

UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

DATE: 12/3/69

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2209) (P)

F. Ferguson

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Chicago letter dated 9/2/69 (quarterly progress).

Set forth herewith is the periodic progress letter concerning captioned matter.

I. Operations Under Consideration

The Bureau has previously advised that it would be sufficient to note the dates on which letters have been submitted in captioned matter, regarding counterintelligence proposals concerning the Black Panther Party (BPP) for the period covered by the quarterly letter.

Since the date of referenced letter, these letters have been submitted as follows:

October 17, 1969; November 17 and 25, 1969.

Chicago continues to analyze the available current information regarding local BPP activity in a continuing effort to determine what, if any, such information may be of assistance in the development of a counterintelligence effort. The BPP continues to be considered the focal point for counterintelligence.

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II. and III. Operations Being Effected and Tangible Results Obtained

Reference has previously been made to the specific counterintelligence actions initiated by Chicago. No information has been received reflecting tangible results of these actions.

Chicago has also continued to advise local authorities of instances where BPP members appear vulnerable to arrest on local charges. In this regard, Chicago letter to the Bureau dated November 21, 1969, captioned "Black Panther Party (BPP), RM" is concerned with the location in Chicago of weapons reportedly purchased legally by local BPP members. This information has been furnished to local law enforcement officials. Officials of the Chicago Police Department have advised that the department is currently planning a positive course of action relative to this information.

Information has regularly been disseminated by Chicago to other Bureau offices for local dissemination in instances where Chicago BPP have travelled elsewhere. Local BPP members have made a number of trips to Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois. Prior knowledge of the presence of these subjects, their identities and purpose of trip has been of value in alerting local authorities to the potential for violence represented.

IV. Developments of Counterintelligence Interest

Recently FRED HAMPTON, Deputy Chairman, Illinois BPP and [REDACTED] called a general meeting of the Chicago Branch of the BPP at which time HAMPTON announced that everyone, but himself and [REDACTED] were purged from the BPP.

A counterintelligence recommendation was submitted by letter dated November 25, 1969, relative to this action.

This situation is being followed closely and where any further counterintelligence avenue appears likely a suitable recommendation will be made.

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No counterintelligence action will be taken by Chicago without Bureau approval.

Regarding the remainder of local Black Nationalist groups and individuals, their activities are fragmented and limited. Chicago continues to follow such activities in the event information is developed which would indicate a counterintelligence effort would appear to have reasonable potential.

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