

JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM

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Date: August 2, 2021

From: National Archives and Records Administration

Subject: Reconstructed FBI File SF 62-6887, Serials 1-51

To: The File

This memorandum briefly summarizes the status of missing original Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) case files or portions of case files in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) and documents the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) efforts to reconstruct these records, where possible, from duplicate copies of documents located in other FBI files.

As the JFK Collection was first compiled and reviewed in the 1990s, the Assassination Records Review Board and the FBI designated some records as "not believed relevant" (NBR) or "not assassination related" (NAR). The FBI retained custody of the NBR/NAR records and postponed their transfer to NARA until a later date. Every document or group of documents ("serials"), however, received an indexed Record Identification Form (RIF) and FBI inventory sheet for insertion into the JFK Collection.

In September 2011, several years prior to the 2017 re-review and transfer of the NBR/NAR material to the National Archives, a flood severely damaged thousands of feet of records at the FBI's Alexandria Records Center in Alexandria, Virginia. In June 2012, NARA approved the FBI's request for emergency destruction of 10,000 cubic feet of records that posed significant airborne health hazards. Among the damaged records were FBI field office files that contained postponed JFK Collection material designated as "pertaining to a matter unrelated to the JFK Assassination Investigation" or "not assassination related."

This compilation represents NARA's efforts to reconstruct the original file or portions of the file, as completely as possible, with duplicate copies of documents located in the FBI field office and headquarters files within the JFK Collection. Each reconstructed file or compilation contains a Record Identification Form, an explanatory cover memo, existing administrative documents available within the JFK Collection, and copies of identified duplicate documents. The table below summarizes the status of FBI file SF 62-6887, Serials 1 through 51.

RIF Number	FBI File Number	List of Serials From Inventory Sheet	List of Identified Serials at NARA	Reconstructed Status (None, Partial, Complete)
124-10181-10266	SF 62-6887	1-51	1-3, 5-15, 17-41, 43-46	Partial

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POSTPONEMENT INFORMATION SHEET (JFK MATERIALS)

234 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file.
One or more of the following statements, where indicated,
explain this deletion (these deletions).

- Deletions were made pursuant to the postponement rationale indicated below with no segregable material available for disclosure. All references relate to Section 6 of the "President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992."
 - Subsection 1A (intelligence agent's identity)
 - Subsection 1B (intelligence source or method)
 - Subsection 1C (other matter relating to military defense, intelligence operations or the conduct of foreign relations)
 - Subsection 2 (living person who provided confidential information)
 - Subsection 3 (unwarranted invasion of privacy)
 - Subsection 4 (cooperating individual or foreign government, currently requiring protection)
 - Subsection 5 (security or protective procedure, currently or expected to be utilized)
- Information pertained to a matter unrelated to the JFK Assassination investigation.
- For your information: _____

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JFK Inventory Sheet
(COMMITTEE FILES)

File #: SF 62-6887 - - - Section #: 1 Re: CHURCH COMM.

Serial Number	Document Date	Document Type	Document From	Document To	Document	3rd Agy	Other	Dupes	ACTUAL	PERT.	Rev.	Rel.	With- held	FBI Ref	Duplicate	Location	Postponements
1	05/02/75	TT	HQ	ALL SACS			2	2	4	0							NAR
2	05/14/75	TT	SF	HQ			2	1	3	0							NAR
3	05/16/75	TT	SF	HQ			1	1	2	0							NAR
4	05/20/75	MEMO	BATES	ALL EMPLOY			2		2	0							NAR
5	05/20/75	TT	HQ	ALL SACS			1	1	2	0							NAR
6	05/19/75	LET	THIRD PART	CHURCH COM			2		2	0							NAR
7	05/28/75	LET	CONGRESSMA	SF			2		2	0							NAR
8	06/03/75	AT	SF	HQ			1		1	0							NAR
8	06/03/75	LET	SF	CONGRESSMA			1		1	0							NAR
9	06/09/75	TT	HQ	SF			2	2	4	0							NAR
10	06/16/75	TT	SF	HQ			1	1	2	0							NAR
11	06/16/75	TT	SC	HQ			1	1	2	0							NAR
12	06/11/75	LET	THIRD PART	HQ			1		1	0							NAR
13	06/03/75	AT	SF	HQ			1		1	0							NAR
14	06/03/75	LET	SF	CONGRESSMA			1		1	0							NAR
15	06/11/75	TT	SF	HQ			1	1	2	0							NAR

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16	06/11/75	MEMO	DRUKEN	BATES		1		1	0				NAR
17	06/18/75	TT	HQ	NY		3	3	6	0				NAR
18	06/24/75	TT	SF	HQ		11	11	22	0				NAR
19	07/02/75	LET	HQ	THIRD PART		1		1	0				NAR
20	07/02/75	AT	HQ	SF		1		1	0				NAR
21	07/09/75	TT	HQ	LA		2		2	0				NAR
22	07/14/75	TT	SF	HQ		4	4	8	0				NAR
23	07/17/75	TT	HQ	SD		3	3	6	0				NAR
24	07/18/75	TT	SF	HQ		1	1	2	0				NAR
25	07/30/75	TT	HQ	LA		3		3	0				NAR
26	07/31/75	TT	HQ	LA		2		2	0				NAR
27	08/14/75	LHM	SF	HQ		5		5	0				NAR
28	08/14/75	LHM	SF	HQ		4		4	0				NAR
29	08/13/75	LHM	SF	HQ		9		9	0				NAR
30	08/13/75	LHM	SF	HQ		7		7	0				NAR
31	08/15/75	LHM	SF	HQ		3		3	0				NAR
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33	07/31/75	TT	HQ	LA		2		2	0				NAR

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36	09/04/75	TT	HQ	ALL SACS		3		3	0				NAR	
37	09/05/75	TT	HQ	AX		7		7	14				NAR	
38	09/09/75	TT	SF	HQ		1		1	2				NAR	
39	09/10/75	TT	SF	HQ		2		2	4				NAR	
40	10/09/75	TT	HQ	SF		2		2	4				NAR	
41	10/15/75	TT	SF	HQ		5		5	10				NAR	
42	10/09/75	MEMO	DEJEAN	SF		1		1	0				NAR	
43	12/10/75	TT	HQ	ALL SACS		4		4	0				NAR	
44	12/10/75	RS	HQ	SF		1		1	0				NAR	
44	12/02/75	TRANSCRIPT	CHURCH COM			61		61	0				NAR	
45	07/12/76	AT	SF	HQ		2		2	0				NAR	
46	10/19/76	AT	HQ	AL		1		1	0				NAR	
47	01/13/78	NEWS ARTIC	SF			1		1	0				NAR	
48	04/24/78	NEWS ARTIC	SF			2		2	0				NAR	
49	09/05/80	NEWS ARTIC	SF			1		1	0				NAR	
50	09/05/80	NEWS ARTIC	SF			1		1	0				NAR	

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SENSTUDY 75

CAPTIONED MATTER PERTAINS TO BUREAU'S HANDLING OF REQUESTS FROM SENATE AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEES TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. IN CONNECTION WITH WORK OF THESE COMMITTEES, STAFF MEMBERS MAY SEEK TO INTERVIEW CURRENT AND FORMER FBI EMPLOYEES.

RECENTLY, THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC) STAFF HAS INTERVIEWED SEVERAL FORMER EMPLOYEES AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MANY MORE SUCH PERSONNEL WILL BE CONTACTED.

THE FBI HAS PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE AND WE WISH TO ASSIST AND FACILITATE ANY INVESTIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE FBI. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INSURE THAT SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS AND ONGOING SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIONS ARE FULLY

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*ADVISE ALL EMPLOYEES
Put in weekly memo for 5/8/75*

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PROTECTED. SHOULD ANY FORMER EMPLOYEE CONTACT YOUR OFFICE AND HAVE ANY QUESTION REGARDING HIS OBLIGATION NOT TO DIVULGE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY VIRTUE OF HIS PAST FBI EMPLOYMENT, HE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT LEGAL COUNSEL, FBIHQ, BY COLLECT CALL. YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH FORMER EMPLOYEES MUST BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR PLEDGE. IT IS BELIEVED SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD INSURE PROPER PROTECTION AND ALSO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE SSC.

THE ABOVE PROCEDURE ALSO APPLIES TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES OF YOUR OFFICE. HOWEVER, CONTACT WITH THE LEGAL COUNSEL SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH THE SAC. //

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 TO DIRECTOR (62-116395)
 FROM SAN FRANCISCO
 ATTN LEGAL COUNSEL
 SENSTUDY 75

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED MAY 2, 1975, ABOVE
 CAPTION.

ON MAY 14, 1975, LESTER B. SEIDEL, INVESTIGATOR, SENATE
 SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
 TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND REQUESTED
 THE IDENTITY OF THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
 OFFICE IN 1970. HE WAS ADVISED THAT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
 CHARLES W. BATES SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY FROM JANUARY, 1970,
 THROUGH APRIL, 1970; THAT FORMER SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE HARRY J.
 MORGAN (NOW RETIRED) SERVED FROM APRIL, 1970, THROUGH SEPTEMBER,
 1970; AND THAT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROBERT E. GEBHARDT SERVED AS
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE FROM SEPTEMBER, 1970, THROUGH NOVEMBER,
 1972.

SEIDEL DID NOT INDICATE THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF HIS INQUIRY
 OTHER THAT IT WAS CONNECTED WITH THE COMMITTEE WITH WHICH HE IS
 AFFILIATED.

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU.

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TO: DIRECTOR (62-116395) (ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

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Director Sec'y	_____

SENSTUDY, 1975

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL OFFICES MAY 2, 1975.

ON MAY 16, 1975, FORMER SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR DAVID E. TODD CALLED AND ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED CALL FROM LESTER SEIDEL, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE, WANTING TO INTERVIEW TODD RE DOMESTIC COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, SPECIFICALLY, BLACK PANTHER PARTY. TODD SAID HE WANTED TO BE COOPERATIVE BUT WAS APPREHENSIVE REGARDING DIVULGING INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF HIS FBI EMPLOYMENT. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY CALL COLLECT THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL AT FBIHQ. HE SAID HE WOULD DO THIS.

TODD ALSO ADVISED THAT SEIDEL HAD TOLD HIM THE COMMITTEE ALSO WANTED TO INTERVIEW FORMER SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR ALBERT P. CLARK.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SENSTUDY - 75.

REBUTEL MAY 2, 1975.

IN CONNECTION WITH WORK OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEES, ITS REPRESENTATIVES MAY CONTACT YOUR OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

IN ONE RECENT INSTANCE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TELEPHONICALLY INQUIRED AS TO IDENTITY OF SAC IN A PARTICULAR OFFICE DURING 1970.

IN HANDLING SUCH INQUIRIES INSURE ESTABLISHING BONA FIDES OF REPRESENTATIVE BY SHOW OF CREDENTIALS ON PERSONAL CONTACT OR, IF TELEPHONIC CONTACT, BY TELEPHONING BACK TO COMMITTEE. UNLESS INFORMATION IS OF A PUBLIC NATURE, AS IN THE INSTANCE CITED ABOVE, OBTAIN FBIHQ CLEARANCE PRIOR TO SUPPLYING ANY INFORMATION. FBIHQ MUST BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISED OF ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED.

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May 19, 1975
20 Cozzolino Drive
Millbrae, CA 94030

Mr. Lester B. Seidel
Investigator
Select Committee to Study
Government Operations with
Respect to Intelligence Activities
Room 2308
Building 302 - Dirkson Building
Washington, DC 20510

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DATE 1-25-01 BY SP2ALC/PLW

Dear Mr. Seidel:

Reference is made to your telephone call to me on May 16, 1975, in which you advised that the Committee was gathering facts concerning the FBI's various CoIntelPros and in particular, you were looking into the CoIntelPro having to do with the Black Panthers. You inquired if I recalled a letter, which had been made public, dated May 11, 1970, from the Director, FBI, to the SAC, San Francisco, which suggested disruptive techniques against the Black Panthers and which mentioned spurious police or FBI reports. I advised you I had no first hand recollection of having seen such a document at that time, but that I had read a recent news item describing such a document.

You also indicated an interest in the theoretical question as to whether intelligence functions should be divorced from enforcement functions in order to avoid the dilemma of disclosure versus dismissal, and you suggested that my views on this might be helpful in educating the Committee.

For your information, I entered on duty as a Special Agent on January 5, 1942, and retired from the Bureau on December 3, 1971. During the two years immediately preceding my retirement I served as supervisor of a squad of agents which investigated, among other matters, violations and alleged violations of law by the Black Panthers. The only information I have concerning the Black Panthers was learned as a direct result of my official duties. I have made no independent study of them, nor do I have any personal files or written material, either official or otherwise, relating to them.

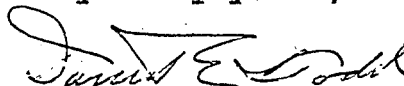
Since speaking with you, I have reviewed Executive Order #501-73 (28 C.F.R. §§ 16.21, 16.22 and 16.23) which specifies that no employee or former employee of the Department of Justice shall produce any material contained in the files of the Department

Mr. Lester B. Seidel
May 19, 1975
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nor shall he disclose any information acquired in the performance of his official duties without prior approval of the Attorney General or appropriate Departmental official.

From this, I must conclude that I am prohibited from furnishing you or the Committee any information along the lines requested by you unless appropriate authority to do so has first been given by an authorized representative of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,



DAVID E. TODD

cc: Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20535

SAC
Federal Bureau of Investigation
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

RONALD V. DELLUMS, 8TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 28, 1975

Mr. Don Jones, Senior Resident Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1033
Berkeley, California 94704

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you are aware, I have been concerned for some time about the nature of the Bureau's involvement in local law enforcement affairs. This concern has been heightened by my appointment to the House Select Committee to Investigate the U. S. Intelligence Community. In this light, I am requesting answers to the following questions concerning FBI activity in Berkeley:

1. What is the size of the contingent of agents in the Berkeley field office?
2. What are the functional responsibilities in the field office, and what are the percentages of agents involved in each, i.e., political, drug abuse, criminal, etc.?
3. What are the titles of the agents, and how do these relate to their involvement in category two?
4. What is the ethnic and sexual breakdown of the staff and agents in the Berkeley field office?
5. What are the interactions and working relationships between the field office, the Berkeley Police Department, the University of California Police Department, private security agencies and informers? How many informers are utilized by the field office?
6. Recent disclosures have raised serious questions regarding the Bureau's involvement in political surveillance activities of organizations and individuals over the past several years. What actions has the local field office taken to correct the abuses of these actions, and what political surveillance is being undertaken?

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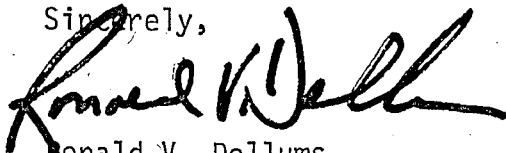
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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94704
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DONALD R. HOPKINS
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Don Jones
May 28, 1975
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7. I have read with interest of the Special Weapons and Tactics course given under Bureau auspices at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Facility in Alameda County. I would appreciate your forwarding to me a description of the activities undertaken in this course, and the relationship of UCPD and BPD to the course. In addition, I would appreciate being provided any relevant information on SWAT that you have available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I will look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Ronald V. Dellums
Member of Congress

RVD/djc

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Date: 6/3/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)
ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY, 1975

Remytel call this date to Assistant to the Director
JAMES B. ADAMS.

There is enclosed for the Bureau a letter dated
5/28/75 from Congressman RONALD V. DELLUMS, 8th District of
California, to Mr. DON JONES, Senior Resident Agent, FBI,
Berkeley, California. There is also enclosed a copy of my
reply to Congressman DELLUMS.

San Francisco Office is obtaining pertinent infor-
mation to Congressman DELLUM's request and this will be sub-
mitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36015
San Francisco, California 94102

June 3, 1975

The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dellums,

Mr. Don Jones, the Senior Resident Agent of the
FBI Resident Agency in Berkeley, California, has referred
to me your letter of May 28, 1975 asking certain information
concerning the FBI's operation in Berkeley, California.

Your letter has been referred to FBI Headquarters
in Washington, D.C. for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Bates
Special Agent in Charge

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TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-116395) -2821

SENSTUDY 75 REC-102

- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- Attn: Cregar
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Hotis
- 1 - Mr. Daly

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC) I HAVE RELEASED YOU AND FORMER SA DAVID E. TODD FROM APPLICABLE EMPLOYEE SECRECY AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STAFF INTERVIEW BY SSC CONCERNING COINTELPRO AND THE INVESTIGATION AT SAN FRANCISCO OF THE BPP. LESTER B. SEIDEL, STAFF MEMBER OF SSC WILL TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

AN AGENT WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING INTERVIEW TO ASSIST IN MAKING A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR QUESTION SHOULD BE RESPONDED TO. THIS AGENT IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED PRIVATE COUNSEL AND WILL NOT BE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW.

YOU, AN ASAC, OR SENIOR SUPERVISOR CONTACT FORMER SA DAVID E. TODD TO ADVISE HIM OF THE WAIVER OF THE APPLICABLE SECRECY AGREEMENT AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS DESIROUS OF HAVING AN

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 (7) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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- Training _____

AGENT AVAILABLE DURING INTERVIEW. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION TODD HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION CONCERNING THIS INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN BRIEFED CONCERNING HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL, ETC.

SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH TODD. YOU SHOULD CONTACT LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR INTERVIEW.

NOTE:

By memo 6-2-75 captioned as above it was recommended and approved that SAC Charles W. Bates, former SA David E. Todd, and Assistant Director Robert E. Gebhardt be released from applicable secrecy agreements for purposes of interview by SSC. We are separately advising Assistant Director Robert E. Gebhardt of this decision.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-116395)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

ATTN W. O. CREGAR, INTD

SENSTUDY 75.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

REVIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO ELSUR INDICES SHOWS NO OVERHEARS

ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-116395)
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SACRAMENTO (62-489)
ATTN: INID (W. O. CREGAR)
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RE BUREAU TEL TO DETROIT, JUNE 13, 1975.

REVIEW OF SACRAMENTO INDICES REFLECTS NO INFO-RE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, APRIL 23-24, 1964, SENATOR HOTEL, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. SACRAMENTO DIVISION ESTABLISHED 1967.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, RETEL STATED IN CONNECTION WITH SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE REQUEST, FOLLOWING DATA REQUESTED BY RETURN TELETYPE ATTN: INID - W. O. CREGAR:

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE INDICES AT FBIHQ DO NOT INDICATE OVERHEARS ON KNOWN TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOR ABOVE DATE AND LOCATION.

SAN FRANCISCO REVIEW ELSURE INDICES AND FURNISH FBIHQ FIRST DATE KING OVERHEARD ON ABOVE TECHNICAL INSTALLATION. IF HE WAS NOT HEARD, SO ADVISE.

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20 Cozzolino Drive
Millbrae, California 94030
June 11, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Security '75

Dear Mr. Kelley:

On this date Supervisor Berryman of the San Francisco Office read to me a teletype to the effect the Bureau had approved a secrecy release for me to respond to questions from Senate investigator Lester B. Seidel in connection with a Senate Select Committee on Internal Security investigation of the CoIntelPro as it related to the Black Panther Party. A copy of a letter from me to Mr. Seidel has been furnished to the Bureau previously.

At the time I was designated supervisor of the squad handling internal security investigations of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was international in scope; Eldridge Cleaver and others had been granted asylum in Algeria; the BPP had support and/or branches in France, Germany, Scandinavia and China. Aspects of the counter intelligence program approved by the Bureau of which I am aware were directed against some BPP foreign operations. Thus, interrogation by the Senate investigator may involve information disseminated to other government agencies under security classification and may touch on foreign policy as well.

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Therefore, prior to furnishing information obtained in an official capacity to Mr. Seidel, who according to the Bureau's teletype will be in San Francisco in about two weeks, I would like written confirmation of the release which was furnished me orally, preferably an official document covering any secrecy agreement made with the Bureau as well as releasing me from the provisions of any applicable executive orders which preclude disclosure of official information without approval of the Attorney General or an authorized Departmental officer. I would also appreciate being advised if there is any limitation on the scope of the material which I may release.

Since the Bureau's teletype also approved a secrecy release for current SAC Charles Bates, this presupposes he will be authorized to furnish Mr. Seidel with the contents of files if Mr. Seidel so requests. Therefore, I would also appreciate advice as to whether I will be permitted to refresh my recollection by reviewing official files prior to or during the interview with Mr. Seidel.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Todd
David E. Todd
Retired Special Agent

11-9-75

cc: SAO San Francisco

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)
ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: B SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY, 1975

Remytel call this date to Assistant to the Director JAMES B. ADAMS.

There is enclosed for the Bureau a letter dated 5/28/75 from Congressman RONALD V. DELLUMS, 8th District of California, to Mr. DON JONES, Senior Resident Agent, FBI, Berkeley, California. There is also enclosed a copy of my reply to Congressman DELLUMS.

San Francisco Office is obtaining pertinent information to Congressman DELLUM's request and this will be submitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36015
San Francisco, California 94102

June 3, 1975

The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dellums,

Mr. Don Jones, the Senior Resident Agent of the
FBI Resident Agency in Berkeley, California, has referred
to me your letter of May 28, 1975 asking certain information
concerning the FBI's operation in Berkeley, California.

Your letter has been referred to FBI Headquarters
in Washington, D.C. for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Bates
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (62-116395)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

ATTENTION: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND INTD.

SENSTUDY 75.

REBUTEL JUNE 9, 1975.

ON JUNE 11, 1975, FORMER SA DAVID E. TODD ADVISED OF THE WAIVER OF EMPLOYEE SECRECY AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STAFF INTERVIEW BY SSC WITH HIM. TODD REQUESTED AGENT BE AVAILABLE DURING INTERVIEW TO ASSIST HIM. TODD INDICATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE IF IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION RE DATE OF INTERVIEW.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO, WILL CONTACT LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW.

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SENSI STUDY 1975; BUDED: JUNE 24, 1975.

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FBIHQ FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES: " . . . THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS PERTAINING TO THE TECHNIQUE REFERRED TO AS 'MAIL SURVEILLANCE, INCLUDING MAIL COVERS AND OPENING MAIL' AND THE UTILIZATION OF THIS TECHNIQUE 'IN INTERNAL SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, UND/OR COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MATTERS, OPERATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES:' (1) FOR ALL INCIDENTS OF MAIL OPENING OR MAIL INTERCEPT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FROM JANUARY 1, 1960, UNTIL THE PRESENT, PLEASE

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STATE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION WHERE THE OPENING OR INTERCEPT WAS CONDUCTED, THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING OR INTERCEPT, THE TYPE OF MAIL OPENED OR INTERCEPTED, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE OPENING OR INTERCEPT. (2) FOR ALL INCIDENTS OF MAIL COVERS THAT WERE PHYSICALLY CONDUCTED BY FBI EMPLOYEES, WHETHER ALONE OR IN COOPERATION WITH POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, FROM JANUARY 1, 1960, UNTIL THE PRESENT, PLEASE STATE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION WHERE THE COVER WAS CONDUCTED, THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COVER, THE TYPE OF MAIL COVERED, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COVER. (3) PLEASE PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTS AND MEMORANDA WHICH DISCUSS, REFER, OR RELATE TO THE ORIGINS, AUTHORIZATIONS, CONDUCT AND TERMINATION OF, AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR, THE MAIL OPENINGS, INTERCEPTS, AND COVERS IDENTIFIED ABOVE."

EACH OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REVIEW ITS FILES FOR ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE. NEW YORK, BOSTON, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, AND WFO SHOULD FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING SAM SURVEY. NEW YORK, DETROIT, AND SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING GUS SURVEY. NEW YORK AND WFO SHOULD FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING Z COVERAGE.

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SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING CHIPROP
AND CHICLET. MIAMI SHOULD ADVISE IF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM MM 890-S RESULTED FROM INTERCEPT OF MAIL AND IF SO
APPROPRIATE INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED. RESULTS SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED BY TELETYPE, ATTENTION OF SA W. O. CREGAR, UND SHOULD
REACH THE BUREAU BY JUNE 24, 1975.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

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ATTENTION: SA W. O. GREGAR

SENSTUDY 1975, BUDED JUNE 24, 1975.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE CAPTIONED AS ABOVE DATED JUNE 18, 1975.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBI HEADQUARTERS IT HAS NOT BEEN THE PRACTICE TO UTILIZE A CONTROL FILE FOR MAIL COVERS. RATHER, THEY ARE WORKED FROM THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO PRACTICAL METHOD TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MAIL COVERS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN YEARS PAST. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE AS AN INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUE BETWEEN 1964 AND 1973, THE TOTAL NUMBER SINCE 1960 WOULD NOT BE LARGE. THERE FOLLOWS SPECIFIC RESPONSE FROM SAN FRANCISCO FILES TO REQUESTS IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

GUS SURVEY (BUFILE 65-67003, SF 105-11581)

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THE GUS SURVEY WAS INSTITUTED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF FBI ON OCTOBER 30, 1961, AND WAS DISCONTINUED ON FEBRUARY 9, 1962. THE SURVEY TOOK PLACE AT THE RINCON ANNEX POST OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE GUS SURVEY WAS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND UNCOVER SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENTS. THE SURVEY INVOLVED THE EXAMINATION OF ALL FIRST CLASS MAIL ENVELOPES ARRIVING AT THE RINCON ANNEX POST OFFICE WHICH ORIGINATED FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., OR NEW YORK CITY. THE ENVELOPES ONLY WERE SCANNED FOR CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THEY COULD HAVE ORIGINATED FROM A SOVIET ILLEGAL SUPPORT AGENT AND POSSIBLY BE DIRECTED TO AN ILLEGAL SOVIET AGENT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA.

THE SURVEY WAS BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTED FROM KNOWN ILLEGAL SUPPORT AGENTS ATTACHED TO SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, D.C., TO SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENTS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES. PREVIOUS ANALYSIS OF MAIL COMMUNICATIONS FROM SOVIET ILLEGAL SUPPORT AGENTS TO SOVIET ILLEGALS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE 1960'S REVEALED THAT PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS ON SUSPECT ENVELOPES WERE:

1. LACK OF RETURN ADDRESS.
2. TYPEWRITTEN ADDRESS IN BLOCK FORM.
3. USE OF LINCOLN \$.04 STAMPS.
4. USE OF "BUSINESS SIZE" WHITE OR BROWN ENVELOPES.
5. ADDRESS OCCASIONALLY TYPEWRITTEN ON A "STICKER" GLUED

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TO ENVELOPE.

WHEN AN ENVELOPE WITH MANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS WAS OBSERVED, AN INVESTIGATION WAS INSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF THE ADDRESSEE COULD POSSIBLY BE A SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENT.

THIS SURVEY WAS AUTHORIZED FOR A 60 DAY PERIOD AND WAS TERMINATED AT ONE POINT DURING 1961 CHRISTMAS RUSH ONLY TO BE RE-INSTITUTED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE 60 DAY AUTHORIZATION PERIOD.

SINCE ALL FIRST CLASS MAIL ENVELOPES WERE SCANNED, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 130,000 ENVELOPES A DAY WOULD BE SCANNED FOR THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTIC.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, MORE THAN 1,101,880 ENVELOPES WERE SCANNED AND 83 INVESTIGATIONS WERE INITIATED. ALL 83 INVESTIGATIONS WERE EVENTUALLY CLOSED INASMUCH AS NO INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS OR ILLEGAL AGENTS APPEARED TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE SUSPECT MAIL.

PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE GUS SURVEY AND INCLUDED IN BOTH SAN FRANCISCO AND BUREAU FILES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO THE BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1961, CAPTIONED "SAM SURVEY," BUREAU FILE 65-65884.

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ADDITIONAL PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE GUS SURVEY AND LOCATED IN BUREAU FILE 65-67003 AND SAN FRANCISCO FILE 105-11581, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BUREAU LETTER TO SAN FRANCISCO DATED OCTOBER 4, 1961.

SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED OCTOBER 13, 1961.

BUREAU LETTER TO SAN FRANCISCO DATED OCTOBER 18, 1961.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1961, CONFIRMING THAT THE GUS SURVEY WAS INSTITUTED AT 12:01 AM, OCTOBER 30, 1961, AND THAT SYMBOL NUMBER CSSF 2536-S WAS ASSIGNED.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1961.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED JANUARY 11, 1962.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED MARCH 21, 1962, CONFIRMING THAT THE GUS SURVEY WAS DISCONTINUED ON FEBRUARY 9, 1962.

IN VIEW OF THE AMOUNT OF ENVELOPES WHICH HAD TO BE SCANNED NUMEROUS AGENTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE FBI WERE UTILIZED INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

RICHARD E. STEPHENS

JOHN T. KERLER

DOUGLAS G. ALLEN

STANLEY J. EAGER

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WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN

FRED ELLEDGE

WILLIAM A. COHENDET

DONALD L. COFFIN

JOSEPH M. WUSLICH

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KEITH G. TEETER

WAYNE K. WELCH

DAVID C. SPENCER

STANLEY F. FEWSTER

DANIEL A. GROVE

JOHN P. MC HUGH

JAMES E. SHERRIFF

CLIFFORD J. CARMODY

JAMES WEIL

CHIPROP (BUFILE 105-121706, SF 105-2563)

CHIPROP WAS OPENED AT SAN FRANCISCO BY SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1954, AND WAS OPERATED AS A MAIL COVER UNTIL JULY, 1956, WHEN CONTENTS OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM CHINA BY COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARY, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, WERE

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SET OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED JULY 25, 1956. THEREAFTER CONTENTS OF LETTERS FROM CHINA WERE REGULARLY EXAMINED, ITEMS IN CHINESE WERE REGULARLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU FOR TRANSLATION ON A SELECTIVE BASIS. APPROXIMATELY 40,000 ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN EXAMINED UNDER THE CHIPROP PROGRAM. THE CASE WAS ORIGINALLY OPENED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY OF INTERCEPTING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA FROM ABROAD, AND EXAMINATION OF MAIL WAS HANDLED THROUGH THE RESTRICTED MERCHANDISE SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS OFFICE AT SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL DATED APRIL 6, 1961, DIRECTED TO BUREAU FILE 134-5108, INDICATED COVERAGE DISCONTINUED SINCE INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA DISCONTINUED BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER ON MARCH 17, 1961. BUREAU RADIOGRAM DATED APRIL 11, 1961, REQUESTED COMMENTS REGARDING RESUMPTION OF COVERAGE AND SAME WAS REINSTITUTED JULY 14, 1961, WITH SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL THAT DATE. BY SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL DATED APRIL 23, 1962, CHIPROP COVERAGE WAS DISCONTINUED SINCE RESTRICTED MERCHANDISE UNIT MOVED FROM CUSTOMS HOUSE TO RINCON ANNEX OF UNITED STATES POST OFFICE. BUREAU LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1963, REQUESTED SAN FRANCISCO DETERMINE IF CHIPROP COVERAGE COULD BE RESUMED. SAN FRANCISCO

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LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1962, ADVISED CSSF 2279-S COULD NOT BE RE-ACTIVATED BUT POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION OF CHIPROP COVERAGE THROUGH THAT SOURCE WOULD BE FOLLOWED. SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL DATED JUNE 12, 1963, ADVISED THAT CHIPROP COVERAGE WAS BEING RE-INSTITUTED THROUGH THE FOREIGN PROPAGANDA UNIT AT THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS HOUSE, THAT SOURCE BEING DESIGNATED AS CSSF 2641-S. WHEN THE FOREIGN PROPAGANDA UNIT MOVED TO RINCON ANNEX, MAIL COVERAGE CONTINUED TO BE SECURED THROUGH IT AND STILL LATER, COVERAGE WAS SECURED THROUGH THE HEAD OF THE AIR MAIL FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE. IN ALL CASES, MAIL SELECTED FOR EXAMINATION WAS OPENED ONLY IN THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE FBI DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT AND WAS RETURNED TO THE POSTAL FACILITY SAME DATE.

CHICLET (BUFILE 105-121706, SF 105-14767)

CHICLET WAS INITIATED IN COMPLIANCE WITH BUREAU LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1963. SAN FRANCISCO LETTER DATED OCTOBER 28, 1963, INDICATED CHICLET COVERAGE WOULD BE COVERED THROUGH THE SUPER-INTENDANT OF THE AIR MAIL FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE AND INITIAL EXAMINATION WOULD BE MADE IN HIS OFFICE. HOWEVER, AS IN THE CASE OF CHIPROP, ALL ITEMS SELECTED FOR INTERNAL EXAMINATION

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WERE TAKEN TO THE FBI OFFICE TO BE OPENED AND XEROXED.

CHIPROP COVERAGE WAS DESIGNATED AS FURNISHED BY CSSF 2670-S.

MORE THAN 4,000 ITEMS WERE EXAMINED UNDER THE CHICLET PROGRAM.

CHICLET AND CHIPROP COVERAGE BOTH WERE DISCONTINUED IN 1966 AFTER LIM P. LEE WAS APPOINTED AS POSTMASTER OF SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 24, 1966, IT BEING POINTED OUT TO THE BUREAU THAT LEE HAD BEEN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF CONGRESSMAN PHILLIP BURTON AND THAT IT WAS FELT NO CHANCE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT BURTON MIGHT BECOME AWARE OF THE COVERAGE BY THE FBI.

CHIPROP AND CHICLET COVERAGE WERE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FORMER SUPERVISOR RICHARD G. FLETCHER, WHO IS NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA. THE CHIPROP CASE WAS FIRST ASSIGNED TO SA PATRICK J. HAGGERTY AND WAS HANDLED DURING 1964 BY FORMER SA PAUL J. TSCHIDA. THE CHIPROP CASE WAS REASSIGNED ON JANUARY 15, 1965, TO SA BERTRAM WORTHINGTON, WHO CONTINUED TO HANDLE THE CASE UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED IN 1966. THE CHICLET CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO SA PATRICK J. HAGGERTY AT ITS INCEPTION AND WAS REASSIGNED ON JANUARY 27, 1964, TO SA BERTRAM WORTHINGTON, WHO CONTINUED TO HANDLE IT UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED IN 1966. NO EXACT RECORD IS AVAILABLE OF THE IDENTITIES OF THE

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SPECIAL AGENTS WHO ACTUALLY OPENED THE MAIL UNDER THE CHIPROP AND CHICLET PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, SAN FRANCISCO FILE 105-2563, SERIAL 99 IS A MEMORANDUM DATED DECEMBER 20, 1963, WHICH LISTS SPECIAL AGENTS WHO SHOULD RECEIVE SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF MAIL FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG WHICH THEY WERE HANDLING. THE SPECIAL AGENTS LISTED WERE THE FOLLOWING:

DOUGLAS G. ALLEN

THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK

WILLIAM A. COHENDET (SINCE RETIRED)

DAVID N. NUNN

DANIEL A. GROVE

WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN

PAUL J. TSCHIDA (SINCE RESIGNED)

JOSEPH M. WUSHLICH

ALBERT G. HIGGINS

BERTRAM WORTHINGTON

RICHARD E. STEPHENS (SINCE RETIRED)

STANLEY F. FEWSTER (SINCE RETIRED)

VAJA KOLOMBATOVIC

G. STEWART THATFORD (SINCE RETIRED)

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PATRICK J. HAGGERTY, JR.

HARRY L. MC NEILL (SINCE RETIRED)

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SINCE AUGUST 15, 1972, SAN FRANCISCO HAS MAINTAINED A MAIL COVER ON THE SOVIET CONSULATE, 2790 GREEN STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE BUREAU IN FULFILLING ITS INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MATTER IS ENTITLED SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, IS - R, BUREAU FILE 105-210032. (S)

THIS MAIL COVER WHICH OCCURS AT THE MARINA STATION, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT 3225 FILLMORE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, IS PRESENTLY HANDLED STRICTLY BY UNITED STATES POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF POSTAL INSPECTOR J. W. WINEGAR FOR FIRST CLASS MAIL [IN EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF PERSONS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CONSULATE. BUREAU EMPLOYEES DO NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE PHYSICAL REVIEW OF MAIL. MAIL IS NOT OPENED OR INTERCEPTED AND FBI IS ONLY PROVIDED WITH RETURN ADDRESS ON ENVELOPES ADDRESSED TO SAN FRANCISCO SOVIET CONSULATE. THE MAIL COVER OF THE SOVIET CONSULATE WAS INITIATED BY A LETTER] (S)

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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR L. PATRICK GRAY, III, TO THE ASSISTANT POST-
MASTER GENERAL, INSPECTION SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, D.C., DATED JULY 13, 1972, FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.
THE JUSTIFICATION FOR SAME COVER HAS BEEN RENEWED AT 120 DAY
INTERVALS SINCE THAT DATE AND IS CURRENTLY JUSTIFIED UNTIL
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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Hotis
- 1 - Mr. Daly

July 2, 1975

- 1 - Personnel File Special Agent David E. Todd
- 1 - Mr. Miller

Mr. David E. Todd
 20 Cozzolino Drive
 Millbrae, California 94030

Dear Mr. Todd:

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1975.

You are released from the FBI Employment Agreement for the purpose of a Staff interview by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities concerning COINTELPRO and the investigation at San Francisco, California, of the Black Panther Party.

I am not aware of any other release you may require.

Pursuant to your request of June 11, 1975, a Special Agent will be available during the interview to assist you in making a determination whether or not a response should be made to a particular question. This Agent is not to be considered private counsel and he will not be present during the interview.

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FBI files will not be made available for the interview.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley
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NOTE: Former SA Todd signed a secrecy agreement with the Bureau on 12-3-62.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (62-6887)
From: Director, FBI (62-116395)
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ReButel June 9, 1975.

Enclosed is a letter from the Director to former Special Agent David E. Todd. You, an ASAC, or Senior Supervisor please hand deliver enclosed letter to Mr. Todd immediately.

You are reminded of a memorandum to all employees, Re: "INTERVIEWS OF FBI EMPLOYEES," in which the Director advised this Bureau has pledged its cooperation with the Congress.

Enclosure

- 1-Mr. Adams
- 1-Mr. Wannall
- 1-Mr. Cregar
- 1-Mr. Mintz
- 1-Mr. Hotis
- 1-Mr. Daly
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FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

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BUDED COB JULY 14, 1975

UNITED STATES SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IS EXAMINING "MEASURES DIRECTED AGAINST THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) IN THE LATE 1960S AND EARLY 1970S IN SAN FRANCISCO - OAKLAND, LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, BY THE FIELD OFFICES OF THE FBI." AS A PART OF THIS REQUEST FBIHQ HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH "A LIST OF ALL LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CONTACTED RELATIVE TO THIS COINTELPRO; A LIST OF ALL MEDIA PERSONS CONTACTED IN RELATION TO THIS COINTELPRO AND THE MEDIA AFFILIATION; AND A LIST OF ALL FBI PERSONNEL CONNECTED WITH THIS COINTELPRO, THEIR SPECIFIC CONNECTION, AND THEIR PRESENT LOCATION." IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, THE COMMITTEE

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REQUESTS INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS AND CURRENT RELATIONSHIP TO THE FBI OF "PRIMARY CASE AGENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS COINTELPRO IN THE FIELD."

IT IS FELT BY FBIHQ THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM DATA BEING FURNISHED COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS FAIL IN OBTAINING AN EXEMPTION, THIS DATA IS BEING COMPILED AT FBIHQ. IT IS REALIZED THAT A PARTIAL ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN BUREAU FILES; HOWEVER, COMPLETE DATA NECESSARY IS NOT AVAILABLE AT FBIHQ. ALL OFFICES SHOULD FURNISH BY TELETYPE NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 14, 1975, ATTENTION INTELLIGENCE DIVISION - MR. W. O. CREGAR, DATA REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE SE OUT ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887) 4P

ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION - MR. W. J. CREGAR

UNITED STATES SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IS EXAMINING MEASURES

DIRECTED AGAINST THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) IN THE LATE
1960S AND EARLY 1970S IN SAN FRANCISCO - OAKLAND, LOS ANGELES
AND SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, BY THE FIELD OFFICES OF THE FBI.

RE BUREAU NITEL JULY 9, 1975.

San Francisco 7/15

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND
PERSONNEL CONTACTED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION RELATIVE TO
THIS COINTELPRO:

IN NOVEMBER 1968, UNKNOWN OFFICERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE CONTACTED IN ORDER TO GIVE WILFRED
HOLIDAY, ALSO KNOWN AS CAPTAIN CRUTCH, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AT
CITY PRISON. SEE SAN FRANCISCO LETTER DECEMBER 2, 1968,
ENTITLED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE
GROUP, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE (BLACK PANTHER PARTY), BUFILE 100-448006.

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IN JANUARY 1969, UNKNOWN POLICE OFFICERS, BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, WERE ADVISED THAT RICHARD AND SAM NAPIER WERE MEMBERS OF THE BPP. THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER AN ARMORED CAR WAS HELD UP AND A GUARD MURDERED AND THE GETAWAY CAR WAS FOUND TO BE REGISTERED TO RICHARD NAPIER. SEE SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO THE BUREAU JANUARY 13, 1969, ENTITLED "COINTELPRO, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS (BLACK PANTHER PARTY).

IN EARLY 1969, AN UNKNOWN OFFICER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AT OAKLAND, WAS ADVISED OF THE USE BY A FILM COMPANY (MGM) OF BLACK PANTHERS AS "PROPS" IN THEIR FILMING OF BERKELEY RIOT SCENES. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TURN FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE BERKELEY PRESS. SEE SAN FRANCISCO LETTER TO THE BUREAU MARCH 10, 1969, ENTITLED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUP, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE, BLACK PANTHER PARTY."

IN APRIL 1969, INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED THAT THE BPP WAS PLANNING A MEETING BETWEEN SOME OF THEIR LEADERS AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD LEFT THE PARTY IN AN EFFORT TO GET THEM BACK TOGETHER. THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO RICHARD WAGNER,

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, ON APRIL 18, 1969, WHO, IN TURN, APPARENTLY FED THE INFORMATION TO THE BLACK PANTHER RENEGADES WHO CONSTRUED THIS APPARENTLY AS A "SET UP" AND DID NOT ATTEND. THIS INCIDENT IS RECORDED IN SAN FRANCISCO SERIAL 157-601-201.

ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1969, SERGEANT STAN WHITE, OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, WAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT THOMAS JOLLY, A BPP MEMBER, WAS PLANNING TO CONTACT PROBATION OFFICER IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AS THE UNCLE OF BELVA NEWSON, ANOTHER BPP MEMBER WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED. JOLLY, WHO IS NOT NEWSON'S UNCLE, PLANNED TO ARRANGE FOR HER RELEASE TO THEM. THIS MATTER IS RECORDED IN SAN FRANCISCO FILE 157-601-356.

SAN FRANCISCO FILE DOES NOT REFLECT MEDIA PERSONNEL WERE CONTACTED IN RELATION TO THIS PROGRAM.

SA RAYMOND N. BYERS, LAST KNOWN BY SAN FRANCISCO TO BE ASSISTANT LEGAT, TOKYO, WAS NAMED COORDINATOR OF THE COINTELPRO - BPP ON APRIL 3, 1968. THE CASE WAS REASSIGNED APRIL 18, 1968, TO FORMER SA WILLIAM COHENDET WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES AT 1557 BALBOA WAY, BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA 94010. THIS MATTER WAS REASSIGNED TO SA LEO S. BRENNELSEN MAY 16, 1969. THE MATTER WAS CLOSED ON MAY 1, 1971.

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THIS MATTER WAS SUPERVISED BY FORMER SA ALBERT P. CLARK
FROM APRIL 3, 1968 TO MAY 9, 1970. CLARK PRESENTLY RESIDES
66 ELM AVENUE, LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA 94939. COINTELPRO - BPP
WAS SUPERVISED BY FORMER SA DAVID E. TODD FROM FEBRUARY 9, 1970
TO MAY 1, 1971. TODD RESIDES AT 20 COZZOLINO DRIVE, MILLBRAE,
CALIFORNIA 94030.

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- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
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- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
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- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
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- 1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-116395)

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INQUIRIES MADE OF BUREAU BY SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC)

CONCERNING BELOW-LISTED FORMER FBI EMPLOYEES SUGGESTS THAT THEY
MAY BE INTERVIEWED BY SSC STAFF. INTERVIEWS WILL CONCERN
COINTELPRO ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
IN THE LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S BY THE SAN DIEGO,
SAN FRANCISCO AND SEATTLE OFFICES. SET OUT BELOW ARE LAST
KNOWN ADDRESSES OF THESE FORMER BUREAU EMPLOYEES.

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EACH OF THESE FORMER EMPLOYEES IS TO BE IMMEDIATELY
CONTACTED AND ALERTED THAT HE MIGHT BE APPROACHED BY THE SSC
STAFF. THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IN THE EVENT THEY ARE INTER-
VIEWED AND DURING THE COURSE OF SAME, QUESTIONS ARE ASKED WHICH
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TECHNIQUES, THIRD AGENCY RULE AND ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS), THEY MAY REQUEST AN FBI AGENT BE PRESENT. BUREAU WILL PROVIDE AGENT ON REQUEST OF INTERVIEWEE. AGENT WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT INTERVIEW ITSELF BUT MERELY AVAILABLE NEARBY FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES. AS A PRELUDE TO INTERVIEW, THE FORMER EMPLOYEE MAY, AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY SSC STAFF, CONTACT BUREAU'S LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION BY COLLECT CALL FOR FULL INFORMATION TO ASSIST HIM, INCLUDING OBLIGATIONS AS TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED AS FBI EMPLOYEE. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT BUREAU'S OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IS NOT INTENDED TO IMPEDE SSC WORK BUT IS DONE AS COOPERATIVE GESTURE AND TO SAFEGUARD SENSITIVE BUREAU INFORMATION. CONTACTS WITH THESE FORMER EMPLOYEES TO BE HANDLED PERSONALLY BY SAC OR ASAC. IN EVENT THIS NOT FEASIBLE FOR JUST CAUSE, TO BE HANDLED BY A SENIOR SUPERVISOR.

BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED BY TELETYPE AFTER THE FORMER EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED IN LINE WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS. IF A FORMER EMPLOYEE NO LONGER IN YOUR TERRITORY OR TEMPORARILY AWAY, SET OUT LEAD TO OTHER OFFICE IMMEDIATELY WITH COPY TO FBI HEADQUARTERS.

SAN DIEGO: ROBERT S. BAKER, 4268 HORTENSIA, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92103.

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SAN FRANCISCO: ALBERT P. CLARK, 66 ELM AVENUE, LARKSPUR,
CALIFORNIA 94939. WILLIAM COHENDET, 1557 BALBOA WAY,
BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA 94010.

SEATTLE: LEROY W. SHEETS, 5725 72ND STREET, N.E.,
MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON 98270.

NOTE:

The referenced Bureau teletype 5/2/75 was a general instruction to all SACs concerning the SSC and Bureau's cooperation with same. We are currently processing a request from the SSC concerning COINTELPRO-BPP in West Coast offices, and among the items of information we are supplying are the current whereabouts of Agents who worked on COINTELPRO as Coordinators and Supervisors in the indicated offices. This teletype to alert the former Agents is in accordance with the procedure we have been following.

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5:27 PM NITEL 7/18/75 CJC

TO: DIRECTOR (62-116395)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

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REBUTEL, JULY 17, 1975.

FORMER SA WILLIAM COHENDET ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF RETEL THIS DATE. FORMER SA ALBERT P. CLARK IN TRAVEL STATUS ON VACATION UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 21, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL ALSO BE ADVISED.

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8:35PM NITEL 7-30-75 FLC

TO LOS ANGELES

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

SENSTUDY 75

REBUTEL MAY 2, 1975.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC) STAFF MEMBER LESTER SEIDEL HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR INTERVIEWS IN YOUR OFFICE: SAN DIEGO JULY 30, 1975 SAS EARL M. PETERSEN, LAWRENCE F. WIRICK; LOS ANGELES AUGUST 5, 1975 WALLACE E. WARD, RICHARD A. BLOESER, AUGUST 7, 1975 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROBERT E. GEBHARDT; SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 11, 1975 LEO S. BRENNEISEN, AUGUST 11-12, 1975 SAC CHARLES W. BATES. PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW IS TO BE COINTELPRO AND BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. ADDITIONALLY SAC BATES WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF "HOUSTON PLAN" BY SSC STAFF MEMBER LOCK JOHNSON. F-MS

I HAVE WAIVED YOUR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INTERVIEWS. EACH SHOULD NOTE THAT HE HAS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL; HOWEVER, THE FBI IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE PRIVATE COUNSEL. THERE ARE CERTAIN PRIVILEGED AREAS CONCERNING WHICH SAS WOULD

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NOT BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. AREAS CONCERN INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE IDENTITIES OF FBI SOURCES; INFORMATION RELATING TO SENSITIVE METHODS AND TECHNIQUES; INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT ONGOING FBI INVESTIGATIONS; AND INFORMATION WHICH ORIGINATED WITH OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

SAN FRANCISCO NOTE RELEASE ALSO APPLIES TO FORMER SAS ALBERT P. CLARK AND WILLIAM A. COHENDET WHO, ALONG WITH OTHER EX-SAS ON WEST COAST, MAY ALSO BE INTERVIEWED. CLARK AND COHENDET HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FOREGOING ADVICE REGARDING PRIVATE COUNSEL AND PRIVILEGED AREAS AND HAVE ASKED FOR CONSULTATION ASSISTANCE WHICH BUREAU IS APPROVING AS BELOW.

NORMALLY, FBIHQ WOULD SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVE TO BE ON-THE-SCENE FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES. HOWEVER, DISTANCE AND TIME SCOPE MAKES THIS NOT FEASIBLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

THE RANKING FBI OFFICIAL IN EACH OFFICE WILL SERVE FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES. IN HIS ABSENCE, AN SAC IN LOS ANGELES OR ASAC IN SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO MAY SO SERVE. PURPOSE OF CONSULTANT, WHO WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT INTERVIEW BUT AVAILABLE NEARBY, WILL BE TO SUPPLY ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT PERSON BEING

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INTERVIEWED IS ASKED QUESTIONS IN ONE OF THE PRIVILEGED AREAS OR QUESTIONS OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED PARAMETERS OF THE INTERVIEW (COINTELPRO/BLACK PANTHER PARTY). SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE WHICH CONSULTANT REPRESENTATIVE CANNOT HANDLE, SUGGEST IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE CALL TO LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION.

SHOULD ADDITIONAL FORMER SAS CONTACT YOUR OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE, COORDINATE WITH THEM WAIVER FROM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT THROUGH LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION AND FURNISH CONSULTATION SERVICES AS REQUESTED.

NOTE THAT RANKING OFFICIAL SERVING IN CONSULTANT POSITION DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE AS PRIVATE COUNSEL.

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9:01PM NITEL 7-31-75 FLC

TO LOS ANGELES

SAN DIEGO

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

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REBUTEL JULY 30, 1975.

REPORTING PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW RELATIVE TO SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC) STAFF INTERVIEWS OF PRESENT AND FORMER SAS:

FOR INCUMBENTS: IMMEDIATELY AFTER INTERVIEW PREPARE LHM REPORTING AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ASKED AND REPLIES GIVEN. INCLUDE WHETHER OR NOT INTERVIEWEE'S RIGHTS WERE EXPLAINED TO HIM; DURATION OF INTERVIEW; AND IF IT WAS NECESSARY FOR INTERVIEWEE TO CONSULT WITH BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE, SO STATE. ALSO INCLUDE ADVICE GIVEN TO INTERVIEWEE BY BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE AS TO RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PRIVILEGED AREAS, CONSULTATION PRIVILEGES, AND PARAMETERS OF INTERVIEW, ALL AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, LHM SHOULD BEAR DUAL CAPTION: "U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)"; "INTERVIEW OF SA (INSERT NAME) BY SSC STAFF MEMBER." SUBMIT ORIGINAL AND SEVEN COPIES OF EACH LHM TO BUREAU BY COVER AIRTEL, ATTENTION INTD W.O. CREGAR.

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FOR FORMER SAS: ANY FORMER SA WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND VOLUNTEERS TO FURNISH RESULTS (NOTE THAT SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE SOLICITED BY FBI BUT MERELY ACCEPTED WHEN OFFERED) SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INTERVIEW AND LHM PREPARED AND SUBMITTED IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR INCUMBENTS. SECOND HEADING OF LHM SHOULD USE TERM "FORMER SA." END

MAH OF FBI LOS ANGELES FOR ONE PLUS TWO OTHERS LA GLR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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BY INTERVIEW OF FORMER SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET
SSC STAFF MEMBER

On August 14, 1975, retired former Special Agent William A. Cohendet was interviewed from 9:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. by Lester B. Seidel, Investigator for the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC). The interview took place at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Mr. Seidel mentioned that he was serving as a counsel for the SSC, investigating all phases of the United States intelligence community, and he had chosen the Black Panther Party and the Counterintelligence Program (COINTEL) as his field. He stated that he was hoping for full cooperation on the part of the former Special Agent.

He was advised that former Special Agent Cohendet was willing to cooperate with the committee and he trusted that something constructive would come out of the effort being put forward. Former Special Agent Cohendet also pointed out that in his opinion the Black Panther Party (BPP) had been a group devoted to violence, thievery, and fraud, and the committee should realize the type of Subjects with whom they are dealing in order to place the investigation in its proper framework.

The first question concerned the former Special Agent's background and Bureau service. This was briefly furnished.

Seidel then asked when and how the technical surveillances had been installed, who initiated them, and who approved them.

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U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

INTERVIEW OF FORMER SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET BY
SSC STAFF MEMBER

The former Special Agent replied that he was not party to any of these arrangements and did not know any of the details.

Seidel then asked if former Special Agent Cohendet knew the origin and purposes of the COINTEL Program. He was informed that the former Agent did not know the origin of the program, and said he believed its purposes were those as set forth in the instructions which Seidel had and which spoke for themselves. The former Agent admitted that said program at one time had been assigned to him but due to the press of other functions, he had been unable to give it a great deal of time and felt that during the period that it had been assigned to him, it had been largely ineffective.

Seidel then asked if there was any connection between ELSUR and COINTEL and the reply was given that obviously there would be if the ELSUR material being reviewed could be considered as having any pertinence to a COINTEL operation. However, former Special Agent Cohendet could not recall having used this material while the case was assigned to him, at least to any significant degree. Not having the files available made it impossible to state positively if there had been any specific instance of use of this material.

Seidel asked as to the possible effectiveness of anonymous letters and he was informed that in the opinion of the former Agent, such letters, particularly having to do with personal infidelity or thievery, which were the usual suggested avenues, would have little effect on the recipients who were active in such fields themselves much of the time. In the more serious areas of perhaps trying to falsely show that an individual was an FBI or police informant, the former Special Agent said that the use of this technique would not be used for fear of causing bodily harm or death to an innocent person due to the well-known propensity of the BPP of dealing harshly with any suspected deviator let alone informant.

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Seidel then asked as to the value of ELSUR to the BPP investigation and the former Special Agent stated that in his belief it was extremely valuable in many ways. For instance, it assisted and gauged the true Huey Newton, his plans, and weaknesses. It was also valuable in estimating the possible effect of a certain COINTEL program as possibly suggested by some other office. As a result of their information, the San Francisco Office usually rejected most suggestions as being unlikely to be successful.

Seidel wondered if ELSUR was not the most valuable, single investigative aid that the Bureau had had in this investigation, and the former Special Agent agreed that he was probably correct.

Seidel then wondered if the COINTEL proposals should be part of some legislation proposed by Congress and the former Special Agent replied that the Bureau officials, in his opinion, should be allowed to comment on this because the fact that the program would be ineffective against the BPP might not be a valid argument that it would not work to better advantage in other circumstances.

Former Special Agent Cohendet declined to comment on the effectiveness of COINTEL as used against the Socialist Workers Party, not having had any experience with its use in that field.

Seidel then asked about informants and asked if there had been any pressure from the Bureau in the development of such sources. Former Special Agent Cohendet acknowledged that there certainly had been great pressure in this direction, as it was well known that informants were a necessary part of any investigation and a police organization can never give up on this phase of its work no matter how difficult the circumstances were in their development. In the case of the BPP, the development of informants was particularly difficult because of the fear that many persons in the black community felt concerning the BPP as well as the lack of desire to cooperate against another black person.

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Seidel asked about foreign funds being raised and given to the BPP, and former Special Agent Cohendet recalled that "Masai" Hewitt and others went to Sweden and other countries where the BPP raised money on speech making tours.

Seidel then asked about any investigation of BPP funds and former Special Agent Cohendet said that it was his recollection that investigation of BPP funds had been undertaken through legal channels but he had no personal knowledge of the investigation and declined to go further into this field.

Seidel asked about referrals of Bureau information to the Internal Revenue Service and former Special Agent Cohendet said that he had no personal knowledge of what had been done in this direction.

Seidel then asked about the affair between Actress Jean Seberg and "Masai" Hewitt, which had appeared in a Hollywood gossip column and had alleged that Seberg had become pregnant by Hewitt. Seidel said that the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had admitted leaking this information to someone in the press.

Former Special Agent Cohendet knew that this couple had been lovers for a brief period but denied any knowledge of any leak to the press by either San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Seidel asked if the former Agent thought that leaking this type of information was appropriate. No comment was offered as to this question.

Seidel, at the conclusion of the interview, said that he had noted that the "faking" of police records as suggested had never been undertaken and he observed that he believed the COINTEL abuses were being overplayed by the press. From what he learned in interviews in San Francisco, it seemed to him that the program had been mostly played down and indeed, an independent judgment had been exercised in the implementation of the program.

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A general discussion of the BPP ensued in which former Special Agent Cohendet reiterated the criminal background and threatening attitude of many of the BPP members, their mendacious ways, and their lack of credibility in their public statements. The former Special Agent credited the news media with helping to build up the BPP beyond its actual strength and influence.

Seidel asked about the former Agent's knowledge of ~~the~~ ^{the} reason for the removal of former SAC Harry Morgan from San Francisco. He said the only reason he was asking this question was in order to avoid embarrassing former SAC Morgan when he interviews him concerning his possible knowledge of BPP activities sometime in the future. Former Special Agent Cohendet had no knowledge as to why Mr. Morgan was transferred.

In summation, Seidel ventured the opinion that he thought the ELSUR technique was far more valuable in the carrying out of the investigation of the BPP than the COINTEL. Former Special Agent Cohendet had to agree to the above observation.

Former Special Agent Cohendet was not advised of any rights that he might have in declining to answer any questions and Seidel said he was actually seeking witnesses for a possible hearing in Washington, D.C. He stated that no names would be mentioned in any write-up he would make concerning his interviews.



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On August 13, 1975, former Special Agent Albert P. Clark, who was a supervisor in the San Francisco FBI Office and who retired in December of 1969, advised as follows:

He was interviewed in his home at 66 Elm, Larkspur, California, by SSC Member Lester B. Seidel from 5:40 P.M. to 6:55 P.M., August 12, 1975.

Clark was not placed under oath and no mention was made of his rights. However, Seidel was pleasant and in no way antagonistic. The interview was general, not penetrative, not in depth, and very few specific questions were asked. There appeared to be no discernible criticism of either the Counterintelligence Program (COINTEL) or the Bureau's investigation of the Black Panther Party (BPP) by Seidel.

Seidel was compelled on more than one occasion to declare that he was pro-FBI, that the object of his inquiries was to assist the United States Senate in understanding the problem in order that they could consider possible legislation that may eliminate any abuses in the future.

Seidel did mention the fact several times that information had been leaked to the press that ^{exam}Jane Seberg, the movie actress, had become pregnant by a BPP official.

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Seidel finally asked Clark if he would have okayed a COINTEL proposal like this and he answered that he would have if he felt that it would have sufficiently hindered the BPP, stating that possibly in some of these occasions someone might get hurt but on the other hand, investigation of the BPP by the FBI might be made easier and it might also cut down on the number of BPP supporters.

Clark was asked to whom the main BPP case was assigned and to whom COINTEL had been assigned in the San Francisco Division. Clark replied that he did not remember but possibly during the time of his supervision, more than one Agent had handled the matters.

Seidel asked how many BPP informants the San Francisco Division had. Clark replied he did not recall ~~because~~ and he did not believe that Seidel had a right to know. }

Seidel inquired about the BPP wire tap, asking who had requested the tap, the Bureau or the San Francisco Division. Again, Clark replied that he did not recall but the San Francisco Division would not have necessarily waited for the Bureau to initiate the matter but might have requested the Bureau rather than the Bureau having initiated the matter.

Seidel wanted to have an example of a COINTEL proposal. He was not given a specific example but general conversation was had to the effect that any move that might be suggested that would aid the San Francisco Division in their investigation of the BPP in determining their supporters and financiers and possibly disenchanting those individuals might be an example.

Seidel did not ask Clark whether he had done a particular thing.

Questioned concerning whether he felt COINTEL had been effective, Clark replied he did not believe the matter was susceptible to proof but the BPP had sure gone into a steep decline.

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Seidel again brought up the Seberg matter and asked if it had done any good. Clark stated he replied, "Maybe."

During this conversation, Clark got the general impression that perhaps Seidel did not feel that COINTEL had been necessary but Clark had argued that it had made the BPP more difficult to operate and possibly easier for the FBI to investigate.

Seidel then wanted to know what there was about the BPP that caused such a concentration of FBI investigative attention. Clark pointed out that this would have to be answered in the context of time, that at the time the program was initiated, there was no doubt that the BPP was a violent, racist organization opposing all law enforcement, attacking officers and generally disturbing the tranquility of the community.

Seidel then went on to discuss the business of pressure. Had Special Agent in Charge Charles W. Bates and the Bureau put too much pressure on the matter? Clark stated there was undoubtedly pressure because everyone was interested in doing the best type job possible and finding out everything possible concerning the BPP. There was obvious pressure from the Bureau in the matter and the Bureau, in a case like this, could never be satisfied. Clark stated that he related that perhaps too much pressure had come from the Bureau because he had felt at the time he was a supervisor that San Francisco Division knew more about the BPP than the Bureau. On the other hand, he related that Bureau officials were probably under pressure because of the national interest and the demands on them in Washington.

Seidel related that he was interested in ascertaining what Agent would make the best witness to appear in Washington to explain and testify concerning COINTEL. He specifically requested Clark's recommendation and mentioned the names of Special Agents Leo S. Brenneisen of San Francisco and Bob Baker of Los Angeles. Clark stated that he had countered by suggesting that somebody in Washington who directed the program and approved all proposals might be a better witness.

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Clark recalled that near the first of the interview, Seidel probably, more to make conversation than to obtain information, asked a few questions concerning US and the Republic of North Africa (RNA). He was advised that US had not been active in this division and there had been no pertinent RNA activity brought to his attention. Seidel asked if Ron Karenga of US had visited San Francisco and Clark replied he had no exact recollection of this.

Seidel talked and asked Clark's opinion on the separation into different agencies of the Bureau's criminal and security investigations. Clark stated that he told Seidel that in the past he had considered this and felt that frankly it might have advantages, and at the same time, might have disadvantages. He pointed out that the disadvantages were that you could not be sure that it, in fact, would work and that if you remove the security investigations from the Bureau, you would undoubtedly lose a great deal, including public support.

Seidel asked if Clark had worked under former SAC Harry-Morgan. He advised that he had retired prior to the time Morgan was assigned to the San Francisco Division.

Clark pointed out that during the interview, a recorder appeared prominently on his desk, and Seidel could, of course, not be sure that it was not in operation, although as the duration of the interview lengthened, it must have been obvious to Seidel that it was not operating.



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On August 12, 1975, retired former SA David E. Todd was interviewed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. by Lester B. Seidel, Investigator for the SSC. The interview took place at the Holiday Inn, San Francisco.

By way of background, in all contacts with Seidel previously, former SA Todd has indicated to him great reluctance to discuss these matters without clearance from the Bureau, and pointed out to Seidel that the Bureau had released former SA Todd from the Employment Secrecy Agreement for the purpose of a staff interview, but Seidel was told that former SA Todd did not think it was either his responsibility or his prerogative to provide information or make information public; that while employed he was acting as an Agent of the Federal Government and felt it was the responsibility of the Federal Government to provide the information, and that if the Senate Committee desired information from former SA Todd, the questions should have been submitted to him in writing, and his answers should have been made in writing and first forwarded to the FBI, and then after the FBI determined it advisable to make these answers available to the Committee, that would have been the proper channel.

Seidel pointed out the Committee and the Bureau had made an agreement whereby the Bureau would make Agents available to the Committee for interview. Former SA Todd pointed out to Seidel that he is not in the category of an Agent, being a retired Agent, and at this point there was no additional discussion on this matter.

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Seidel was also told that nothing that was said by former SA Todd should be interpreted as being critical of the Counterintelligence Program (COINTEL) itself, and that if the Bureau felt that such a Program was necessary in the interest of national defense, he had carried it out in the best way he saw fit, and that in recommending against specific proposals as being impractical or inadvisable, these recommendations were against the specific incidents recommended and not against the Program as a whole.

Seidel's first questions dealt with former SA Todd's background and the extent of his Bureau service, and whether he had worked security or criminal matters. Former SA Todd gave him chronologically the offices in which he had served in the Bureau, and stated he had been associated from 1952 to 1956 with the Domestic Intelligence Division, Washington, D.C., and had become Supervisor in San Francisco in December, 1969, of the Black Panther Party (BPP), and that during his Bureau career he had worked both criminal and security matters.

Seidel asked the name of the squad which was originally the Racial Squad, and subsequently changed to Extremist Matters, and he asked whether the work was strictly intelligence, or whether it combined intelligence or criminal work. It was pointed out Bombing Matters were originally being handled on this Squad for a period of time, and that both the criminal activities of the Panthers, as well as intelligence activities, were combined in the assignment.

Seidel then asked when the technical surveillances on the Panthers were installed. Former SA Todd replied that they were functioning at the time he was appointed Supervisor. Seidel then asked how was the technical surveillance related to the COINTEL, if at all, and specifically whether information coming from the technical surveillance was used in carrying out the COINTEL. Former SA Todd advised that he could not recall specifically what was done in either Program without reviewing the files and comparing the information therein with the source. Seidel seemed very interested in this, but actually the question could not be answered on the basis of recollection alone, and was not.

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Seidel then asked how would the Panther COINTEL be defined with regard to aims, techniques and results. The answer to this was that the aims were to counter generally the revolutionary objectives and activities of the Panthers. The question concerning techniques was left unanswered, and as far as results go, former SA Todd told Seidel that he did not feel there had been any great results from the Program as it was pursued in the San Francisco Office, but he could not speak for the rest of the Program as far as the Bureau is concerned.

Seidel asked whether the Agents working the criminal aspects of the BPP received information that was received from a technical source, and he was told procedures by which information had been routed to them in their cases, and that at the time we operated these technical surveillances, we felt they had been installed lawfully, and that the information received could be used.

Seidel asked whether there was a great deal of pressure put on the San Francisco Office for the development of informants. He was told yes, that informants were the backbone of good law enforcement and the Bureau constantly urged better informant coverage.

Seidel asked if there had been similar pressure placed on the office in the COINTEL, and former SA Todd replied that he did not feel that any great pressure had been put on the office to carry out this Program, but that the Bureau had recommended the Program, however, had left it up to the office pretty much as to how it should be carried out.

Seidel asked whether the Program had been successful in causing dissension within the Party. Former SA Todd told him that he did not feel this had been particularly effective in any way, and that causing dissension had not been a primary objective of the Program in the San Francisco Office, and that the policy had been to use the Program for primarily two purposes: 1) for the purpose of developing informants by attempting to dissuade them from their loyalties to the Party; and 2) to make representations to Panthers for whom outstanding arrest warrants had been issued in order to flush them out so they could be apprehended.

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Seidel asked specifically about the COINTEL involving the Breakfast Program, and was told a recommendation had been made for putting some kind of contamination in the Breakfast Program food, and that this office had felt this extremely inadvisable and recommended against it, and it was not carried out here.

Former SA Todd was also asked about a COINTEL proposal relating to "The Black Panther" newspapers, and was told that such a proposal had been made involving saturating the papers with a foul smelling fish oil or some substance, however, we recommended against this as it would serve no purpose.

Seidel was advised that the San Francisco policy had been to recommend against harassment, per se, and also recommended against leaking information to the press. Seidel then raised the question about the incident where Huey P. Newton's high standard of living was given to the press, and he was told that this fell into the category of informant development on the basis it was felt that if those Panthers who were living practically in poverty could realize what Newton's standards of living were, it might change their allegiance to him and they could be contacted for informant purposes.

Seidel was also told that in this phase of the COINTEL, it was former SA Todd's recollection that this information regarding Newton's high standard of living had been disseminated by informants, and that the press was well aware of Newton's standards of living without having to make this information available to them.

Seidel asked what the instructions had been from the Bureau in carrying out the COINTEL. Former SA Todd told Seidel that he had reviewed this file after being appointed Supervisor, but could not recall specifically what the Bureau instructions were. The only other instructions received were at a two day conference in Washington, D.C., on BPP matters conducted by former Assistant to the Director William Sullivan, and Section Chief George Moore, at which time it was pointed out that the Bureau desired the COINTEL to be coordinated with the Bureau, but that former SA Todd did not recall any firm prohibition against

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taking certain actions without Bureau authority, and that the field had some leeway in what they did, but, in general, offices made proposals to the Bureau with copies to San Francisco prior to taking any action. Seidel asked why San Francisco got copies of all proposals, and was told this was because San Francisco was office of origin in the BPP case and other offices were required to furnish a copy of all correspondence.

Seidel then asked to what extent Special Agent in Charge Charles W. Bates had knowledge of the COINTEL as it related to the BPP, and he was told that former SA Todd could not speak for Bates and his knowledge would be dependent upon how carefully he read incoming mail and reviewed files, and former SA Todd had no knowledge as to what extent Bates did this.

Seidel was told that under the supervisory setup in the office at the time, former SA Todd felt it was his responsibility to direct this Program in San Francisco and not Bates.

Seidel indicated that out of his investigation in the hearings, undoubtedly there would be some legislation coming out of Congress that would either enable or prohibit such things as the COINTEL, and he stated that was one reason he was asking concerning its effectiveness, and wondered what former SA Todd would recommend. Seidel was told that former SA Todd felt it essential that the Government should have the right to defend itself against individuals and groups who advocate violent revolution or who are aligned with foreign powers, and that there was a need for some sort of legislation within the framework of constitutional government which would enable the Government to do this; but, of course, it should be done under proper control. Seidel asked for suggestions as to what sort of control, and was told that this was a matter for Congress to decide, but perhaps Congress should look into some legislation similar to wiretap legislation, where the responsibility is upon a Federal judge to issue a warrant.

Former SA Todd had prepared a brief summary of what he recalled of the activities of the BPP, and he made a copy of this available to Seidel. Former SA Todd also had made a chronology to assist him in answering questions, together with

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some notes concerning COINTEL policy, former SA Todd's general recollection of matters, questions of law regarding agent - principal, privileged information problems, ongoing litigation and national defense, and informants and sources. Seidel asked for a copy of this chronology and this, too, was given to him.

Seidel expressed great interest in receiving the one page summary of the Panthers' activities, and stated that he had chosen the Panthers for a case study, and he seemed more interested in this than in the COINTEL. He also indicated that there might be future interviews and that former SA Todd might be called as a witness before the Committee at a later date.

At the outset of the interview, Seidel asked whether former SA Todd desired his rights be read to him. Former SA Todd told him that since he did not interpret this as a custodial interview, and it was his understanding Seidel had no police power, that he could forego reading the rights.

Former SA Todd did not feel it was necessary to consult with a Bureau representative at this time.

The above information was furnished by former SA Todd voluntarily and was not solicited.

CHRONOLOGY

Approximate
Dates

Dec. 1969 Designated supervisor. Reviewed Cointelpro file.
No recollection of any actions by S. F. in file.

Feb. 1970 Conference in Washington, D.C. Briefed on Baltimore
Black Panther murder. Cointelpro discussed.

May 1970 Cointelpro letter. Suggestion rejected by S. F.
Aug 1970 Marin Court shootout (Jonathan Jackson-Judge Haley)
Aug 1970 Cleaver released from prison.

Jan 1971 Letters to Algeria to provoke Cleaver to return to
U. S. so arrest could be effected.

Feb 1971 Newton becomes Supreme Commander, Cleaver expelled.

March 1971. Robert Webb murder.

April 1971 Sam Napier murder.
April 1971 Two New York police officers wounded.
May 1971 Four New York police officers murdered.

August 1971 George Jackson killed in prison break attempt.
August 1971 Officer Kowalski murder attempt - Washington & Bottom arrest
August 1971 S. F. Ingleside Station attack - Officer Young murdered.

Dec. 1971 Retired.

COINTELPRO:

Recommended against many proposals.
Approved recommendation to try to induce Cleaver
to return to U. S.
Would have approved actions to persuade Panthers
to change loyalty from Party and become informants, but
cannot recall any specific ones.
Would not have approved any proposals solely for
harrassment or for leaking information to press; there
must have been some bona fide investigative purpose
behind proposal before considering it.

RECOLLECTION:

Recall only generalities. Requested if could review
Bureau files prior to interview. This was denied.
Cannot testify with any specificity without review
of files.

AGENT-PRINCIPAL PRIVILEGED INFORMATION:

Sensitive techniques
Informants & Sources
Ongoing Investigations
Foreign Intelligence

Ongoing litigation: Panthers v. FBI & IRS, USDC, S. F. Civil rights.

National Defense: Documents reviewed were classified.

Does executive branch have right to defend nation against advocates of revolution (public interest issue).

Informants & sources: Cannot reveal. (Includes information that might reveal identity.)

Neither my responsibility nor my prerogative to ^{provide or} make this information public. I was acting as an agent of the Federal government, and it is responsibility of government to provide the information

Any questions should be submitted in writing and my answers in writing should be forwarded to FBI and if FBI deems it advisable to make these answers available to Committee, that should be proper channel.

The investigation of the Black Panther Party was a National Defense matter. Information on file points to collaboration with foreign powers by leaders of the Party.

Throughout the two-year period in which I supervised the investigation there were strong liaisons between Black Panthers and dissident groups abroad as well as with the governments of foreign nations. The Black Panthers had support and/or branches in France, Germany and Scandinavia, and were international in scope. Eldridge Cleaver, wanted on felony warrants, had been granted asylum in Algeria and with his entourage was residing in a villa provided by the Algerian government. During this period he made at least one trip to Moscow, Russia. Several Black Panthers travelled to Cuba. Huey Newton, in 1971, travelled to Red China by way of Canada and Hong Kong at the invitation of the Chinese government at a time when the United States had no diplomatic relations with them.

At the time I began serving as supervisor in late 1969, the Black Panther Party was under co-leadership of Huey Newton, then confined to prison in California, and Eldridge Cleaver, living in exile in Algeria. The Black Panther Party, both in the newspaper it published weekly at San Francisco, and in public statements by its officers and leaders, advocated violent revolution; it published instructions on guerrilla warfare, directions for the use of weapons, and printed detailed drawings and instructions on the manufacture of bombs and explosive devices, and it agitated openly for the murder of police officers. The term "off the pigs," which means "kill the police," was a Black Panther catchphrase. The history of the Black Panther Party during the period I acted as supervisor is replete with incidents of murder, violence and inciting to revolution. The revolutionary quotation of Mao Tse-Tung, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," became a Black Panther motto.

Sometime in early 1971 a split occurred in the Black Panther Party. Huey Newton, following his release from prison in 1970, gained control of one faction headquartered in Berkeley, California, and he broke openly with Eldridge Cleaver, publicly expelling Cleaver and Cleaver's lieutenants from the Party. The Newton faction thereafter gradually took a more moderate approach, advocating social change through community service in place of its prior profile of violence. No change was noted in the policies of the Cleaver faction directed from Algiers, and it continued to advocate violent revolution; it began publication in New York of its own newspaper proclaiming its revolutionary policies; and followers belonging to this faction continued to commit crimes of violence.

The following crimes of violence attributed to the Cleaver faction of the Black Panthers have been documented in the book "Target Blue," by former Deputy Police Commissioner Robert Daley of New York City (Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1973):

Ambush attacks against police officers which resulted in 7 officers murdered, 3 wounded, and one attempted murder thwarted, which led to the solution of the other cases and established these attacks to be a nationwide conspiracy; and the murder of two Newton-faction Black Panthers.



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Prior to interview by SSC Staff Member, SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN telephonically contacted SA DENNIS MILLER at FBI Headquarters making four inquiries on August 6, 1975; on the same date, the following answers were received:

Is it permissible for agent to give general answers concerning the Black Panther Party (BPP) as to membership number and Chapter numbers at various dates?

Answer: Yes.

Local media has previously set forth a memorandum purportedly from the FBI, San Francisco Office, suggesting consideration should be given to furnishing fabricated documents originating with the Oakland Police Department and the FBI, San Francisco, when, in fact, the memorandum came from the Bureau. If questioned concerning this memorandum, may agent point out that this document originated with the Bureau rather than San Francisco?

Answer: Yes.

In contemplation of possible questioning concerning false correspondence directed to ELDRIDGE CLEAVER and others abroad, can agent refer SSC Staff to Bureau when questioned concerning identity of agents preparing correspondence?

Answer: Yes.

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Is it necessary for agent to express an opinion as to morality, legality of said Counterintelligence Program (COINTEL)?

Answer: You are not obliged to answer those questions you do not desire to answer, but if you wish you may comment on the legality or morality of the plan.

SA DENNIS MILLER related that he desired that it be borne in mind that the Bureau in no way wished to impede the SSC investigation.

LESTER B. SEIDEL, SSC Staff Member, appeared at the San Francisco Office of the FBI on August 11, 1975, and interviewed SA LEO BRENNEISEN from 1:03 PM to 2:30 PM. SEIDEL prefaced the interview by explaining that he had been advised that BRENNEISEN was the Coordinator for the COINTEL in San Francisco from May 16, 1969 to May 1, 1970. It was pointed out to him that the case was assigned to agent from May 16, 1969 to May 1, 1971.

SEIDEL asked if agent had, in fact, approved all proposals coming from the San Francisco Office. He was advised that not necessarily because if another agent made a proposal the person approving it in San Francisco would be the person signing the outgoing mail, namely, the Supervisor or Relief Supervisor.

SEIDEL asked what Squad agent had been assigned to during this Program, and he was advised S-6. He inquired if there was any COINTEL in San Francisco against US; he was advised to the contrary. He inquired as to the usual number of cases assigned agent, and was advised that to agent's best recollection probably 30 at any one time. He asked if agent's work was exclusively security during the handling of the COINTEL Program and he was advised agent did have some criminal assignments. He inquired if there was any relationship between COINTEL and criminal assignments, and he was advised no and that agent desired to limit the scope of his questioning to the COINTEL Program.

SEIDEL then asked how many suggestions the agent had submitted in COINTEL. He was advised that an estimate would be difficult but probably the nearest figure would be some two suggestions a month, with possibly six months in two years when no suggestions were made. He inquired as to agent's knowledge of what percentage of total proposals from all sources submitted to the Bureau had been approved, and he was advised only a small percentage.

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At this point, SEIDEL requested agent to outline the types of COINTEL proposals submitted by San Francisco. He was answered that anonymous letters, letters with pseudonyms, and letters signed with the name of an existing person had been used.

It was pointed out that the program had included the use of anonymous letters, including those directed to landlords advising that the Black Panther Party was occupying their property; letters to people supporting BPP programs, including the Breakfast Program and enclosing copies of the BPP color book for children encouraging the shooting of police officers and/or articles from the "Black Panther Party", the official BPP newspaper, showing their propensity and advocacy of violence; letters to organizations containing articles that showed the BPP in direct opposition to their aims, such as a letter to a Jewish organization showing BPP support of Palestine guerrillas.

It was pointed out that letters had been directed to ELDRIDGE CLEAVER in Algeria in the names of BPP members. At this point, SEIDEL interrupted to explain that he was enlisting the complete cooperation of the interviewee, that there had been some Congressional criticism of the COINTEL, that there were some segments of the population that were anti-FBI and that he desired to present the FBI in a proper light, and that he had good friends in the Bureau.

SEIDEL asked, was it necessary to have utilized COINTEL. Agent advised that it was difficult to correctly judge the effect of the program but it was felt it was not without some effect because the Black Panther Party had not only dwindled from a membership of approximately 1,000 in 1969 to perhaps 200 in 1973, but that the organization became split with dissension and had dropped much of its former advocacy for violence.

SEIDEL then requested that the agent give his recommendation on what COINTEL in the future should be; whether there should be a division between security and criminal investigations to different agencies in order that a possible intrusion on the rights of an individual in intelligence matters might not necessarily preclude his being prosecuted by the Bureau in a criminal matter. Agent

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refused to furnish his "off-the-cuff" opinion, pointing out that he felt that it was without the scope of his release.

Without further questioning agent concerning the types of COINTEL proposals, SEIDEL next asked if the Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) on the BPP was in operation at the time COINTEL was initiated, and what proposals were submitted in COINTEL based on information from ELSUR.

SEIDEL was advised agent's release would not allow him to discuss ELSUR.

SEIDEL asked if the San Francisco Division had made any "snitch" proposals. When asked to clarify the question, he stated that this was a suggestion to the effect that a Black Panther Party member be accused of being an FBI informant. Agent replied that to the best of his recollection no such recommendations had been made to the Bureau by San Francisco, and on the contrary, agent knew that it had been pointed out by San Francisco that any such allegation should be most carefully considered inasmuch as BPP history has indicated that they had dealt severely with suspected informants, even to the point of killing them.

SEIDEL then asked if the San Francisco Division had received a great deal of "flak" from the Bureau on this program. He was advised that the Bureau operates a "tickler system" for following investigations and that the program had received some priority from the FBI but agent had never considered correspondence from the Bureau as being "flak".

SEIDEL at this point instead of questioning made the statement that the Bureau gave this matter "high priority". No comment was made to this statement.

SEIDEL next questioned agent if he had read any publicity concerning a May 11, 1970 letter from the Bureau to San Francisco entitled, "Special Operations Research", in which it was suggested that some consideration be given to furnishing the BPP spurious documents that supposedly originated with the Oakland Police Department and the FBI. He explained that some newspaper had received a copy of the document under the Freedom of Information Act and thereafter published it. He inquired if a response to the letter

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had been made by San Francisco. Agent advised that it was his recollection that San Francisco had responded recommending against both proposals, pointing out that the BPP had in the short past published contingency plans of the Berkeley Police Department for a raid on National Headquarters to the embarrassment of that agency. San Francisco was of the opinion that if spurious documents were furnished to the BPP they would immediately publish them, rather than attempt to develop an informant and the operation presented a great deal of possible embarrassment and publicity for the Bureau.

SEIDEL asked for agent's knowledge of why the letter had been captioned as previously described rather than Counterintelligence Program, Black Panther Party. Agent stated he had no recollection of exact caption of the letter. SEIDEL then went on to explain that he had been advised that the Bureau had several COINTELS and the one covering Special Operations Research was a COINTEL covering foreign operations. Agent made no comment.

SEIDEL requested what proposals had been made to disrupt the BPP newspaper; how did the proposals originate, and what offices submitted them. He was advised that it was agent's recollection that the Bureau may have requested suggestions from several offices but that to agent's knowledge none had been approved. When SEIDEL continued to question the agent concerning specific proposals and why their approval was not recommended by San Francisco, he was advised that one proposal was the use of a foul-smelling chemical to put on the paper. San Francisco was of the opinion it would not be practical inasmuch as it would contaminate an airplane and would subject the airline or the printing company to damages. SEIDEL was further advised that it was believed the suggestion may have been made for the changing of a first page of an issue at the printing company to embarrass the BPP, but it was pointed out that this would also merely result in a claim being filed against the printer.

SEIDEL was advised that there may have been a suggestion that some thought should be given to the possible delay of the plates for the paper, that suggestion coming at the time when the paper was being printed in New York with the master copy being filmed in San Francisco. San Francisco did not suggest approval because a mere delay would have been of little benefit because the paper was not timely.

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SEIDEL asked about the disruption of the BPP Breakfast Program. The answer was given that agent had no recollection of this, and SEIDEL was asked did he have any information from the Bureau that we had attempted a disruption of the program in San Francisco. He related that he believed not and that it probably happened in San Diego.

SEIDEL asked about a suggestion that informants set up a possible confrontation between the BPP and the Republic of New Africa (RNA). Agent stated he had no recollection of such a proposal and did not believe it had been submitted by San Francisco because the membership and activity in RNA had been minimal in this area.

SEIDEL then asked if we had suggested that landlords in the San Francisco area be encouraged to insist on their rent from the BPP. Agent advised he had no recollection of this, but could see nothing wrong in it.

SEIDEL inquired as to the amount of knowledge that SAC CHARLES BATES would have had concerning COINTEL. He was advised that agent had no information, that he, himself, had never discussed the program with Mr. BATES while it was in operation. SEIDEL then inquired if former SAC HARRY MORGAN had been ill during the time he was assigned to San Francisco and the reason for his transfer. Agent replied ~~he had no information concerning this matter.~~ |||

SEIDEL was asked if he felt that any of the actions agent described as being taken by the San Francisco Division were illegal. SEIDEL stated that he did not believe that these were matters that were in violation of any existing criminal statutes, but there might be some question as to whether the FBI had the specific authority to do these things.

SEIDEL ended the interview by again reiterating that he was a friend of the Bureau, that he was making an inquiry and desired to obtain the opinions of both Headquarters and agents in the field, and that he may make a request to the Bureau to widen the scope of agent's release.

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Agent was not placed under oath and when agent refused to furnish opinions in those cases noted above or to discuss ELSUR, SEIDEL suggested that he, SEIDEL, put away his pencil and pad. Agent replied that that was not necessary. The only right explained to agent was the fact that all information furnished by him was at his own volition and was entirely voluntary. No mention was made that any part of the interview might be utilized in a possible court proceeding against the agent.

Agent did not consult with Bureau representative during course of the interview.



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On the evening of August 11, 1975, Mr. Lester Seidel and Mr. Lockⁿ Johnson, Staff Members of the Senate Select Committee, met with Special Agent in Charge Charles W. Bates of the San Francisco Office. This meeting occurred over dinner. No statements were made by either of these individuals as to any rights that SAC Bates might have in connection with the interview.

During the dinner, Mr. Seidel referred to COINTELPRO involving the FBI's investigation of the Black Panther Party in San Francisco. Bates advised him that he was in charge of the San Francisco Office from July, 1967 until the end of April, 1970, when he was transferred to Chicago. Bates stated that he was aware of the investigation being conducted on the Black Panther Party but was not personally conversant with all the details of this investigation as such details were all contained in the FBI's file. On at least two occasions Mr. Seidel referred to specific facts occurring in other parts of the country involving anonymous letters sent to individuals under COINTELPRO. He asked if Bates agreed that these actions were proper. Mr. Seidel was told that Bates had no way of knowing the facts as he related were true or any other of the circumstances involved and that, therefore, he was unable to comment at all.

Mr. Seidel asked if Bates had any recommendations for legislation which the Committee could propose that would assist the FBI in the domestic counterintelligence field. Bates informed him that he was not fully conversant with this entire field and that it was the prerogative of FBI officials at Washington and Department of Justice officials to recommend such legislation.

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Mr. Seidel also inquired as to whether Bates felt that an extension of electronic surveillances into the domestic intelligence field would be of assistance. Bates informed him that the FBI was operating according to current court decisions as involve electronic surveillances and that the courts had recently precluded this action in strictly domestic intelligence matters. Mr. Seidel was informed that this was a decision for FBI officials in Washington.

On several occasions during the evening, Mr. Johnson asked Bates if he was aware of the "Houston Plan." On each occasion Bates informed him that he was not aware of the "Houston Plan" and his only knowledge of it is what he has seen in the public press. At one time Mr. Johnson asked if Bates thought that Mr. Hoover had turned down the "Houston Plan" because he was afraid for his job. Bates again replied that he had no firsthand knowledge having anything to do with the "Houston Plan" but he was certainly aware that Mr. Hoover was not afraid of anything or anyone.

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Seidel asked if Bates felt that the use of "black bag jobs" would be of advantage in conducting domestic counterintelligence operations. Bates replied that he had no personal direct knowledge of such matters and had never been involved in such matters.

During the evening, ^{OVERSIGHT} Mr. Seidel asked if Bates felt that a congressional ~~oversite~~ committee of the FBI was sound and proper. Bates informed that he certainly agreed with the concept of congressional ~~oversight~~ ^{OVERSIGHT} as long as it was constructive and not destructive. Mr. Seidel asked if Bates felt that the FBI's security operation should be completely divorced from its criminal responsibilities and handled as a separate agency or a separate part of the FBI. Bates informed him that it appeared that the FBI's efforts in both the criminal and the security field had been effective and appeared to be proper in its present context. Mr. Seidel inquired if Bates was personally acquainted with Mr. William C. Sullivan, former FBI official. Mr. Seidel was informed that Bates worked in the same division with Mr. Sullivan in the 1950's and knew him as another supervisor at FBI Headquarters.

Seidel then asked if Bates was aware of the disagreements that Mr. Sullivan had had with Mr. Hoover and he was informed that he had no details concerning this matter.

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Mr. Seidel asked if Bates knew former SAC Harry Morgan. Bates told him that he knew him as he had replaced him as SAC in San Francisco at the end of April, 1970. He then asked if Bates was aware of why Mr. Morgan was transferred from San Francisco. Bates told him that some problem had arisen in connection with his running the San Francisco Office but that he was not personally aware of the specific details. but that they would be available at FBI Headquarters. Seidel said the only reason he was asking was that he was thinking about interviewing Mr. Morgan but he did not want to embarrass him and then asked if Morgan's transfer from San Francisco had anything to do with a drinking problem. Bates said again that he was not aware of the specifics.

On the afternoon of August 13, 1975, Mr. ^{Loch} Lock Johnson came into the San Francisco FBI Office saying he had just a few more questions he wanted to ask Bates. He then asked if the San Francisco Office was involved in foreign counter-intelligence work, and he was informed that we were as were many other FBI offices. He then asked if we surveilled everyone who went into or came out of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco. He was informed that Bates did not intend to discuss with him any investigative techniques or anything having to do with pending investigations. Mr. Johnson said he was attempting to find some individual who was an expert in foreign counterintelligence, particularly the Soviet threat to the United States. Bates informed him that there were probably a number of people in the United States who would qualify in this category but Bates did not consider himself as an expert in this field.

The above represents specific matters brought up during these discussions.

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It is noted that accompanying the LHM concerning interview of former SA DAVID E. TODD is a three-page xerox of a brief summary and chronology prepared by TODD and furnished to Mr. SEIDEL. It is noted that the chronology under the date of 8/19/70 bears a notation, "CLEAVER released from prison." TODD obviously meant HUEY NEWTON, instead of CLEAVER.

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