard-core membership of approximately 900.

The public statements of its leaders repeatedly stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

The Detroit NCCF is now operating under strict discipline of the national BPP with 11 hard-core members who

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reside at headquarters and a following of 20 to 50 additional individuals to run errands and perform various duties for the chapter. As of March 5, 1970, 46 weapons, including rifles, shotguns and handguns belonging to members, were stored on the second floor of headquarters, along with about 50,000 rounds of ammunition and four sticks of dynamite. Appropriate law enforcement officials in Detroit, Michigan, have been advised of this cache.

The telephone surveillance on the national headquarters which has been authorized by you has proved to be most valuable. Information so received indicates daily contact between the Detroit chapter and the national headquarters. It is felt that the installation of this telephone surveillance will not only furnish valuable information concerning the revolutionary activities of the BPP in the United States, but will also furnish information regarding their activities in Canada and other foreign countries. Live informants are furnishing information regarding activities of this group, but additional coverage is vital to insure awareness of all revolutionary activities of the organization.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the NCCF located at 2219 Indiandale Street, Detroit, Michigan. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved. If this coverage proves productive, it will be continued for an indefinite period.

Respectfully,

ohn Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 12, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the Black Panther Party (BPP), 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California, and on March 13, 1970, you authorized the continuance of this surveillance for an additional three months effective March 17, 1970. memorandum dated May 25, 1970, you were advised that one phase of the operations of BPP national headquarters moved from the Berkeley address to 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California and that we would also cover that phase of BPP operations under your authorization for coverage of BPP national headquarters. This installation provides extremely valuable information on the operations and activities of the (BPP) on a nationwide and international scale. Examples of some of the voluminous amount of intelligence data obtained include the following.

On various dates in March, April, and May, 1970, this source furnished details concerning activities, speaking engagements, and extensive travels in the United States and abroad by BPP officials. On March 5, 1970, this source furnished data regarding the arrival in the United States of BPP Scandinavian representative Connie Matthews in company with Jean Genet, notorious French author, felon, and homosexual who planned a publicity tour on behalf of the BPP. Information from this source on March 16, 1970, revealed that BPP national headquarters had ordered its members not to take part in a

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planned student strike at Columbia University, New York, New York. On April 28, 1970, the source advised of efforts by the BPP to get extremist Stokely Carmichael, a former BPP official, to testify for the defense and refute a witness in the forthcoming trial of BPP Chairman Bobby Seale. This source furnished information which identified a white female courier for the BPP between its national headquarters and Eldridge Cleaver, BPP official and fugitive from justice, in Algiers, Algeria. Details of trips by this female on May 7 and 20, 1970, were obtained. This source furnished complete details of the move of the Ministry of Information phase of BPP national headquarters operations to Oakland, California, due to the lack of space at the national headquarters office in Berkeley, California.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the BPP at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, and at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California, for an additional three months effective June 17, 1970.

Respectfully,

ohn Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 sub 37

June 25, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

On June 1, 1970, you authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the office of the extremist Black Panther Party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 1928 West Columbia Avenue.

The telephone surveillance was never activated at that address and the organization has since moved its headquarters from that address to office space located at 2935 West Columbia Avenue.

Your authority is therefore requested to institute a telephone surveillance of the Black Panther Party at the address of 2935 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 -

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 5

August 28, 1970

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY BOSTON CHAPTER

The activity of the extremist Black Panther Party (BPP) has increased at an alarming rate in the greater Boston, Massachusetts, area. The approximately 40 members of the Boston chapter of the BPP do not accurately reflect the strength and wide following the BPP has in the greater Boston area. It is supported by three affiliated BPP groups, two of which go under the name of the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF), located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and New Bedford, Massachusetts, and a group known as the Peoples Information Center, headquartered in Cambridge Within recent weeks, BPP members in Boston were observed in a truck carrying dynamite and dynamite caps; gunfire aimed at passing motorists emanated from the NCCF office in New Bedford; a BPP official threatened the life of the President of the United States; another BPP official urged college students to engage in revolutionary violence; and BPP members have been acquiring and stockpiling a large arsenal of weapons and ammunition.

The telephone, concerning which coverage is requested, is located at the Boston BPP headquarters, 21-23 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. Information has been developed that the numerous local and long distance telephone calls concerning high policy decisions of the BPP take place at the Boston BPP headquarters. This document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. Its use is limited to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FBI.

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In view of the violence-prone nature of the BPP, it can be reasonably anticipated that subjects involved in past or future criminal violations may be monitored. The guidelines to be followed, as previously furnished by you, will be strictly complied with in such instances.

If you approve, a telephone surveillance will be placed on the headquarters of the Boston chapter of the BPP at 21-23 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. If the coverage proves productive, it will be continued for an indefinite period. There will be no trespass involved regarding the installation of this telephone surveillance.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 3

August 31, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY BALTIMORE DIVISION

The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Oakland, California and has affiliated groups in approximately 40 cities throughout the United States with a hard-core membership of approximately 750.

The public statements of the leaders of the BPP repeatedly stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

The BPP in Baltimore, Maryland, has headquarters located at 1248 North Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland, and has an active membership of 19.

Members of the BPP in Baltimore in July, 1969, were involved in the torture-murder of Eugene Leroy Anderson. They mistakenly believed Anderson to be a police informant. As a result of this murder seven BPP members have been arrested and six individuals have outstanding warrants for their arrest.

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# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Members of the BPP in Baltimore sell BPP newspapers, appear as speakers at high schools, colleges and rallies and distribute inflammatory literature. Members of the Baltimore BPP have been arrested for interfering with police, assault and murder of police and carrying dangerous weapons. BPP members may seize the opportunity during the trial of the BPP members in the above-mentioned murder to cause violent demonstrations.

The telephone surveillance on the BPP national headquarters, which has been authorized by you, has proven to be most valuable. Information so received indicates almost daily contact between the Baltimore BPP and the national BPP/ headquarters. It is felt that the installation of a telephone surveillance at the BPP in Baltimore will furnish valuable. information concerning revolutionary activities of the BPP/ in the United States and could furnish advance information regarding plans for violent actions against nearby top officials of this country. Live informants are furnishing information regarding activities of this group but additional coverage is vital to insure awareness of all revolutionary activities of the organization.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the BPP headquarters located at 1248 North Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass will be involved.

Respectfully,

Director



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FASCISM
CLEVELAND DIVISION

The revolutionary Black Panther Party (BPP) is currently active in 40 cities throughout the U.S. with approximately 750 hard-core members. The BPP continues to call for the killing of police. Its leaders have advocated the killing and the kidnaping of top U.S. Government officials.

The BPP group in Cleveland, Ohio, is known as the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF). Its membership totals 75. Most members are college students who participated in campus violence during the Spring of 1970. At the August 6, 1970, NCCF meeting in Cleveland, there were frequent remarks made relative to the killing of police in retaliation "for killings in the black community." Those in attendance also studied an article by Huey P. Newton, Supreme Commander and Minister of Defense of the BPP, entitled "The Correct Handling of a Revolution." This article had been published in the January 3, 1970, edition of the BPP newspaper.

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# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Existing telephone surveillances on certain BPP offices, all of which have been authorized by you, have provided extremely valuable information. The NCCF in Cleveland is the focal point of BPP activities in northern Ohio. Coverage of this office by telephone surveillance could result in the receipt of advance information regarding plans for violent actions and valuable information regarding revolutionary activities of the BPP.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the NCCF located at 2312 East Seventy-ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Approval was granted by you previously for a telephone surveillance on the Chicago office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) located at 2350 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and on October 19, 1970, you authorized the continuance of this surveillance for an additional three months. By memorandum dated December 10, 1970, you were advised that a phase of the expanded Chicago BPP operation was moved to 4233 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that we would also cover that phase under your authorization for coverage on the office of the Chicago BPP.

The installation is currently providing extremely valuable information relating to the operation and activity of the BPP in Chicago, its officials and members, its propensity for violence, its sources of funds, and distribution of the party newspaper and other propaganda.

For example, information was developed in October, 1970, that Resist, a nationwide group of adults who have declared their support of those who refuse to be drafted to fight in Vietnam, had furnished financial aid to the BPP in Chicago and the latter was attempting to obtain additional funds from this group.

This installation also provided information concerning the plans of the BPP to print their newspaper in Chicago and New York, as well as San Francisco, in an effort to defray the high cost of shipping the papers throughout the U.S. from one location.

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Information has also been obtained through this installation not only of the operations and plans of the Chicago BPP office, but of other BPP groups in numerous other cities, especially those throughout the State of Illinois.

Information obtained has disclosed the identities of members of these groups, the problems they are encountering, and any achievements they have attained.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at 2350 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and 4233 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for an additional three months, effective January 22, 1971.

Respectfully,

ohn Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

You have previously authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone surveillance on the San Francisco, California, office of the Black Panther Party (BPP) located at 1336 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California. On October 19, 1970, you authorized the continuation of this surveillance for an additional three months, effective October 21, 1970. This installation currently provides extremely valuable information concerning the operations and activities of the BPP in San Francisco and around the country, particularly in regard to the BPP newspaper, The Black Panther. The national distribution office of the BPP is located in the same building as the office of the San Francisco BPP chapter This newspaper represents one of the most important activities of and a regular source of income for the BPP Examples of the voluminous amount of intelligence data being furnished by this installation include the following:

From October through December, 1970, this source daily provided detailed information on the publication and finances of the newspaper. Approximately 100,000 copies of this paper are printed weekly and a high of 183,000 was reached in October, 1970. This source regularly furnishes details concerning the shipment and distribution of the paper thus aiding in identifying new

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BPP branches and the extent of BPP activity. During the October to December, 1970, period, this source also furnished information on a regular basis pertaining to the daily operational activities and problems of the BPP, including the daily movement of key personnel which information cannot be duplicated.

On October 12, 1970, this source provided details of the expenditure of \$4,000 for BPP propaganda posters. On November 6, 1970, this source determined that a conference of black youth to be held in Minnesota was strictly a BPP affair. On December 20, 1970, this source determined that BPP officials were looking at property and considering moving the office of the San Francisco chapter and national distribution to a new location.

The monitoring of this surveillance will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months, effective January 21, 1971.

Respectfully,

ohn Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 37

February 10, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

On November 12, 1970, you authorized a telephone surveillance on the Philadelphia Chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP), 3625 Wallace Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This installation has provided extremely valuable information and the following is a summary of the more pertinent information which has been developed.

This source, during November and December, 1970, provided detailed information concerning income, expenditures and debts of the Philadelphia BPP Chapter. It also revealed during December, 1970, that efforts were being made by the BPP to obtain a site on the East Coast to be used for printing the BPP newspaper and that the BPP had formed Stronghold Consolidated Productions, Incorporated, for the purpose of controlling all BPP finances and contractual arrangements. The source also advised during this same month that Philadelphia BPP members were to be instructed to prepare detailed accountings of interviews conducted by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents.

Considerable data concerning travel of BPP leadership, including attendance at a BPP "ideological institute" in San Francisco, California, was furnished by

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the source during December, 1970, and January, 1971. During the latter month it was also ascertained that Philadelphia BPP members planned to apply for welfare funds and to thereafter furnish these funds to the BPP. Additionally, leadership changes within the Philadelphia BPP and the identities of members who have quit the Party were provided.

This source can be expected to continue to furnish valuable information concerning this violence-prone group. Your authority is therefore requested to continue this telephone surveillance for an additional three-month period effective February 12, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

BLACK PANTHER PARTY RE: LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Approval was granted by you on December 4, 1970, authorizing continuation of the telephone surveillance on the offices of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party (BPP), Los Angeles, California, for an additional three months, effective December 5, 1970. As you were previously advised, this authorization covers telephone surveillances of chapter operational phases at 2043 East Stockwell, 2136 East 113th Street and 731 East 78th Street.

Information has now been developed that the chapter is utilizing another location at [5321 Staunton, Number 257, Los Angeles particularly for night operations. our sources, this location has become a hub of evening activity with leaders congregating there. The location has also been the starting and termination points of a key Los Angeles BPP underground figure when acquiring weapons. It is also being used as an apparent clearing house for clandestine telephone calls.

This location is referred to as the BPP Day Care Center Typical of Panthers deceit and treachery, they reason that with the child atmosphere the police would not recognize it as a serious BPP operation and would not take reprisal against it if they did.

The Panther office at 2136 East 113th Street was gutted by fire on February 6, 1971, making operational occupancy untenable and repair or replacement indefinite. Telephone surveillance has been discontinued due to fire.

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All the above locations make up the Los Angeles BPP chapter. As you were previously advised this chapter is one of the most active BPP groups with close ties to national headquarters. The chapter still has a national officer as its leader and it is deeply involved in developing a BPP underground complex. Since it is essential that we cover all operational phases of this chapter, we are proceeding with the installation of a telephone surveillance of the BPP at 5321 Staunton, Number 257, Los Angeles, California, under your authorization for coverage on 2136 East 113th Street. We are continuing the current surveillance of the BPP at 2043 East Stockwell and 731 East 78th Street, which last was installed February 4, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706

February 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

On November 20, 1970, you authorized this Bureau to initiate a telephone and a microphone surveillance on the apartment occupied by Black Panther Party (BPP) leader Huey P. Newton, 1200 Lakeshore Boulevard, Apartment 25-A, Oakland, California. This plush apartment was leased for Newton under the name of the BPP corporation, Stronghold Consolidated Productions, Inc. (SCPI). Both surveillances have provided extremely valuable information concerning the day-to-day activities of Newton who makes all BPP policy decisions and tightly controls its operation. Both surveillances have visibly revealed the erratic and irrational behavior of Newton. Examples of the intelligence data obtained from these two installations include the following.

On January 5, 1971, it was determined that no member of the BPP, including its chief theoretician Eldridge Cleaver, understood Newton's new Marxist-Leninist ideology called "intercommunalism" (microphone). Detailed plans for a large BPP rally on March 5, 1971, were determined on January 18, 1971 (microphone). On January 20, 1971, source advised that Newton was using the alias Don Penn (microphone). On January 24, 1971, it was determined Newton authorized his attorney to purchase a building in Atlanta, Georgia, for the BPP corporation (microphone). Details and itinerary of Newton's tour of eastern universities during February, 1971, were determined on January 27, 1971 (telephone).

On January 27, 1971, source determined that Newton expelled the "New York 21" (BPP members in New York City indicted for conspiracy to bomb) for criticizing the BPP (microphone). This document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. Its we is limited to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FRICRET

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On January 27 and 28, 1971, source furnished detailed data on dissension within the BPP caused by Newton's erratic behavior, which included increasing tension between Newton and Cleaver (telephone). On January 29, 1971, information was received of Newton's departure for New York City on a speaking tour (telephone and microphone).

The monitoring of these surveillances will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone and the microphone surveillance on Newton's apartment leased by the BPP corporation, SCPI, located at 1200 Lakeshore Boulevard, Apartment 25-A, Oakland, California, for an additional three months effective February 20, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(RI) 105-165706 Sub 5

February 26, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: | BLACK PANTHER PARTY BOSTON DIVISION

You previously authorized a telephone surveillance on the Boston chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP), 23 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. This installation continues to furnish valuable intelligence data concerning the revolutionary activities and plans of the BPP! The following is a summary of the more pertinent information developed recently.

This source continues to furnish valuable information concerning finances of the BPP, sources of revenue and activities relating to fund raising. Information has been furnished concerning transfers of various BPP leaders, their travel plans, and speaking engagements. The source has provided data leading to the identification of various BPP members. Daily information has been furnished concerning the BPP Breakfast Program, including the origin and location of supplies, funds received, and identities of members providing assistance.

The source has furnished the location where the BPP newspaper is printed, data regarding the circulation and shipment of this paper, identities of members handling distribution, and funds obtained from sales. Intelligence data concerning political education classes and the location of three BPP pads has been furnished. This source has identified a number of doctors, dentists, laboratory technicians, and nurses who have volunteered their services to the Boston BPP! Health Clinic.

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This source provided pertinent data on November 24, 1970, relating to bus departures for the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention (RPCC) in Washington, D. C., and on November 27, 1970, advised RPCC was having trouble finding a place to hold the Convention due to difficulties with Howard University. On December 22, 1970, this source furnished names of several members who left the BPP! On January 14, 1971, the source furnished procedures for arranging speeches by BPP Supreme Commander Huey P. Newton.

On February 5, 1971, this source provided advance information regarding Newton's arrival in Boston furnished names of those traveling with him, and the location at which they would be staying while in Boston. The source subsequently provided information concerning Newton's activities in Boston and provided advance information relating to Newton's departure for New York City February 7, 1971. This source can be expected to continue furnishing valuable information regarding the plans and activities of the BPP.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance for an additional three-month period effective March 1, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 5, 1971

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY WASHINGTON, D. C.

You previously authorized a telephone surveillance of the Washington, D. C., chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP) The Washington, D. C., chapter is split into two operations with the Ministry of Information, 2327 18th Street, Northwest, and the Community Information Center, 1932 17th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

On February 8, 1971, you were advised the telephone surveillance was discontinued since telephone service at the two BPP offices was terminated for nonpayment of telephone charges.

During March, 1971, the BPP was successful in restoring telephone service in Washington, D. C.

The previous telephone surveillance has furnished timely and significant intelligence data regarding the Washington, D. C., chapter of the BPP. In addition, information was furnished on a continuing basis regarding travel of BPP leaders, BPP financial transactions and propaganda efforts.

It is expected this telephone surveillance will develop significant information regarding the recent split

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

between Supreme Commander Huey P. Newton and Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver. This split between two conflicting factions has the potential for violence, which presents a danger to the black communities. The Washington, D. C., chapter of the BPP has aligned itself with Newton; however, some members have openly discussed their possible support of Cleaver.

Your authority is requested to reinstitute the telephone surveillance at 2327 18th Street, Northwest, and 1932 17th Street, Northwest, both Washington, D. C., for a period of three months.

The monitoring will be conducted in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of July, 14, 1969, entitled "Electronic Surveillances."

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installations located at 2350 West Madison Street and 4233 South Indiana Avenue, both Chicago, Illinois, which installations are listed under the name of "Ministry of Information" and fictitious name of Alphonso Massey respectively, and are, in fact, offices of the Chicago Black Panther Party!

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret" which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States, do hereby authorize the continuation of the surveillance presently conducted until April 22, 1972.

JOHN N. MITCHELL

Attorney General of the United States

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California, which installation is listed in the name of the Black Panther Party.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means, or against any other clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the Government.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority invested in me by the President of the United States, do hereby authorize the continuation of the surveillance requested until June 17, 1972.

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST

Acting Attorney General of the United States

Date

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR L. PATRICK GRAY, III

May 24, 1972

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INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE SURVEILLANCE BLACK PANTHER PARTY HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

In view of the urgency of this situation, I telephonically contacted Acting Attorney General Kleindienst at 6:00 p.m.,
May 24, 1972, who was in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to discuss captioned matter.

This requested coverage is located at the new national headquarters of the Black Panther Party at 8505 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.

The Black Panther Party is an extremist organization. The requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means, or against any other clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the Government.

Accordingly, the Acting Attorney General authorized the Bureau to proceed with the installation of the requested coverage.

# ACTION:

To record the authority granted by Acting Attorney General for above telephone surveillance.

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# Office of the Attorney General Mashinaton, A.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation located at 8505 East 14th Street, Oakland, California, which installation is listed under the name of the Black Panther Party.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means, or against any other clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the Government.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority invested in me by the President of the United States, do hereby authorize the surveillance requested until August 11, 1972.

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST

Acting Attorney General of the United States

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. (IS) 100-439190

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 15, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has been described by confidential informants as the principal target for Communist Party infiltration among the various civil rights organizations. John Lewis, Chairman, and James Forman, Executive Secretary, have made public appearances with leaders of communist-front groups. John Lewis has been reported by reliable informants as stating he will accept any individuals, including communists, into his organization. This and related investigations have identified individuals with subversive backgrounds who hold key positions in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee maintains its headquarters at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  Raymond Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, and is in the process of moving to 360-362 Nelson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

Authority is requested for the installation of a technical surveillance on the above headquarters of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and at any new location to which it may move in the future.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY - YOUTH
INTERNATIONAL PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - ANARCHIST

Reference is made to your letter May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The White Panther Party is a self-described revolutionary organization which is a strong support group for the Black Panther Party. The Youth International Party, which is also known as the Yippies, was organized in early 1968 by militant activists Jerry Rubin and Abbott Hoffman. These two organizations recently formed a coalition and the combination of the two groups indicates the development of the organization as a leading revolutionary white group in the United States. The headquarters of this organization is located at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan! officers of the White Panther Party have been indicted for the bombing of a Central Intelligence Agency office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in September, 1968. One of these individuals, Lawrence Plamondon, was a recent Bureau fugitive and was apprehended on July 23, 1970. He is currently in custody in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

At the time of his arrest in an automobile by the Michigan State Police, weapons and other incendiary devices were found. Also found was numerous written material which indicates Plamondon may have been using the same underground apparatus which has been serving Weatherman and other New Leftist fugitives. Plamondon noted in this material that conditions in this country must escalate to "revolutionary violence" where battles will not be on police level of law

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and order but on war level which will force the calling out of the Army. Plamondon refers to this new level of violence as involving "bombs and sabotage." He further states that financial problems are severe and that "they" are going to have to get into "ripping off banks like our brothers in South America." He also suggested that the example of "the brothers in South America" who kidnap American ambassadors to trade off for prisoners should be followed.

Milton Taube, a White Panther Party national officer, was also arrested with Plamondon on July 23, 1970. Taube is known to have been a contemporary and extremely close associate of William Ayers, a Weatherman member who is currently a Bureau fugitive. Taube, at the time of his arrest, was a resident at White Panther Party headquarters and has resided at this address for several years. Furthermore, all business transactions of the White Panther Party are transmitted through this address. Investigation by this Bureau has indicated that only some half dozen top leaders in the White Panther Party are privy to sensitive White Panther Party information. We have one live informant who has access to some information in this organization.

A telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party is expected to provide extremely valuable information concerning the whereabouts of Weatherman fugitives as well as to the New Leftists who are currently being sought by local or Federal authorities. It can also be expected that information concerning possible violent plans on the part of this organization will be obtained.

It can be expected that any individuals who have access to the White Panther Party headquarters may become subjects of either local or Federal criminal violations. It is also anticipated, based on the above information, that results of a telephone surveillance at this address will be introduced as evidence in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence—type information, but also on the basis that evidence will be obtained that will be used in court. In line with instructions on page 5 of your referenced letter, the following information is set forth:

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- 1. It is believed that Genie Plamondon, the wife of Lawrence Plamondon, and other individuals having access to this address may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law, the Sabotage statute, the Kidnapping statute, the Bank Robbery statute and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes.
- 2. At the present time, we are conducting an intelligence investigation on Genie Plamondon and other leaders and members of the White Panther Party Youth International Party! We have very little live security coverage of her or other individuals she may be in contact with.
- 3. As set forth previously in this memorandum, Genie Plamondon, a White Panther Party national officer, would undoubtedly use the phone at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is anticipated that other individuals who are members of this organization or who are New Left terrorists will use this phone. The identities of the individuals who may be in contact with Genie Plamondon and other individuals at this address are unknown at this time.
- 4. It can be expected that the interception on this phone will furnish us plans of the White Panther Party Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.
- I, therefore, recommend the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the White Panther Party Youth International Party located at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days. If approved, you will be advised when this installation has been made.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY - YOUTH
INTERNATIONAL PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - ANARCHIST

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 18, 1970, concerning captioned organizations. By your approval of that memorandum on August 19, 1970, you authorized the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of this group at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days. This telephone surveillance was installed on September 9, 1970. Its installation was delayed because of unforeseen technical difficulties.

Since this surveillance has been established, it has furnished information concerning the location of planned conferences between the White Panther Party and other New Left organizations. It has also furnished information concerning the whereabouts of a White Panther Party leader and the fact that leaders of this organization were in contact with individuals residing elsewhere in the United States and in London, England.

You were previously advised that White Panther Party/leaders and other individuals having access to 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law, the Sabotage statute, the Kidnapping statute, the Bank Robbery statute and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes. You were also advised that the interceptions on the phone at this address

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could possibly furnish us plans of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 21, 1970

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 18, 1970, concerning captioned organizations. By approval of that memorandum on August 19, 1970, you authorized the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of this group at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days. Continuation of this surveillance was approved by you on September 22, 1970.

Since this surveillance has been established, it has furnished information concerning the location of a national conference of the White Panther Party as well as the time and location of meetings of other New Left groups in the Ann Arbor area. It has also furnished information concerning the travel plans of White Panther Party leaders and the location of several communes and future chapters of this organization throughout the United States. It further ascertained the White Panther Party is actively setting up narcotic buys for pushers who deal in the Ann Arbor area.

You were previously advised that White Panther Party leaders and other individuals having access to 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law and Sabotage statutes, the Bank Robbery statute, the Kidnapping and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes. You were also advised that the interceptions on the telephone at this address could possibly furnish us plans of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.

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Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY - YOUTH
INTERNATIONAL PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - ANARCHY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 18, 1970, concerning captioned organizations. By approval of that memorandum on August 19, 1970, you authorized the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the Thite Panther Party at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan for a period of 30 days. Continuation of this surveillance was approved by you on October 21, 1970.

The White Panther Party is a self-described revolutionary organization which is a strong white support group for the Black Panther Party. Some of its current leadership presently advocates the use of violence to achieve revolutionary change in the United States. Recent communications from incarcerated white Panther Party leaders John Sinclair and Lawrence Plamondon indicate that the White Panther Party must strengthen its ties with all revolutionary peoples and nations throughout the "Third World" by participating fully in the new world liberation front. Furthermore, if the white Panther Party is moved against "in an unlawful violent manner by the forces of reaction or their pawns, we will defend ourselves with arms and force."

Since this surveillance has been established, it has furnished information concerning the location of a national conference of the White Panther Party as well as plans for a National Congress of the organization scheduled to be held

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in December, 1970. It has also furnished information concerning membership figures of the White Panther Party of Michigan as well as the number of individuals who relate to White Panther Party ideas throughout this country. It further ascertained that this organization is in dire need of operating funds, that there is dissension within the organization and furnished the identities of new leaders and members in various White Panther Party chapters in the United States.

You were previously advised that White Panther Party leaders and other individuals having access to 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law and Sabotage statutes, the Bank Robbery statute, the Kidnapping and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes. You were also advised that the interceptions on the telephone at this address could possibly furnish us plans of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of 30 days.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 11, 1970

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RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY - YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY INTERNAL SECURITY - ANARCHY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 18, 1970, concerning captioned organizations. By approval of that memorandum on August 19, 1970, you authorized the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the White Panther Party at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of thirty days. Continuation of this surveillance was approved by you on November 19, 1970.

The White Panther Party is a self-described revolutionary organization which is a strong white support group for the Black Panther Party. Some of its current leadership presently advocates the use of violence to achieve revolutionary change in the United States. Recent communications from incarcerated White Panther Party leaders John Sinclair and Lawrence Plamondon indicate that the White Panther Party must strengthen its ties with all revolutionary peoples and nations throughout the "Third World" by participating fully in the new world liberation front. Furthermore, if the White Panther Party is moved against "in an unlawful violent manner by the force of reaction or their pawns, we will defend ourselves with arms and force."

Since this surveillance has been established it has furnished information concerning identification of the leader-ship and membership of the White Panther Party, both in the State of Michigan and nationally. It further ascertained that this organization is in dire need of operating funds and what steps must be taken to obtain additional funds. This surveillance is also furnishing information concerning a possible national conference of the White Panther Party to be held in the near future.

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You were previously advised that White Panther Party leaders and other individuals having access to 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law and Sabotage statutes, the Bank Robbery statute, the Kidnaping and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes. You were also advised that the interceptions on the telephone at this address could possibly furnish us plans of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at [1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan] for a period of thirty days, effective December 19, 1970.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover

Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 18, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WHITE PANTHER PARTY - YOUTH
INTERNATIONAL PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - ANARCHY

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 18, 1970, concerning captioned organizations. By approval of that memorandum on August 19, 1970, you authorized the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of the White Panther Party at 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of thirty days. Continuation of this surveillance was approved by you on December 12, 1970, for a period of thirty days, effective December 19, 1970.

The White Panther Party is a self-described revolutionary organization which is a strong white support group for the Black Panther Party. Some of its current leadership presently advocates the use of violence to achieve revolutionary change in the United States. Recent communications from incarcerated White Panther Party leaders John Sinclair and Lawrence Plamondon indicate that the White Panther Party must strengthen its ties with all revolutionary peoples and nations throughout the "Third World" by participating fully in the new world liberation front. Furthermore, if the White Panther Party is moved against "in an unlawful violent manner by the force of reaction or their pawns, we will defend ourselves with arms and force."

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Since this surveillance has been established it has furnished information concerning identification of the leadership and membership of the White Panther Party, both nationally and in the State of Michigan! further developed information that a national conference of this organization will not be held until after a current trial involving John Sinclair, John W. Forrest and Lawrence Plamondon is finished in Ann Arbor It has also furnished information that the White Panther Party is still in desperate need of funds and that this organization received the most current communication from the Weatherman underground entitled "New Morning - Changing Weather." It advised that a current White Panther Party/leader has been placed in a semi-purged state because of suspicion he is a police informant. It should be noted that this individual is not an informant.

You were previously advised that White Panther Party leaders and other individuals having access to 1520 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, may become involved in violations of the Harboring statute, the Antiriot Law and Sabotage statutes, the Bank Robbery statute, the Kidnapping and Federal Bombing and Gun Control statutes. You were also advised that the interceptions on the telephone at this address could possibly furnish us plans of the White Panther Party - Youth International Party to engage in terrorist activities or to violate Federal statutes as noted above.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillance at \$1520\$ Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a period of thirty days, effective January 19, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

I hereby request that you, on behalf of the President of the United States, authorize a telephone surveillance on the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee headquarters, 2207 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

A characterization of the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee, including a description of its activities, is attached to this memorandum.

It is therefore requested that the President of the United States through the Acting Attorney General, in the interests of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all other intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject, and that you authorize the surveillance requested until August 15, 1972.

Respectfully,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1972

## AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee (ALDCC) is an ad hoc black coalition which is in the process of organizing an African Liberation Day demonstration in Washington, D. C., on May 27, 1972. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest United States involvement in South Africa and to show African-American solidarity with African liberation groups.

large protest demonstration is being planned as the logical vehicle of expression. Broad-based local ALDCCs are being set up in major United States cities, Toronto, Canada, and in the Caribbean area. These committees are working with the ALDCC headquarters in Washington, D. C., to spearhead efforts to mobilize at least 10,000 black people to come together in Washington, D. C., on May 27, 1972. Corresponding demonstrations are also being organized in San Francisco, California; Toronto, Canada, and in the Caribbean area on May 25 and 27, 1972.

Plans are being formulated in Washington, D. C., to assemble at Meridian Hill Park, 16th and U Streets, N.W. The group will march to and conduct demonstrations at the Portuguese Embassy, Rhodesian Information Center, South African Embassy, the United States State Department, The White House, and finally, the dispersal area at the Sylvan Theater located on the Washington Monument grounds.

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The National Steering Committee of the ALDCC has designated Howard Lamar Fuller as Chairman. Members of the National Steering Committee include Huey P. Newton, LeRoi Jones, and Roosevelt Bernard Douglas. Statements of endorsement of the ALDCC have been received from Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown.

University in Greensboro, North Carolina, and during an address February 23, 1972, before a group of 200 people at Howard University, Washington, D. C., he stated there would be no change in this society without revolution and that basic changes should be in political and economic structures.

The April 1, 1972, issue of "Contrast," a Canadian newspaper self-identified as serving the black community, disclosed Fuller reportedly visited Africa during the Fall of 1971 and made contact with liberation army leaders. He spent approximately 45 days among fighters under battle conditions and was urged upon his return to the United States to mobilize "brothers and sisters" in demonstrations to protest United States and Canadian involvement in Southern Africa.

Huey P. Newton is the leader of the Black Panther Party and the March, 1972, issue of a national publication quotes Newton as saying, "Armed struggle is still my belief, and always will be. We have to get it to that point. We're building and organizing an army to finally get people to the point where we'll fight, because we believe that the only way we will resolve the final contradiction is through armed struggle."

In his book, "Raise, Race, Rays, Raze, Essays Since 1965" published in 1971, LeRoi Jones stated Newark "never seemed as beautiful as it did those nights when fire was

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# AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

eating up the sky." In the same book he said, "The cities must be Black ruled or they will not be ruled at all.... Unless we Black people can come into peaceful power and begin the benevolent rule of the just, the next phase of armed rebellion will burn Newark to the ground."

With regard to Roosevelt Bernard Douglas, a West Indian now residing in Canada, it is noted he was convicted in April, 1971, of charges in connection with a student riot in Montreal, Canada, during January and February, 1969.

A source, who has provided reliable information in the past, reported that during 1971 Roosevelt Douglas attempted to organize an uprising in the Caribbean.

•During public speeches made in 1967 throughout the United States, H. Rap Brown has called for "rebellion by any means" and "massive civil disobedience."

In a speech at the University of Hawaii October 31, 1968, Stokely Carmichael declared. "I am stating affirmatively that we are for revolutionary violence as a way to crush racism and capitalism to change the status quo and to liberate black people."

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, V. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

This is in response to your request to the President of the United States of America for authority to intercept wire communications to and from the telephone installation located at 2207 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., which installation is listed under the name of the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee.

Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, determined that the requested electronic surveillance is necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means, or against any other clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the Government.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize the surveillance requested until August 15, 1972.

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST

Acting Attorney General of the United States

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FERRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 13, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

On behalf of the President of the United States, you have previously authorized both a telephone and a microphone surveillance on the apartment of Huey P. Newton, Black Panther Party leader, located at 1200 Lakeshore Boulevard, Apartment 25-A, Oakland, California.

A characterization of Huey P. Newton and his activities is attached to this memorandum.

These surveillances have in the past provided and continue to provide reliable and significant intelligence information regarding the subject.

It is therefore requested that the President of the United States, through the Attorney General and in the interest of national security, consider this request in conjunction with all the intelligence information available to the Executive concerning this subject and that you authorize the telephone and microphone surveillances requested until November 20, 1971.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 13, 1971

HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," has regularly stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police, consistently referred to as "pigs," who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray.

This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

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David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said, "We will kill Richard Nixon."

David Hilliard, in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture Emory Douglas as follows:

"The only way to make this racist U. S. government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is ... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces ... are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the United States.

Newton exercises autocratic control of BPP national headquarters and through national headquarters all of the BPP branches. He rules from his apartment at 1200 Lakeshore Boulevard, Oakland, California, issuing instructions by telephone and holding policy conferences in the apartment.

The BPP established an international section at Algiers, Algeria, in 1969, through which it maintained liaison with Algeria, Red China, North Korea, North Vietnam, and other communist-dominated governments. In February, 1971,

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Huey P. Newton

Eldridge Cleaver, then BPP Minister of Information, in selfimposed exile in Algeria, and about 100 followers split from the Newton dominated BPP national headquarters. One member of each opposing faction has been murdered with each faction accusing the other of the murders.

At this time it has not been firmly established which of the two factions the various communist governments will support.

As recent as June 30, 1971, a BPP spokesman stated that the ultimate goal of the BPP is the complete destruction of the United States Government and its replacement with Marxist-Leninist socialism.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

HUEY P. NEWTON MINISTER OF DEFENSE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

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Based upon the intelligence data available to the President, classified "Secret" and "Top Secret," which cannot here be disclosed, I have, on behalf of the President of the United States, deemed that the requested electronic surveillances are necessary to protect the United States against the overthrow of the Government by force or other unlawful means.

I, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States, do hereby authorize . the continuation of the surveillances requested until November 20, 1971.

JOHN N. MITCHELL

Attorney General of the United States

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# Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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MINISTER OF DEFENSE
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 30, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS SPONSORED BY PEOPLES

COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE (PCPJ),

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY, 1971

INTERNAL SECURITY

Reference is made to your letter May 6, 1969, concerning the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The National Coalition Against War, Racism, and Repression (NCAWRR) evolved out of the Strategy Action Conferences (SAC) which took place during June and September, 1970, at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, The SAC brought together organizations previously active in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), which had been the guiding force in the massive antiwar demonstrations which took place in Washington, D.C., during November, 1969, and May, 1970. The NCAWRR, at a "Continuations Committee" meeting which took place at Detroit, Michigan, during January, 1971, changed its name to the Teoples Coalition for Peace and Justice." This organization has interjected issues such as poverty, racism, repression, and women's rights into the antiwar movement on the premise that the war in Vietnam has a definite effect upon these problems.

The PCPJ infiltrated by members of the Communist Party, USA, and New Left extremists, is led by Rennard Cordon Davis, also known as Rennie Davis, convicted Chicago Seven Conspiracy trial defendant. During April and May, 1971, in Washington, D.C., PCPJ is planning massive antiwar demonstrations which currently call for civil disobedience, including blocking of major arteries into Washington. May Day Collective (MDC) a small hard-core faction of PCPJ personally led by Davis is

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shaping up as a focal point for planning of violent demonstration activities. Informant coverage of (PCPJ), and especially (MDC), which is made up of drug users who appear to suffer a paranoiac fear of police infiltration, has been practically impossible.

The existing live informant coverage of PCPJ and MDC continues to develop fragments of information indicating potential bombings, civil disobedience, guerrilla tactics, disruption of essential Government functions, and even the possibility of kidnapings of Government officials during the Spring of 1971. It appears that Davis intends to use the thousands of demonstrators who will be massed in Washington as a cover for hit-and-run tactics by well-trained cadres throughout Washington, possibly with coordinated or uncoordinated assistance from Weatherman. Davis has called for May, 1971, to be the "heaviest thing ever" and a "month of rage" as opposed to the so-called "days of rage" in 1969.

The four key locations involved in the plotting and planning for the PCPJ actions include PCPJ headquarters, 1029 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.; MDC, 2226 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; a commune located at 1747 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, D.C., frequented by members of MDC, and the apartment of Larry E. Canada, Jr., Apartment 3, 4736 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, D.C., the foremost financial supporter of MDC. It should be noted that the leading suspects, including Larry E. Canada, Jr., in the bombing of the United States Capitol on March 1, 1971, frequent all of these locations. Consequently, it is probable that conversations of these suspects, as well as those involving Rennie Davis, would be intercepted by telephone surveillances of these locations. It is possible that any individual whose conversation is intercepted at these locations may become the subject of either local or Federal criminal violations.

It is felt that telephone surveillances of the above-described locations will provide vital information regarding possible violence and destruction in Washington, D.C., during Spring, 1971. It is also anticipated that

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results of these telephone surveillances will be introduced as evidence in court or that leads to evidence may be obtained; therefore, this request is being made not only for the purpose of obtaining intelligence-type information but also on the basis that evidence will be obtained that will be used in court. In line with instructions on page five of your referenced letter, the following information is set forth:

- 1. It is believed that Rennie Davis, Larry E. Canada, Jr., and other individuals having access to these locations may become involved in violations of the Antiriot Law statute, the Destruction of Government Property statute and the Sabotage statute.
- 2. At the present time, we are conducting intelligence investigations of Davis. Canada, and other principal activists of the PCPJ and MDC. We have extremely limited live informant coverage of these individuals for the reasons previously described.
- 3. The following individuals will undoubtedly utilize telephones at the four locations in question:

Rennie Davis, who is currently residing in Apartment 3, 1736 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, D.C., with Larry E. Canada, Jr.

Larry E. Canada, Jr., who is a male Caucasian, born October 6, 1941; at/Indianapolis, Indiana. He recently arrived in the Washington area from Bloomington, Indiana, where he was a local building contractor. He is reportedly quite wealthy and financially supports various New Left activities. Canada is very friendly with Davis and is heavily financing the NDC.

John Rankin Davis, who was born May 1, 1947, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, He is not known to be related to Rennie Davis, and currently resides

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At the MDC. During the 1968-69 school year,

/Davis, a student at American University,

Tunctioned as cochairman of the American

University chapter of Students for a Democratic

Society (SDS). He has participated in

numerous New Left demonstrations in Washington,

D.C., since 1968.

November 29, 1949 and resides at the MDC.
He is a member of SDS and was arrested at
Chicago on October 11, 1969, for participating
in violent SDS activities. Prior to arriving in
Washington, D.C., Liebling resided in Baltimore,
Maryland, at an address used as a meeting place
commune for individuals affiliated with the
Weatherman faction of SDS in the Baltimore area.

Raymond Lee Moser, who was born April 3, 1948, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, He attended Pennsylvania State University from 1966 to 1969, and during the winter of 1969-70, he was affiliated with the Weatherman faction of SDS, living at Cincinnati, Ohio. He traveled to Cuba with the second contingent of the Venceremos Brigade from February to April, 1970.

Natasha Dellinger Burd, who is the daughter of David Tyre Dellinger, convicted Chicago Seven Conspiracy trial defendant. She currently resides at a commune located at 2900 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

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Susan Hathaway, who is a female Caucasian and dedicated antiwar activist residing with Natasha Burd

Susan G. Schultz who resides at 1811 Wyoming Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. She is a close personal friend of Rennie Davis.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

It is anticipated that other individuals who are extremely active in the New Left movement will also use these telephones. The identities of other individuals who may be in contact with the principal activists listed above are unknown at this time.

- It can be expected that these telephone surveillances will furnish this Bureau plans of the PCPJ and MDC and other New Left activists regarding possible violence and destruction in Washington, D.C., during April and May, 1971, including details of criminal acts planned or already committed in violation of Federal statutes as noted above.
- I, therefore, recommend the installation of telephone surveillances at/1029 Vermont Avenue, NV; Washington, D.C.; 2226 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; 1747 Lanier Place, NW, Washington, D.C.; and 1736 Lanier Place, NW. Washington, D.C., for a period of thirty days. If approved, you will be advised when this installation has been made.

Respectfully,

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Director

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 29, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS SPONSORED BY PEOPLES Domestic Processing Proces

Reference is made to memorandum of this Bureau dated March 30, 1971, concerning captioned demonstrations.

By approval of that memorandum on March 30, 1971, you authorized the installation of telephone surveillances at (1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.; (2226 M Street, N.W.) Washington, D.C.; 1747 Lanier Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., for a period of 30 days.

You were previously advised that the PCPD, infiltrated by members of the Communist Party, USA, and New Left extremists, is led by Rennard Cordon Davis, also known as Rennie Davis, convicted Chicago Conspiracy trial defendant. During April and May, 1971, in Washington, D.C., PCPI is planning massive antiwar demonstrations which currently call for civil disobedience, including blocking of major afteries into Washington, D.C. May Day Collective (MDC); a small hard-core faction of PCPJ personally led by Davis, is the focal point for planning of violent demonstration activities. Informant coverage of PCPJ, and especially MDC, which is made up of drug users who appear to suffer a paranoiac fear of police infiltration, has been practically impossible. You were also advised that the addresses mentioned above, for which you authorized telephone surveillances, represent the four key locations involved in the planning and plotting for PCPJ actions.

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Since the installation of these surveillances. information has been developed, on a daily basis, regarding plans, movements and activities of individuals responsible for the massive demonstration in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 1971, and who plan violence and civil disobedience during May, 1971. For example, information was developed that a group planned to break away from the massive demonstration in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 1971, and attempt to take over the South Vietnamese Embassy by way of Dupont Circle. This information enabled the Metropolitan Police Department to effectively block Dupont Circle well in advance of the approaching demonstrators and thwart this plan. In addition, this coverage developed information regarding a schism which developed between the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC), and the PCPJ, which cosponsored the demonstration on April 24, 1971, due to NPAC fears that PCPJ was planning violence. These surveillances also enabled this Bureau to follows closely the activities of many of the major suspects in the bombing of the U. S. Capitol on March 1, 1971, and other New Left extremists who might actively engage in violence and terrorism during May, 1971.

The period which offers the greatest potential for violence and civil disobedience in Washington, D.C., continues to be the first week in May, 1971. It is expected that these telephone surveillances will continue to furnish this Bureau detailed advance plans of PCPJ, MDC and other New Left activists to engage in such violence and civil disobedience. There is also the continued possibility that information will be developed regarding plans of these groups and individuals to violate the Antiriot Law statute, the Destruction of Government Property statute and the Sabotage statute.

Your authority is requested to continue the telephone surveillances at 2029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.; 2226 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; 1747 Lanier Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.; and 1736 Lanier Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., for a period of 30 days, effective April 30, 1971.

Respectfully,

Onn Edgar Hoover

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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January 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: JUNTA OF MILITANT ORGANIZATIONS

The Junta of Militant Organizations is a black extremist organization with headquarters in St. Petersburg, Florida. It is the leading organization for all black militant groups in Florida. It was founded in St. Petersburg, Florida, during May, 1968) with eighty-five ghetto youths who believe liberation of black people will not come about through "normal channels." The organization has affiliated groups in Louisville, Kentucky, and Gainesville, Florida. During December, 1970, leaders of the organization decided to expand operations throughout the nation. Attempts are currently being made to create chapters in Boston, Massachusetts, and Miami, Florida. Joseph Waller, Jr., the articulate founder and present Chairman of the Junta of Militant Organizations, intends to have all black militant groups in Florida designated as organization chapters.

The organization's voice and propaganda arm are carried out through its publication, "The Burning Spear." The publication has urged blacks to buy arms and to be prepared to fight white America. In this connection, members have participated in racial demonstrations, used fire bombs and have been involved in attacks on police through use of firearms. Members reportedly blew up a radio station and recently participated in a plot to break out two black

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political prisoners from a Florida prison. Also, members committed a murder to obtain money to pay a water bill for the headquarters. The organization is in the process of accumulating weapons and making plans for members to be taught guerrilla warfare. In this connection, leaders are interested in establishing contact with revolutionary African groups. The leader of the organization desires to create "Simba Warriors" who would act whenever violence might be necessary in order to "bring down the white man."

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the Junta of Militant Organizations headquarters located at 1504 - 16th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved. In view of the violence-prone nature of this organization, it can be reasonably anticipated that subjects involved in past or future criminal violations may be monitored. The guidelines to be followed, as previously furnished by you, will be strictly complied with in such instances.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. (IS) 100-437041

March 4, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: / PROGRESSIVE\_LABOR\_PARTY

Marxist-Leninist Group Affiliate

INTERNAL SECURITY
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

The Progressive Labor Party is an ultraleft Marxist-Leninist organization which follows the Chinese Communist Party line. Clayton Van Lydegraf is a member of the National Committee of the Progressive Labor Party and is the principal organizer of the Progressive Labor Party in the State of Washington. Technical coverage of the residence of Van Lydegraf Could materially assist in the investigation of the Progressive Labor Party organization and its programs. In view of the demonstrated radical nature of the Progressive Labor Party and its open disdain of lawful authority, it is believed this coverage will be of value in the determination of impending trouble areas in time for preventive measures to be taken.

I recommend that authority be granted to install a technical surveillance at the residence of Clayton Van Lydegraf, 3058 Northeast Blakeley, Seattle, Washington, or at any address to which Van Lydegraf may move in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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In Reply, Please Refer to

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File No.

(IS) 100-437041

November 30, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - PLM

Marxist-Leninist Group Functionary

The Progressive Labor Movement is an ultraleft Marxist-Leninist organization which follows the Chinese Communist Party line. Mortimer Harvey Scheen is the National Vice Chairman of the Progressive Labor Movement. He has been sent by the Progressive Labor Movement to the west coast to organize the Progressive Labor Movement in that area. He is one of the two principal founders of the Progressive Labor Movement. Technical coverage of Scheer's residence could materially assist in the investigation of the Progressive Labor Movement, organization and its program. In view of the demonstrated radical nature of the Progressive Labor Movement and its open disdain of lawful authority, it is believed this coverage will be of value in the determination of impending trouble areas in time for preventive measures to be taken.

I recommend that authority be granted to install a technical surveillance at the residence of Mortimer Harvey Scheer, 2629 Acton Street, Berkeley, California, or at any address to which Scheer may move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 26, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

R.: PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

Marxist-Leninist Group Functionary

A technical surveillance on the residence of Mortimer Harvey Scheer, Berkeley, California, the National Vice President of the Progressive Labor Party, has been in operation since December 7, 1964. This surveillance was installed in view of the radical nature of the Progressive Labor Party, a militant, aggressive, Marxist-Leninist group which adheres to the Chinese Communist Party principles and seeks to replace our system with a socialistic system of government.

This surveillance continually provides valuable intelligence data. For example, detailed information has been received concerning the following matters: (1) Progressive Labor Party plans and participation in various demonstrations in the San Francisco Bay Area; (2) itineraries and activities of traveling Progressive Labor Party functionaries; (3) identities of contacts of Mortimer Harvey Scheen and other leading Progressive Labor Party members; (4) information regarding Scheen's finances; (5) information supplementing current investigations of twenty-eight security subjects in the San Francisco area; (6) information regarding several possible new members of the Progressive Labor Party: (7) information relating to policies, plans and objectives at the leadership level of the Progressive Labor Party:

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for six months.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 28, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

The Department of State has requested urgent

action to institute telephone surveillance coverage on the Arab League, 757 Third Avenue, New York City. This coverage is desired because the United Nations C Vresidence of Mahmoud Riad, Foreign Minister of the New York City; the Tragi Delegation to the United Nations, coverage is desired because the current session of the United Nations General Assembly will undoubtedly take up the Middle East situation and it is expected this coverage will produce information of critical importance to the

> This Bureau is in a position to institute the requested coverage. In view of State Department's request for urgent action, it is requested that you advise of your decision as soon as possible.

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United States Government.

John Edgar

Very truly yours,

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FASCISM
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist organization with national headquarters in Berkeley, California, and has affiliated groups in 39 cities throughout the United States with a hard-core membership of approximately 900. The National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF), which is described as an organizing bureau of the BPP, has been formed in Washington, D. C. It is actually a BPP Chapter under the strict discipline of the BPP national headquarters. Its headquarters in Washington, D. C., is located at 2387 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

The public statements of the leaders of the BPP repeatedly stress that the organization's objective is an armed black revolution against the Government of the United States by means of guerrilla warfare. Information is regularly received showing that its members are required to possess guns and have been instructed in their use. They have been trained in the preparation of fire bombs and explosives. The organization strongly supports the Cuban and Chinese Communist revolutionaries.

The NCCF in Washington, D. C., has a membership of from 7 10 to 20. It shares office space with the Patriot Party, a group of radical whites concerned with aiding the oppressed

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whites and advocating the teachings of Marxism. The NCCF and the Patriot Party have combined to form the Rainbow Coalition, which allegedly is to combat fascism in America.

The NCCF, since its formation in November, 1969, by members of the BPP, has increased its activities considerably. Members now sell the Black Panther newspaper, speak at high schools, colleges and rallies, and distribute inflammatory literature. Information recently obtained indicates its members are interested in obtaining firearms and one source has reported seeing a shoulder weapon being taken into the NCCF headquarters.

The telephone surveillance on the BPP national headquarters, which has been authorized by you, has proven to be most valuable. Information so received indicates almost daily contact between the Washington, D. C., NCCF and the national BPP headquarters. It is felt that the installation of a telephone surveillance at the NCCF in Washington, D. C., will not only furnish valuable information concerning the revolutionary activities of the BPP in the United States, but will also furnish information regarding any violent actions that may be planned against top officials of this country. Live informants are furnishing information regarding activities of this group but additional coverage is vital to insure awareness of all revolutionary activities of the organization.

It is requested that authority be granted for a telephone surveillance on the NCCF located at 2387 18th Street, N.W.. Washington, D. C. Interception will be away from this address and no trespass is involved.

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 16, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY ) New Left Oriented Campus Group RE: WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE

Faction

During the June, 1969, Students for a Democratic Society National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, the (Worker Student Alliance) group was expelled by forces representing the National Office group. The (Worker\_Student Alliance) faction, which claimed to be the ["true (SDS, subsequently elected its own group of national officers and set up its headquarters in (Cambridge) Massachusetts. The headquarters of (Worker Student Alliance is now located at 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

The (Worker Student Alliance) group is dominated and controlled by the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist Progressive Labor Party.) A number of the national leaders of Worker Student Alliance are members of the (Progressive Labor Party) The (Progressive Labor Party) mainly intends to utilize Worker Student Alliance to build a strong campus worker student alliance base and as a recruiting ground for future Progressive Labor Party members. To the Progressive Labor Party workers are the key class for revolution in the United States. Current Worker Student Alliance main strategy is, therefore, being directed through this campus (worker student alliance) to develop strong ties with the cafeteria, maintenance and other workers on the campus. According to Progressive Labor Party, and Worker Student Alliance, leaders, eventually these campus workers will go into industry and factories and will take the radical politics they learned on campus and spread them among factory workers.

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In carrying out the Marxist-Leninist ideology of the Progressive Labor Party. Worker Student Alliance members have repeatedly sought to become involved in labor disputes on the side of labor, join picket lines and engage in disruptive and sometimes violent tactics against industry recruiters on college campuses. For example, on February 18, 1970, several thousand demonstrators protested the presence of General Electric recruiters on the University of Michigan campus. Worker Student Alliance members were included in the leadership of this demonstration which snowballed into city-wide violence and extensive damage occurred to banks and police cars in the areas.

This faction is currently very active in many of the major demonstrations and student violence on college campuses. It is making all-out efforts to assume leadership in the antiwar movement and is in the forefront of organizations maintaining steady agitation to stop military recruitment and abolish the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. During the current academic year over five hundred campus demonstrations have taken place. Over two thousand arrests have been made and there have been forty-one cases of attempted arson and four cases of bombing. Nearly two million dollars in damages have been inflicted to college facilities.

Last summer Worker Student Alliance had a Summer Work-In project designed to infiltrate industry and it has made plans to rejuvenate this project this summer. /Worker Student Alliance leaders have repeatedly encouraged action against industrial concerns, both off and on campus with General Electric being the main target. New Left advocates are believed to be responsible for the bombing of General Electric offices in New York City on February 7, 8, 1970. On March 11, 1970, powerful bombs also destroyed the offices of three major corporations in New York City.

The leadership of Worker Student Alliance is extremely security conscious at this time. Many of its leaders are traveling throughout the United States, especially the South, in an effort to promote the aims of the group, as well as directing agitation against universities and industry.

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A telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of Worker Student Alliance faction would provide extremely valuable information concerning the plans of this organization with respect to its efforts to implement its programs. Such a surveillance would supply valuable data concerning the advance planning of this group, its leaders and the source of its funds.

I, therefore, recommend the installation of a telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the Worker Student Alliance faction of the Students for a Democratic Society, 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, or any other address to which this organization may move in the future.

Respectfully,

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 16, 1970

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

New Left STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY) RE: Oriented Campus WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE Group Faction

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 16, 1970, captioned "Students for a Democratic Society, Worker Student Alliance N' By your approval of the memorandum on March 16, 1970, you authorized installation of telephone surveillance at the national headquarters of the Worker Student Alliance group of the (Students for a Democratic Society, 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Worker Student Alliance group is dominated and controlled by the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist Progressive Labor Party A number of the national leaders of the Worker Student Alliance group are members of the Progressive Labor The Progressive Labor Party mainly intends to utilize the Worker Student Alliance to build a campus worker student alliance base, and to recruit future Progressive Labor Party members from the Worker Student Alliance: Current/Worker Student Alliance strategy is directed at using the campus worker student alliance to develop strong ties with the cafeteria, maintenance and other workers on campuses. According to Progressive Labor Party and Worker Student Alliance leaders, these campus workers will go eventually into industry and factories to spread their radical politics among factory workers.

During the three months since authorization of this coverage, invaluable information on a daily basis has been obtained concerning the activities of the national headquarters of the Worker Student Alliance group. Information has been developed concerning the travels and contacts of John Pennington, National Secretary of the Worker Student Alliance, in April, Source has also furnished information in May and June, 1970.

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advance concerning plans for Worker Student Alliance support and participation in demonstrations supporting antiwar groups and the Black Panther Party. The source has also revealed (Worker Student Alliance) contacts with Canadian student elements. The identities of over 600 persons either in touch with the national headquarters or associated with Worker Student Alliance activities throughout the country have been established through the source.

The coverage furnished high-quality intelligence information not otherwise available on a continuing basis.

It is requested this coverage be approved for an additional three-month period.

Respectfully,

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 16, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: / STUDENTS\_FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY \ New Left Oriented WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE

/ Campus Group Faction

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 16, 1970, captioned ("Students for a Democratic Society, Worker Student Alliance." By your approval of the memorandum on June 16, 1970, you authorized continuance of the telephone surveillance for an additional three months effective June 16, 1970, at the national headquarters of the Worker Student Alliance group of the Students for a Democratic Society, 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Worker Student Alliance group is dominated and controlled by the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist/Progressive Labor Party. A number of the national leaders of the Worker Student Alliance group are members of the Progressive Labor Party: The (Progressive Labor Party mainly intends to utilize the Worker Student Alliance to build a campus worker student alliance base, and to recruit future Progressive Labor Party, members from the Worker Student Alliance. Current Worker Student Alliance strategy is directed at using the campus worker student alliance to develop strong ties with the cafeteria, maintenance and other workers on campuses. According to/Progressive Labor Party and Worker Student Alliance leaders, these campus workers will go eventually into industry and factories to spread their radical politics among factory workers.

During the past three months, this coverage has furnished invaluable information on a day-to-day basis concerning the activities of Worker Student Alliance headquarters as well as the plans and activities of the officers of the Worker Student Alliance; This coverage furnished information

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in advance about the plans for National Interim Committee (ruling body of Worker Student Alliance) meetings which took place in New York and Chicago. The coverage also furnished information, well in advance, of plans by Students for a Democratic Society, Worker Student Alliance group, for demonstrations at San Francisco, Detroit, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis and Chicago. This source also has furnished information concerning the identities of approximately 1,428 persons in touch with the national headquarters or associated with Worker Student Alliance activities.

The coverage furnished high quality information on a continuing basis which was not otherwise available.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months effective September 16, 1970.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 11, 1970

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE

New Left Oriented Campus Group Faction

Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 16, 1970, captioned "Students for a Democratic Society, Worker Student Alliance" By your approval of the memorandum on September 16, 1970, you authorized continuance of the telephone surveillance for an additional three months effective September 16, 1970, at the national headquarters of the Worker Student Alliance group of the Students for a Democratic Society, 1734 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Worker Student Alliance group is dominated and controlled by the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist Progressive Labor Party. The strategy of this group has been to build strong ties between workers and students and to spread radical politics both on the campus and in the factory.

During the past three months, this coverage has provided invaluable information on a day-to-day basis concerning the activities of the Worker Student Alliance, headquarters, as well as the activities of national officers of the organization. This coverage made available information in advance about the plans of the National Interim Committee meetings which took place in New York, New York; Detroit, Michigan; and Chicago, Illinois. The National Interim Committee is the ruling body of the Worker Student Alliance) The coverage also furnished information in advance about the plans for the National Convention of the organization in Chicago, Illinois, scheduled for the end of December, 1970.

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This source also has provided advance information regarding plans of the Worker Student Alliance to hold demonstrations in various areas of the country which include Detroit, Michigan; Buffalo, New York; and College Park, Maryland. This coverage has also furnished information concerning foreign contacts of the Worker Student Alliance by individuals from Canada and Italy.

The coverage furnished high quality information on a continuing basis which was not otherwise available.

Your authority is requested to continue this telephone surveillance at the present location for an additional three months effective December 16, 1970.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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