

DIRECTOR, FBI

6/4/69

[Handwritten signature]
CHICAGO

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) ✓
(Bufile 100-448006)
(CG file 157-2208)

COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
(Bufile 100-449168)
(CG file 100-45316)

Re Bureau letter to Chicago, 5/21/69.

Referenced letter gives Chicago authority to instruct selected BPP informants for use in creating a rift between the BPP and the Students for a Democratic Society.

In the initial stages of this program, Chicago will primarily utilize CG 7251-R (PROB), who is close to and completely trusted by the local BPP leadership. Care will be taken to insure that the source does not become isolated from the leadership, and he will be very carefully briefed in this regard. As the opportunity presents itself, other local BPP sources, not as close to the leadership, will be utilized.

Chicago is also considering the mechanics and preparation of a cartoon (or cartoons) type leaflet or brochure, which would serve to highlight the supposed subservient role of BPP to SDS, on the order of a white radical mounted on a black panther. This matter is being handled jointly from the above captioned files by Chicago, and the Bureau will be in receipt of a suitable recommendation when this approach is finalized.

No counterintelligence activity will be initiated without prior Bureau authority.

S.S./Roc
4 - Bureau (RM)
3 - Chicago
JCS/eje
(6)
ya

[Handwritten initials]
SEARCHED _____
SERIALIZED _____
INDEXED _____
FILED _____

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

6/17/69

SAC, CHICAGO (157-2209)

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Classified by 2017 m/2/5/25
Exempt from GDS Category C
Date of Declassification Indefinite

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

In referenced 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

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
(1 - 157-1291) (BPP)

JCS/hab
(4)

CONFIDENTIAL

SEARCHED
INDEXED
FILED

Classified by 804
Exempt from GDS Category C
Date of Declassification Indefinite

CG 157-2209

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^{sc-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.