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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ✓ SAC, CHICAGO

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP), RM.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT THAT A
MOCK TRIAL WOULD BE HELD IN MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS, ON MAY
TWENTY-FOUR ^{AND} TWENTY-FIVE, NEXT. PURPOSE OF MOCK TRIAL
IS FOR FRED HAMPTON, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, BPP,
WHO IS TO APPEAR IN COURT, MAY TWENTY-SIX, NEXT, FOR
SENTENCING ~~ON ROBBERY~~ ~~AND~~ CONVICTION.

SOURCE STATED THAT MEMBERS OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY, THE YOUNG LORDS, LOCAL PUERTO RICAN YOUTH GANG,
THE YOUNG PATRIOTS, A NEAR NORTH ^{SIDE} ~~WEST~~ YOUTH ^{GROUP} ~~CLUB~~, AND
THE BPP WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOCK TRIAL.

CHICAGO PD, MAYWOOD, PD, AND MILITARY ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA JAMES W. GERBLICH

SUBJECT: RACIAL TENSIONS
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS
1969
RM

DATE: MAY 8 7 1969

Where appropriate, the information has been disseminated to local authorities.

Informant advised as follows on May 16, 1969:

The mock trial to be held in Maywood of FRED HAMPTON by the Black Panther Party (BPP) will be held one week before the new sentencing date or on the weekend before that date.

GREGORY PERKINS bought one of the guns from HAMPTON and NEAL THOMAS bought one of the guns.

Informant observed one of the guns was an old nickel plated .22 caliber revolver, "H&R Arms Co., Young American Double Action, serial #108162".

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Informant stated that 4 of the guns HAMPTON had were similar to the above and 6 others were newer, but he believed all were .22 caliber.

Informant made available a flyer "Black Panther Party (Western Suburbs) Newsletter", no date.

There was a meeting in the early evening on May 16, 1969, at ROBERT BRUCE's house, 28 South 15th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Present were HAMPTON (for only a few minutes), BRUCE, WALTER ALLEN, NATHANIEL JUNIOR, NEAL THOMAS, JAMES SIKES, also known as "SANTA CLAUS", DAVID VALENTINE, WILMA and MATHEW ANGRUM and PETE HAMMACK.

MATHEW ANGRUM advised he was threatened by Captain SAMUEL of the Maywood Police Department, who told him he should get out of the BPP before he got himself into a lot of trouble. PETER HAMMACK said he had been asked by Captain SAMUEL if he was a Black Panther and he said he was.

At the meeting they discussed the building they were trying to get for a BPP headquarters in Maywood and HAMPTON was angry because they didn't get the building probably because someone warned the owners of trouble if they rented it to the BPP.

HAMPTON sent BRUCE and HAMMACK to see the president of the Madison Chemical Company in Maywood to tell him to help get a building rented for the BPP or else the BPP is going to make it rough for the Madison Chemical Company. HAMPTON claimed it is more dangerous to have Madison Chemical Company in the Village of Maywood than a BPP headquarters.

Informant advised as follows on May 19, 1969:

There will be a BPP meeting at BRUCE's house tonight. Members of the BPP are going around Maywood today telling youths not to go to school on today or tomorrow, May 20, in honor of MALCOLM X's birthday. NEAL THOMAS, GREGORY PERKINS and JAMES SIKES had shopping bags full of flyers telling the youths to stay home from school.

Informant subsequently advised on May 19 that the meeting was held at BRUCE's house on May 19.

Informant overheard a private conversation between HAMPTON and NATHANIAL during the meeting on May 19, at BRUCE's house. They were discussing the fact that there were several cases of hand grenades at BPP headquarters, 2350 Madison in Chicago. They were selling the grenades for 3 for \$19.00. They also talked about a number of weapons at 2350 Madison and between the grenades and the weapons there was a storage problem developing. (Above information furnished to Sgt. RONALD SIECZKOWSKI, Case Intelligence, Chicago Police Department).

Also present at the meeting were WALTER ALLEN, ROBERT BRUCE, GREGORY PERKINS, JAMES SIKES, NEAL THOMAS, MATHEW and WILMA ANGRUM, and PETE HAMMACK.

Informant advised as follows on May 21, 1969:

No place or date has definitely been set as yet for the mock trial of HAMPTON but it will be on Friday or Saturday night, May 23 or 24, 1969.

Informant advised he expects both NATHANIAL JUNIOR and DENNIS HARVEY will show up at the BPP meeting in Summit, Illinois, tonight, May 21, 1969, which will be held at "The Hub." The address is not recalled by informant but it is the same place where the dance was held on May 9, 1969.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) RM - BPP

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT BOBBY RUSH, CHICAGO BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP), LEADER STATED PURPOSE OF BPP PRESS CONFERENCE INSTANT DATE TO ADVISE NEWS MEDIA THAT FRED HAMPTON, WHO WAS SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YEARS, MAY TWENTY SIX LAST ON ROBBERY CONVICTION IS A POLITICAL PRISONER OF RACIST PIGS. RUSH STATED RACIST PIGS ARE REPRESSING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS SUCH AS BPP, STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) AND YOUNG LORDS, WHICH IS A NEAR NORTH ^{side of} CHICAGO YOUTH GANG OF PUERTO RICAN EXTRACTION.

RUSH ADVISED PROOF THAT HAMPTON IS A POLITICAL PRISONER ~~PRISONER~~ ^{THAT} IS JUDGE SIDNEY JONES REFUSED HAMPTON AN APPEAL BOND ON MAY TWENTY SIX LAST, HOWEVER, JUDGE JONES RECENTLY PERMITTED AN APPEAL BOND FOR FOUR CONVICTED RACIST ^{MURDERERS} ~~REBBERERS~~ IN CICERO ILLINOIS. RUSH ADVISED REFUSAL OF JONES TO PERMIT HAMPTON APPEAL BOND ON AN ALLEGED CONVICTION OF THEFT OF SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS WORTH OF ICE CREAM WHICH HE GAVE TO POOR BLACK CHILDREN IS PROOF THAT JONES WAS TOLD BY RACIST PIGS TO SEND HAMPTON TO JAIL OR LOOSE HIS JUDGESHIP.

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RUSH ADVISED NO PLANS FOR RALLIES OR DEMONSTRATIONS
AT THIS TIME IN CONNECTION WITH HAMPTON'S SENTENCE.

RUSH STATED INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AS TO
WHY RACIST PIGS ARE REPRESSING BPP, SDS AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARIES.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/26/69

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Via _____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

BLACK PANTHER PARTY. RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED ON INSTANT MEMBERS OF BPP, CHICAGO, PLAN ON HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCE NINE AM FIVE TWENTY-SEVEN NEXT, CONCERNING SENTENCING OF FREDERICK ALLEN HAMPTON ^{in local court, Maywood, Ill} THIS DATE TO DASH FIVE YEARS ON ROBBERY CONVICTION. MILITARY ADVISED ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

FREDERICK ALLEN HAMPTON. RM.

SERGEANT PHILLIP HARTIGAN, COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE,
ADVISED INSTANT HAMPTON SENTENCED TWO - FOUR YEARS ON ROBBERY
CONVICTION THIS PM, BY JUDGE SIDNEY JONES, MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS.
NO APPEAL BOND AND HAMPTON TO BE INCARCERATED ILLINOIS STATE
PENITENTIARY, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, THIS PM. MILITARY ADVISED.

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Date 5-24-69

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(Priority)TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) RM

_____ ADVISED MAY TWENTYTHREE
LAST THAT AL LAST NAME UNKNOWN (LNU), NEGRO FEMALE, CONTACTED
FRED HAMPTON, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, ILLINOIS BPP AND RELATED SHE WAS
BEING FLUNKED IN A COURSE AT CRANE JUNIOR COLLEGE, CHICAGO, SCENE
OF RACIAL DISTURBANCES IN PAST, BY INSTRUCTOR FIRST NAME UNKNOWN
NOVAR. STATED WOULD APPROACH CHARLES HURST, PRESIDENT, CRANE
COLLEGE MONDAY NEXT AND IF COULD NOT GET GRADE CHANGED
TO PASSING MARK, SHE WOULD KILL NOVAR.

HAMPTON FINALLY RECALLED AL LNU, ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE HER
REGARDING ABOVE THREAT. DESPITE WARNING BY HAMPTON THAT CONVERSATION
MIGHT BE OVERHEARD, AL LNU RELATED ABOVE STORY. SHE RELATED UPON
HAMPTON'S REQUEST THAT SHE COULD BE REACHED AT SIXTY ONE EAST
FORTYSIXTH STREET, CHICAGO, THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBERS THREE
SEVEN THREE DASH FOUR EIGHT TWO SEVEN AND DA SIX DASH NINE SIX
EIGHT SIX. INDICATED LATTER NUMBER IS EMPLOYER WHERE SHE WILL BE
SATURDAY INSTANT.

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SERVICE PROVIDED BY ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
ADVISED INSTANT THREE SEVEN THREE DASH FOUR EIGHT TWO SEVEN LISTED
TO ALBERTA M. GRAZES, SIXTYONE EAST FORTYSIXTH STREET AND DA SIX
DASH NINE SIX EIGHT SIX TO ADDISON COIFFEURE DESIGN, FOUR FIVE
FOUR EAST THIRTYFIFTH STREET, BOTH CHICAGO.

COLLEGE UNION VOICE, LOCAL COLLEGE NEWSPAPER, NOVEMBER
TWELVE LAST INDICATED LEON NOVAR WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR INVOL-
UNTARY TRANSFER FROM WILSON CAMPUS FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH
THE "SPIRIT" OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILSON SOCIAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT AND THE AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY CLUB TO INCLUDE TEXTS
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BY BLACK AUTHORS IN COURSE READINGS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 15, 1969

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The following information is being submitted regarding visits by Chicago Black Panther members to Beloit, Wisconsin, on March 23, 1969, and to Racine, Wisconsin, on March 27, 1969:

On March 24, 1969, information was received by a source of the Milwaukee Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a trip to Beloit, Wisconsin, by members of the Chicago Black Panther Party (BPP) was sponsored by the Beloit College Afro-American Student Union. The speakers were Fred Hampton, Deputy Chairman of the Illinois State Chapter of the BPP, as well as Bobby Rush, Deputy Defense Minister for the Illinois State Chapter of the BPP.

Above source indicated this date that the Afro American Student Union, Beloit College, is an organization of black students mainly oriented toward promoting black culture on campus.

A characterization of the BPP is attached hereto.

This source stated further that the program at Beloit College took place at the College Chapel and was attended by approximately 150 individuals. Source stated that Hampton said that the purpose of the BPP was to organize and educate masses of black people. Hampton advised further that the BPP is a political party.

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The above source indicated that following the speeches, there was a presentation of "black music and black dances." There were no incidents whatsoever in connection with this program, and the Beloit College paid the BPP for appearing on this occasion.

An article appeared in the "Beloit Daily News," a newspaper published daily at Beloit, Wisconsin, on March 24, 1969, entitled, "Revolution." The article carried the sub-captions, "The Black Panthers View 1969 as Year of Change in America." The article quoted an unnamed spokesman for the Chicago BPP as having said the following at an "exposure" program at the Beloit College Chapel:

"It seems hard for some people to understand that this country is going toward the brink." The article indicated that Fred Hampton, Deputy Chairman of the BPP of Illinois, had stated that black people in 1969 are going to cause a change in America, and that the BPP is going to cause this change. Hampton further challenged the blacks to take the initiative in bringing about the change instead of relying on whites to change things for them. Hampton also stated that revolution was imminent, but he was quoted as saying that revolution does not mean that black people would take over because he said if black people took over, then there would be another revolution because of the white people. He indicated the revolution was just a means of "radical change."

This article further indicated that Alvin Shinn, Deputy Minister of Finance, BPP of Illinois, classified the BPP as basically a propaganda unit. Shinn stated, "Our philosophy is based on Marxism, but that doesn't mean we're communists." Shinn further denounced capitalism and stated that the black people did not want to be fooled any longer by talk of democracy. He stated that democracy means imprisonment.

The article said that Hampton talked of means that may be employed in the "revolution." He predicted, "Guns will prove to be the final answer, because whites carry guns into the ghetto." He was further quoted as saying, "You stop guns with guns."

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A second confidential source of the Milwaukee Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on April 30, 1969:

On March 27, 1969, he determined that the Dominican College, Racine, Wisconsin, was sponsoring a program this evening to be held at Breakers Building, and that the program was to spotlight Negro culture. It was noted that at the parking lot around Breakers Building were parked numerous vehicles bearing Illinois and Wisconsin license plates.

The program was attended by an undetermined number of students, most of whom were young whites, men and women. Many appeared to be "hippies," and there were several who appeared to be part of the staff at the College. An unidentified Negro female took charge of the program, and she announced that the program would entail a short skit to show the Negro image as it had been in the past and then a talk and a discussion would be presented by Chicago Black Panther members to show the present day Negro status. The skit was a highly emotional two-part presentation depicting the slave factions on the plantation and the beating of a colored girl with a leather strap by a white slave master. Much reference was made to "Niggers" and to "Dirty Niggers." Much hysterical praying and crying was done by the sole Negro female participant in the play.

Following the play, several unidentified Black Panthers then showed a newsreel, which depicted all the various modern police weapons, including tear gas, mace, and the new Smith and Wesson dart tranquilizer guns. The movie depicted various riot situations, but the sounds being made by participants were largely inaudible. Nevertheless, various distinct statements were made by people in the film in reference to what was being done to a Negro female. They said she was beaten in the head by a policeman and then someone said that a Negro male had been shot in the back by a policeman.

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Subsequent to the film, a young unidentified Negro male, who was introduced as the Security Agent for the Black Panthers, arose and stated that "Sh__ is going to hit the fan this summer." He stated Racine is isolated from Chicago by distance, but that the members of Chicago Black Panthers had come to help them organize at Racine. He then introduced the Secretary of the BPP, a Negro female, whose name source could not recall, who discussed the meaning of the aforementioned film. She was then responsible for showing a second film which depicted the ten point program of the Black Panthers. She expressed to the crowd a displeasure with them because she heard some snickering regarding some of the points depicted in this film, particularly the points that all Negroes should be freed from prisons at once, no matter the crime, and that they should all be draft exempt.

The source indicated that during the speech by the Security Chief of the Black Panthers, he welcomed all the students to the meeting as well as "all the FBI, CIA, and PD personnel" that might be in the group.

The above source left the meeting as it was breaking up, and he indicated that no incidents were reported during the meeting or subsequent to the meeting. He indicated further that he had observed some of the vehicles parked at the College and had noted some propaganda material lying on the seats of some of the automobiles. He indicated specifically that he had seen a stack of papers from the People Free Republic of China and other books entitled simply, "Propaganda."

The above source advised further on this date that the visit by the Black Panthers at the College had been paid by the Student Council of Dominican College. This money was allegedly raised through collections. This money was also to pay for Black Panther newspapers and other literature which had been passed out by the six Black Panther members who had attended the meeting.

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According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December 1966 in Oakland, Calif., 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, Calif. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIX

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
RM - BPP

Copies of the enclosed LHM are also being furnished
MIG, Milwaukee, MIG, Evanston, Illinois, OSI, Milwaukee,
OSI, Chicago, NIS, Milwaukee, NIS, Chicago, Secret Service,
Milwaukee, and USA, Milwaukee. Also enclosed for above-
listed agencies is one copy each of Chicago LHM's dated
3/26/69 and 4/1/69.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC CHICAGO

RACIAL TENSIONS, CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE. RM

SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED INSUFFICIENT INFO TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE PROPOSED PICKETING AT CRANE JUNIOR COLLEGE, CHICAGO, DID NOT TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED BUT THAT A RALLY WAS PLANNED FOR THE COLLEGE ON THE NIGHT OF MAY NINETEEN INSTANT. RALLY, WHICH WILL FEATURE BLACK PANTHER PARTY MEMBER FRED HAMPTON AS THE MAIN SPEAKER WILL EMPHASIZE BLACK UNITY, AS WELL AS THE RENAMING OF THE COLLEGE TO "MALCOLM X COLLEGE."

MILITARY ADVISED. CHICAGO PD COGNIZANT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
May 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RACIAL TENSIONS, CHICAGO
CITY COLLEGES, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, 1969

On May 20, 1969, a source who has furnished insufficient information to evaluate reliability, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that a meeting was held from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., on the night of May 19, 1969, at Crane Junior College, 2245 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting, which was attended by approximately 300 persons, was to pay tribute to Malcom X, a slain Negro leader, and this meeting was sponsored by the Black Panther Party (BPP) of Chicago.

A characterization of the BPP is attached.

Source identified Fred Hampton as the main speaker, and one of the leaders of the BPP in Chicago. Hampton directed his comments concerning his love and respect for Malcom X and his philosophies, and then continued with the majority of his speech directed to the organizational activities of the BPP. Hampton indicated that "black people should join gun clubs so that they can deal with the 'pigs'." Hampton further commented that the black people must learn the language of the "pigs", and by this, he meant that if the police utilize shotguns, then the black people themselves should utilize shotguns.

Source stated that many persons in attendance were identifiable with the BPP by dress, although the source could not identify them by name, as well as many young Negroes who either are students at the college or adjoining high school, or were just people in the neighborhood that heard about the meeting. Source stated that Dr. Charles Hurst, President of Crane Junior College, made a few brief comments.

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CITY COLLEGE, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, 1969

Source concluded by stating that the general theme of the meeting, in addition to paying tribute to Malcom X, was to gain support for the re-naming of Crane Junior College to Malcom X College.

Source advised that the scheduled picketing outside the college in behalf of the name change by the BPP scheduled for the afternoon of May 19, 1969, did not take place other than having a few BPP members pass out mimeographed papers announcing the night-time meeting.

One copy each of this memorandum is being furnished to United States Attorney, U. S. Secret Service, Both Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

