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relating to Bu's discontinued Cointelpros against Black
Extremists & New Left. Atchd for ur apprvl & forwarding
to HSC is orignl of memo which responds to rqsst of HSC.
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relatnshps involved. Copy of memo furnrd for ur records.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *JJD*
FROM: *JJD*

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/27/68

SAC, NEW YORK (100-161140) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
INTERNAL SECURITY

T. F. ...

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- ② - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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SAC, New York (100-161140)

4/8/68

- 1 - Mail Room
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

Director, FBI (100-448006)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
 RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
 (NATION OF ISLAM) -

Reurlet 2/27/68.

Enclosed for New York are 273 copies of the booklet suggested in referenced letter.

New York is authorized to anonymously mail these booklets to Nation of Islam members as set out in referenced letter. Use commercially purchased envelopes and all other necessary precautions to insure this mailing cannot be traced to the Bureau.

The Bureau appreciates this suggestion and the imagination and enthusiasm exhibited by the New York Office. New York should advise the Bureau of the results of this operation and be alert to logical follow-up action.

1 - Mr. M. F. Row (6221 IB)

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EX 106
 REC-59

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NOTE:

Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan dated 3/15/68 and captioned as above, outlined this counterintelligence operation and was approved by the Director. The Exhibits Section has completed the enclosed pamphlet and it is now being forwarded the New York Office.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 15, 1968

FROM : G. C. Moore *he*

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

J. P. Dunphy

PURPOSE:

To secure approval for the anonymous mailing of 273 cartoon leaflets to members of the militant Nation of Islam (NOI) in New York City exposing the financial chicanery of the NOI.

BACKGROUND:

The New York Office has determined that members of the highly militant, anti-white race, Nation of Islam are required to contribute \$48 a month dues plus sell the group's newspaper, "Muhammed Speaks," in the amount of \$96 a month for a total of \$144 per month. With 500 people in the NOI in New York this represents a "take" of \$72,000 per month in the New York "Mosque," or Temple. Of course, not all members fully comply with the newspaper and dues requirements, but any loss in this area is made up by collections at meetings, the "Saviors Day" collection (Elijah Muhammed's birthday), and the businesses run by the NOI.

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The top NOI leaders in New York, Minister Farrakhan, Secretary Maceo Owens, and Captain Joseph Gravitt, live very well off this money. Farrakhan lives rent-free in an NOI house and receives \$150 a week. All drive new, expensive, automobiles. New York feels that if the facts of the NOI financial situation are brought to the attention of the membership, it will cause disillusionment and reduce membership. It would also cause internal strife, factionalism, distrust and disorder within the NOI.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Dunphy (331 OPO)
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

*Compl. in cl. set
4/4/68 J.P.*

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*J. P. Dunphy
5-Deakin*

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all copies, photos, etc. to DeLoach 4/15/68 retained 804 4+9

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS

New York has prepared a cartoon-type leaflet in rough-draft form pointing out how NOI leaders live well off the membership's money. New York recommends this leaflet be prepared in final form by the Exhibits Section, 273 copies be made and mailed anonymously to 36 members of the NOI who are on the Security Index and to 237 members who joined the NOI as shown on a 1964 membership list. The mailing would be made in commercially purchased envelopes to protect the Bureau.

Attached for the Exhibits Section is a work order and a sample pamphlet furnished by New York. Minor changes have been made in the pamphlet to conform to NOI terminology. The pamphlet will be reduced in size to facilitate mailing.

ACTION:

That this memorandum be routed to the Exhibits Section for preparation of 273 copies of the pamphlet and thereafter New York be authorized to mail them anonymously to NOI members in New York.

TJD

W.C.S.
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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

SAC, New York (100-161140)

7/10/68

Director, FBI (100-448006) -179
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- 1 - Mr. T.J. Deakin

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Reurlet 6/26/68.

A review of counterintelligence suggestions submitted by the New York Office shows very few suggestions being submitted for an office with the number of black nationalist groups that your office has. New York should immediately review its Counterintelligence Program for the purpose of developing imaginative counterintelligence suggestions.

New York has numerous black nationalist groups that should be the target of concentrated counterintelligence action. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Black Panther organization, the Revolutionary Action Movement and the American Mau Mau, are but four examples of extremist groups that should receive counterintelligence attention on a continuing basis. The leaders of these groups, including James Forman, Charles 37X Morris and Herman Ferguson should all be considered for counterintelligence action whether they are under surveillance or not. Obviously, any counterintelligence action recommended should be such that it cannot be traced to this Bureau. Thus a special status of a person awaiting court action is not usually relevant to this program.

The Bureau is following this matter closely to insure that New York fulfills its responsibilities in this area. It is important to use every possible technique to disrupt and neutralize the extremist black nationalists.

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NOTE:

Referenced letter from New York summarized its counterintelligence action and showed New York has no counterintelligence operations pending at present. Excuses for this situation were not relevant.

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