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

Re Chicago letter, 1/28/69.

Information has only recently been received indicating that the local BPP has been approached by a group identifying themselves as representatives of a faction of the Vicelords, old and well established Negro youth gang on Chicago's west side. This group, led by EDWARD L. (EDDY) PERRY, also known as "Pepilo," offered to join the BPP, giving up their former identities as Vicelords. Representatives of the BPP were somewhat reluctant to accept this group immediately, and FRED HAMPTON, Deputy Chairman, BPP, suggested a coalition be formed for the present. It was not clear just which Vicelord group PERRY and the four other alleged Vicelords represented, or how many people were involved.

The source has subsequently advised that the reluctance on the part of the BPP to accept this group, was as a result of their recent unfortunate organizing experiences with the Blackstone Rangers, the major south side Negro youth gang. The BPP is well aware that the Chicago Police Department Gang Intelligence Unit, headed by Captain WILLIAM BUCKNEY, has many sources in such gangs, possibly even young black police officers. The source (CG 7251-R PROB) has been instructed to play upon this fear of youth gangs, in that in recruiting gang members the BPP may well be recruiting police spies. On this particular occasion the source was in personal conversation with HAMPTON, during the course of the meeting with PERRY, and reminded him of this danger. It is believed this caution to HAMPTON played a considerable role in the reluctance of the BPP to accept PERRY, as might normally have been expected.

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A subsequently scheduled meeting between PERRY and his cohorts, and ROBERT RUSH, Deputy Minister of Defense, did not take place on February 8, 1969, as intended, due to the travel to and incarceration of most of the local BPP leadership in Champaign, Illinois, over the past weekend.

Chicago maintains a closed 157 file on PERRY, reflecting him to be an old Vicelord from the early formative days of this gang, but as of as far back as 1966, no longer active in or influential with the Vicelords because of his advanced age (32) and obesity. PERRY has been to the Chicago Office of the FBI (1966) where he was interviewed by the SAC, and several SAs involved in racial matters, regarding his knowledge of west side racial and gang problems. He has been an employee of the old YMCA Detached Street Workers Program, and in general it might be considered that he has assumed an elder statesman type role lately gangwise. It appears very doubtful that PERRY, street-wise as he may be, represents any significant segment of the Vicelords.

Whether or not this is so, it appears that an effort to further raise an element of doubt regarding PERRY is in order, noting his previous contacts with authority. The following letter is therefore proposed for mailing to the local BPP office, addressed to RUSH, stating as follows:

"Dear Black Brother:

I just heard some street talk about Pepilo trying to get up tight with the Panthers. He may say he's a Lord but some brothers that know Pep think he's one of Buckney's spies and has been for years. I'm a Lord, and I'll stay a Lord, but watch that mother. His skin is the only black thing about him. Ask him if he works for the pigs, and watch him squirm. He don't talk for many Lords either.

Keep up the struggle, brother."

The above may possibly compromise PERRY in the eyes of the BPP, even if only a suspicion of his intentions are raised.

As will have been noted, the above source in effect initiated a rather successful counterintelligence move more or less on the spot, as a result of careful indoctrination and instructions from the contacting SA. In this regard, the source also enabled Chicago to further harass the local BPP when he provided information, the afternoon of January 24, 1969, reflecting that FRED HALFTON was to appear that evening

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at a local television studio for a videotaped interview with local television personality HOWARD MILLER. The tape was to be aired the following day.

Chicago was aware a warrant for mob action was outstanding for HAMPTON in his home town, Maywood, Illinois, and the above information regarding his whereabouts that evening was provided the Maywood Police Department, with a suggestion that they request the Chicago Police Department to serve this arrest warrant. This was subsequently done, with HAMPTON arrested at the television studio, in the presence of 25 BPP members and studio personnel. This caused considerable embarrassment to the local BPP and disrupted the plans for HAMPTON's television appearance.

The mailing of the above letter will await Bureau authority. Chicago, however, will continue to capitalize on opportunities as they appear to inhibit local BPP activities, in such instances as referred to regarding HAMPTON.

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Memorandum

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-448006)

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Authority granted to mail anonymous letter as set forth in relet. Take the usual precautions to insure the mailing is not traced to the source.

The Bureau has noted the alacrity employed in directing CG 7251-R (PROB) to abort the initial merger talks between the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the Vicelords.

It is also a significant accomplishment that this informant furnished timely information which resulted in the public arrest of Fred Hampton under circumstances which proved highly embarrassing to the BPP.

Furnish the Bureau with tangible results obtained through the anonymous mailing authorized above.

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