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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(BLACK PANTHER PARTY)

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Re Chicago letter 6/4/69, under the above caption and that of COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT.

In reference letter Chicago noted the consideration being given to a leaflet, or leaflets, of a cartoon nature which would serve to highlight a supposed subservience on the part of the BPP to Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

Attached in enclosure to this letter are three such cartoons, all in this vein. Chicago has exhaustively analyzed possible methods of effecting widespread dissemination of same, to exploit and heighten differences between the two groups.

Consideration has been given to their attempted publication in "Muhammad Speaks," the publication of the Nation of Islam (NOI), in view of the past lack of any rapport between the two groups, and as a possible appeal to the vanity of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, in the sense that the BPP would be depicted as yet another black group which has either sold out to or is dominated by whites. It might be noted also that Chicago has a high level source in the NOI who is directly involved with this paper and whose assistance and advice in having various of these cartoons appear in "Muhammad Speaks" could be invaluable.

It does not appear to Chicago that either the daily white press, or the legitimate black news media locally would be appropriate vehicles for this effort. Even though the latter may disagree with the BPP, it is not expedient to actively oppose the organization and run the risk of offending elements of their readership. The white press, in Chicago's

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opinion, would have little understanding of or interest in such materials.

Consequently, Chicago requests Bureau authority to explore this matter with CG 6896-R, the source referred to previously, and thereafter take the appropriate steps to attempt to effect the publication of the enclosed in the NOI paper.

The Bureau is also requested to advise Chicago of any similar outlet for the enclosed, either at the Bureau or another field office, which may not be of knowledge to Chicago, and which may offer more potential for widespread dissemination.

As the Bureau is aware, in the early morning hours of June 4, 1969, the Chicago Office raided the BPP Headquarters locally, in an effort to apprehend a Bureau fugitive who had been at that location. A number of arrests were effected and a large quantity of arms and related material^(S-1) As a result of this, and other local arrests involving a large number of BPP members within the past ten days, BPP sources have advised the organization is in a state of disarray, is in the process of purging its membership, primarily because of concern over informants who have apparently infiltrated its ranks.

This is, of course, not a counterintelligence action as such, but the result is certainly the same, and is a further indication of Chicago's contention that where an organization as violence prone as the Panthers is concerned, one of the most effective disruptive techniques is the vigorous and effective enforcement of appropriate criminal statutes.

Chicago will take no counterintelligence action without prior Bureau authority.

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(BLACK PANTHER PARTY) (BPP)**

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Re Chicago letter June 17, 1969, and Bureau letter June 30, 1969, both under above caption and having reference to the use of cartoons relative to creating or exploiting friction between the BPP and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

Bureau letter gave Chicago authority to delicately explore with CG 6896-R, associated with the Nation of Islam (NOI) publication "Muhammad Speaks," the possibility of attempting to have these cartoons, or a cartoon, utilized by this publication to obtain a widespread dissemination.

Subsequently, several conversations relative to this matter have been held with this source, who is not, as the Bureau is aware, an NOI member. This source is a highly intelligent individual. As a result of these conversations, the following was generally elicited:

There are only two or three individuals within the NOI, all personally known to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD who submit this type of material for publication in "Muhammad Speaks," and the material prior to its publication, must have MUHAMMAD's personal approval. It was considered highly unlikely that material from any other source, anonymous or otherwise, would be accepted for publication.

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The source also recalled that in recent weeks there have been several indications that the relationship between the EPP and NOI has softened somewhat, in that there have been contacts between the two groups on a high level.

(Reference is made to Chicago letterhead memoranda of June 19, 1969, and June 30, 1969, submitted under the dual captions of the EPP and NOI, which reflect that a local EPP leader has stated he visited ELIJAH MUHAMMAD personally, that he agreed with NOI teachings, further that he desired cooperation between the two groups in the future. Also set forth therein was information that the national EPP leadership in Berkeley, California, had been in contact with the NOI to attempt to get ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to attend the July 18-21, 1969, EPP conferences in California.)

Source considered it unlikely that at this juncture, therefore, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD would antagonize the EPP, since it appeals to his vanity to have any group or organization solicit his support or appear to come to him for assistance of any kind.

In the general conversation therefore, directed at the NOI-EPP relationship, as it might be relevant to the EPP-SDS situation, the source was of the opinion that MUHAMMAD would not at present be receptive to any material of this type, and that the possibility of engineering its publication was nil.

Chicago definitely feels that this source, who occupies a very delicate and sensitive position with the NOI, should not in any way be pressured or persuaded to take or initiate any action which in any way would compromise him, or place him in a position where he is ~~advised~~ action which appears counter to the desires or current policy of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. It is felt certain that the latter's complete and dictatorial control of the NOI, and its publication, and his demonstrated willingness to rid himself of anyone who displeases him, precludes the use of this source further in this matter.

In Chicago's letter of June 17, 1969, which initiated this avenue of counter-intelligence activity, Chicago noted that the use of the regular, daily white press, did not appear an appropriate medium for the use of such cartoons. Primarily this was based on the feeling that at that time the friction between the SDS factions and BPP was not of widespread enough public knowledge as to render full significance of the cartoons to this medium. In the intervening period, the SDS National Convention has been held in Chicago, with the full exploitation in the daily press, on a very widespread basis, of all the factionalism within the SDS, and the different approaches to and relationships of these factions with the BPP.

In Chicago letter of June 17, 1969, Chicago requested to be advised of any suitable outlet for the cartoons enclosed with that letter, of knowledge to the Bureau, either at the Bureau, or another field office. Chicago reiterates this request at this time.

If no similar or suitable outlet is available, Chicago then requests Bureau authority to anonymously mail the cartoons, enclosed with referenced letter June 17, 1969, to the following locally:

JACK MABLEY, "Chicago Today"
RON KOZIGL, "Chicago Tribune"
ROBERT WEIDRICH, "Chicago Tribune"
JOEL HAVEMANN, "Chicago Sun-Times"

These individuals are or have been involved in coverage and reporting of this type of material in the Chicago daily press, and the content and direction of the cartoons should have significance to them. The possibility exists that in this fashion, the cartoons, or one of the cartoons might be utilized by them.

The letter which these cartoons would accompany would state simply as follows:

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"Have read your articles along these lines.
Thought you might be amused by or have a use
for these.

(Signed)
A budding
cartoonist"

Chicago has the original sketches of the cartoons
sent the Bureau, and clear and legible copies will be made,
to be transmitted as set forth above, in event the Bureau
authorizes this. No action will be taken without Bureau
approval.