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SSC REQUEST

December 18, 1975

ITEM 1 a.
b.

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Incident # 69,11

Question A

(Revised 2/24/75)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE
CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTER - BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party (BPP), organized in December, 1966, at Oakland, California, by Huey P. Newton and Bobby George Seale, has the publicly-stated purpose of organizing black people to take control of the life, politics and destiny of the black community. The Party, operating the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service, publishes a newspaper called "The Black Panther," which at one time openly advocated the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in a revolutionary program to end the oppression of the black people but since early 1971 has spoken for a survival program pending revolution. BPP national headquarters, aka Black Panther Intercommunal Headquarters, is located in Oakland, California.

While openly advocating direct overthrow of the U. S. Government by force and violence until 1971, leaders have since avoided extreme statements in favor of calling for action within the established order. Newton, in an interview appearing in the May, 1973, issue of "Playboy" magazine, stated the Panthers' chief ambition is to change the American Government by any means necessary but that ultimately such change will be through armed violence.

Despite its claimed dedication to community service, indicators of the BPP's continued attraction to violence persist. Since July, 1974, Newton and other BPP members have been arrested in Oakland, California, for threatening police officers, murder of a 17-year-old female and the pistol whipping of Newton's tailor. Newton failed to appear on these charges and is now a local fugitive. Additionally, one died and three were wounded as a result of a shooting at a BPP-sponsored dance in Oakland, California, in October, 1974.

Incident # 14-15

Question A

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

The Secret Army Organization (SAO) was clandestinely formed during the Fall of 1971 in Arizona. Membership to date has been small and it appears to have the same basic tenets as the Minutemen. In fact, several of those involved in SAO were formerly active in the Minutemen. The mail drop for this organization reportedly is in care of an individual in Ramona, California, who has been involved in Minutemen and white-hate activities in the past.

This ultraconservative paramilitary organization was recently involved in extremist activities in San Diego, California. Members of this group reportedly made threatening telephone calls to a local college professor who is active in a group which plans to organize demonstrations at the forthcoming Republican National Convention. Following these telephone calls, a member of SAO fired shots from an automobile into the professor's home, wounding a guest.

Incident # 21

Question a.

(predication)

1A

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6908)

DATE: 4/15/74

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, NEWARK (157-2011) (P)

SUBJECT: FRANK AUGUST DRAGER, JR.
EM-WHITE ACTION MOVEMENT
OO: NEWARK

Re Newark teletype to Bureau 1/14/74; Bureau letter to Newark 2/13/74; Springfield teletype to Bureau 3/8/74; Springfield letter to Bureau 3/21/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed is one LHM for each receiving office for information purposes.

- NK T-1 is PH 811-E informant
- NK T-2 is an acquaintance of subject confidential source
- NK T-3 is IP 3373-E informant
- NK T-4 is an individual in the Dover Township PD confidential source

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is possibly engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens), Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities), Civil Rights Act of 1968, or related Civil Rights Statutes.

The subject claimed on 9/27/73 to be the acting Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is recommended DRAGER be continued as a subject of ADEX, inasmuch as he has since 9/12/73, been traveling the East Coast claiming to be a Grand Dragon of the KKK and overall coordinator for all right-wing organizations located on the

- 1 cc 622 08
- 2-Bureau (Enc. 7)
- 1-Cincinnati (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1-Indianapolis (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1-Kansas City (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1-Miami (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1-Philadelphia (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1-Springfield (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 2-Newark
- CFM/mla/jz

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
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East Coast. The subject has twice been arrested for possession of weapons since September, 1973, and has been in receipt of white-hate extremist literature. DRAGER has shown a propensity for violence in the past and has allegedly admitted participation in a bombing. DRAGER has shown a willingness and capability to engage in terrorism or other such acts which would result in the interference with or a threat to the survival and effective operation of National, State or local governments.

One copy of LHM being disseminated locally to Secret Service, Newark.

Two copies of FD-376 attached, along with photograph of DRAGER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Newark in receipt of insufficient information to characterize the American White Nationalist Party mentioned in attached LHM.

Incident # 22

Question A

LS 185-6

On September 6, 1974, detailed information developed during Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation concerning the discovery of five (5) sticks of dynamite inside the Meditation Room of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Building, New York, New York, on August 7, 1974, was presented to a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ), Southern District of New York (SDNY), New York, New York, which subsequently returned a sealed true bill indictment against MICHAEL HALSEY BROWN, 101 Cherry Road, Berea, Kentucky, charging BROWN with violation Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 (Conspiracy), 112A (Attempt to Injure Foreign Diplomat or Official Guest of the United States) and 970 (Protection of Foreign Diplomatic Establishments and International Organizations), on same date. Following the above indictment, a bench warrant was issued for MICHAEL HALSEY BROWN by United States District Court Judge WILLIAM C. CONNOR, SDNY, New York, New York, with \$100,000 surety bond recommended.

SSC REQUEST

December 18, 1975

ITEM 1 b.

for retention, SSC unit

Enclosed to

639, 21, (14, 15), 21, 22

The following symbols were utilized to delineate some of the agencies to which the FBI disseminated information. These symbols are located on the bottom half of the first page of each document disseminated.

ACSI - Army Intelligence
ONI - Naval Intelligence
OSI - Air Force Intelligence
DEPT (ISD, CRD, RAO, IDIV, CRIM, IDN) - U. S. Department of Justice
SS; SEC SER - Secret Service

Ex. 1. 15
Incident # 9

Question b.

F B I

Date: 3/12/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-41)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (105-5504) -P-

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RM

NE *TDL*

Re Richmond teletype to the Director and WFO dated 2/27/69 and WFO teletype to the Director and Richmond dated 2/28/69.

Enclosed for Bureau dissemination are nine copies of LHM re possible burglary of Hunter's Haven, aka Potomac Arms at 0 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va., which is a gun dealer firm. Dissemination being made via FD 342 to the following:

- 116th MIG, Washington, D.C.
- NISO, Washington, D.C.
- OSI, Suitland Hall, Washington, D.C.
- U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.
- Alcohol, Tobacco Tax Division, Washington, D.C.

Enclosed for the information of San Francisco and WFO is one copy of LHM.

*RAO: ISD, CRD, CRIM, IDIV;
SS, ACST, OSI
By HRS 3/18/69
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105-165706-41-3

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 9) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Encl. 1) (RM) (157-2159)
- 4 - Richmond
 - (2 - 105-5504)
 - (1 - 157-2304)
 - (1 - 66-2521A)

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Richmond, Virginia

March 12, 1969

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Information was received from Inspector Francis Johnson, Alexandria, Virginia Police Department on February 27, 1969 to the effect that an unknown source of information to the Alexandria, Virginia Police Department had recently been approached by persons, which that source described as Black Panther members, had requested the floor plans for Hunter's Haven, also known as Potomac Arms, located at 0 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia. This company conducts business in the sale of firearms and ammunition.

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SOURCE OF
OTHER LAW
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AGENCY

The Alexandria, Virginia Police Department established appropriate surveillance at this company, and an unknown person was seen to cut through the cyclone fence approximately 7:30 P.M. on March 1, 1969, and thereafter crawl under the building. An attempt was made by this individual to saw a hole through the floor of the building, but the would-be burglar was hampered in his sawing operation by guns and cases, which obstructed his sawing as well as the cold and water under the building. He was seen to depart through the hole in the fence, which he then temporarily repaired. He was not successful in gaining access to the building nor in obtaining any weapons. No arrests were made, hoping that accomplices would also be involved.

Inspector Johnson advised on March 3 and March 10, 1969 that the police have a "monitoring device" at the building, which will alert them at the police headquarters to any unusual noises after working hours, inasmuch as they have withdrawn their surveillance team. He stated that the source of information is not a member of the Black Panthers, but that the source continues to describe the burglars as such.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

105-1657-1-3

ENCLOSURE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

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

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Richmond, Virginia

March 12, 1969

Title BLACK PANTHER PARTY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference Richmond communication dated
 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Incident #

6-11

Question b.

FBI

Date: 11/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (105-165706 Sub 15)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-3075) (P)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
DETROIT DIVISION
RM
OO: Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4-14-94 BY SP8 MAC/EH
(JFK)

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, dated 11/8/68,
captioned "DEVELOPMENT OF RACIAL INFORMANTS IN THE BLACK
PANTHER PARTY (BPP), RM, OO: SAN FRANCISCO".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
and for San Francisco two copies of an LHM regarding captioned
matter. Two copies of the LHM are furnished Secret Service
and G-2 and one copy of the LHM is furnished the USA, all
Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Division has pending cases in regards
to LUKE TRIPP, LEONARD BROWN, VICTOR STEWART, MARIAN KRAMER,
JOHN WILLIAMS and LONNIE PEEKS. Vigorous investigation is
being conducted by the Detroit Division to ascertain all
background information in regard to the above subject and
if any allegiance is connected with the Black Panther Party
of San Francisco.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (157-1204) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 8 - Detroit
 - (1 - 157- (LUKE TRIPP)
 - (1 - 157-2986 (LEONARD BROWN)
 - (1 - 157- (MARIAN KRAMER)
 - (1 - 157- (VICTOR STEWART)
 - (1 - 157-2354 (JOHN WILLIAMS)
 - (1 - 157- (LONNIE PEEKS)

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Special Agent in Charge

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This matter is being pursued intensively by the Detroit Office and contact is maintained on a daily basis with the Intelligence Unit of the Michigan State Police and the Special Investigations Bureau of the Detroit Police Department, both having direct interest in local black nationalist activities and conduct surveillances in regard to key black nationalist figures in the Detroit area. Racial informants, who are familiar with the black nationalist activity in the Detroit area, are contacted often in regard to an organized BPP in the Detroit area. Contact with the above sources has revealed that no organized BPP has been established in the Detroit area wherein the BPP is holding regular scheduled meetings.

In the event any information is received to show that a BPP is organized and meeting at a regularly scheduled time, the Bureau and other appropriate offices will be properly advised.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

Lt. WILLIAM MC COY, Special Investigations Bureau,
Detroit Police Department;

Detective GORDON HURLEY, Intelligence Unit,
Michigan State Police;

DE 1284-R (Prob);

DE 1286-R (Prob);

DE 1172-R;

CARL SIMPSON
Racial Informant-Probationary-Ghetto;

DE 1295-R (Prob-Ghetto)

The television program mentioned in the enclosed LHM was viewed in its entirety by SA JAMES M. PAIGE of the Detroit Division.

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential to protect sources of continuing value.

