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

ReNYtel to the Bureau dated 10/23/68, captioned "Black Panther Party, Racial Matters," air mail copies of which were furnished to Newark and San Francisco. Contents of retel present counterintelligence possibilities against the Black Panther Party (BPP).

The Bureau requests receiving offices to submit specific and concrete recommendations to exploit this situation.

The Bureau considers significant certain actions taken by the New York Panthers which could be easily misconstrued by militants if conveyed to the proper parties with the following slants.

1. The closing of the BPP office on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, resulted from the Panthers fear of reprisals by other militant Negro groups.

2. The Panthers have become so unpopular that they are afraid to wear their uniforms.

3. The lack of proper security precautions by New York Panthers will open the door for Uncle Toms and "pig" informers to enter membership ranks.

4. The New York Panthers have been so effective in alienating the white community that honkies in the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) have complained to Cleaver about New York Panthers.

5. Fear stalks the white ranks of the PFP since receipt of rumors that New York Panthers intend to line up PFP white hippies "against the wall with the rest of the whites," when the time comes.

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6. Factionalism is rampant between the New York and the national office of BPP.

7. Cleaver has sold out to Stokely Carmichael and the PFP.

Counterintelligence recommendations need not be limited to nor necessarily include those points made above.

Take no affirmative action in this regard without first obtaining Bureau authority to do so.

NOTE:

In retel the New York Division advises that the BPP in New York City will ostensibly remain inactive until December 21, 1968. During the period of inactivity, the BPP will concentrate on reorganizing and educating its members. The foregoing has resulted from an inspection of the New York City Panther group by Eldridge Cleaver, who faulted the New York group for poor organization and leadership.

This possible split in the BPP presents opportunities in the counterintelligence field. The offices involved are being instructed to make recommendations in this regard. Detailed memorandum will be submitted at the time concrete recommendations are submitted which warrant further consideration.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)
SAC, CHICAGO (157-2009)(P)

FROM :

DATE: 11/7/68

SUBJECT:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUP
RACIAL MATTER
(BLACK PANTHER PARTY)

Reurlet to Atlanta dated 10/30/68.

After careful consideration and thought regarding points covered in referenced letter, following is submitted to the Bureau concerning the "Panthers are Pinhead" slogan counterintelligence operation under consideration:

1. It is not believed that this technique would effect the SNCC - BPP relations in the Chicago area since the SNCC organization in Chicago is virtually defunct and many of the ex-SNCC members are now BPP members.

2. Any derogatory slogan regarding the BPP should have some deterrent on BPP recruiting, but it is noted that the reference to zoologists could be offensive to Negroes in general.

3. In view of point number two, it is questionable as to whether established Chicago Division news media contacts would cooperate.

4. In view of the fact that SNCC is no longer functional in Chicago

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5. As a suggestion for the distribution of the "Panthers are Pinheads" slogan, it is believed that Chicago ghetto saturation by clandestine mailings from outside of Chicago to assorted militant groups and key Chicago Negro activists would be the most secure and logical method.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

DATE: 11/8/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-721) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS
(BLACK PANTHER PARTY)

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 10/30/68.

In response to referenced letter concerning Cointelpro involving BPP and SNCC factions, the following comments are offered by the Seattle Division.

1. BPP and SNCC merged in the Summer of 1968, and there is no known SNCC chapter in the State of Washington.
2. If the circulation of this slogan could be attributed to any black group, it could possibly be a hindrance to BPP recruiting.
3. Consideration should be given to mailing the slogan (cards, leaflets, etc.) from the national headquarters of SNCC in plain envelopes to black news media, radio stations, and other logical recipients who may logically assume its origin was someone in SNCC, and who would thereafter publicly identify it as SNCC propaganda.
4. Material (pamphlets, cards, etc.) on which this slogan is printed can be distributed throughout the Seattle Central District by agents, with little possibility of having the source identified.
5. Distribution of such material should be made by agents, rather than informants, since the possibility of identifying the Bureau as the source is held to an absolute minimum.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/5/68

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-1166) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

BLACK EXTREMISTS

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Re Bureau letter to Baltimore, 10/21/68.

The following information is forwarded to the Bureau regarding observations of the Jackson Division as to how the Chamber of Commerce (national and state) can make a worthwhile contribution within the law enforcement context through its associations and activities among citizens, both black and white, and through businesses in ghetto areas or otherwise.

A Chamber of Commerce was primarily an organization organized to favorably improve the image of a particular area or community in order to thereby improve the economic, social, and control well-being of all members of this community or area and to insure that the community grows and develops to its maximum potential.

Black Nationalist extremists seek to show an area in its most unfavorable light and to portray to the Negro the worst aspects of his plight in the ghetto. These extremists continue harping on the areas where the Negro is feeling the poorest and showing the least progress.

By analyzing the preceding two paragraphs, it appears that generally a Chamber of Commerce tries to promote and take advantage of the positive assets and achievements of an area or community whereas Black Nationalist extremists tend to draw attention to and take advantage of negative aspects of various situations.

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Accordingly, it would seem that the Chambers of Commerce could help to counteract the negative approach of the Black Extremists by showing some of the gains, progress, and assets being undertaken regarding the Negro elements within the Negro community and present elements within the white community attempting to assist the Negro.

It is noted that Chambers of Commerce possess various means for promoting and portraying accomplishments of various programs in their various areas. It is felt that several of the following points could be pursued through various mediums available to state and national Chambers of Commerce:

1. Disseminating by various means to ghetto occupants of efforts of local police to cope constructively with law enforcement problems peculiar to ghetto areas; publishing police efforts and successes to effect better public relations with ghetto occupants, to staff ghetto areas with Negro policemen, and to seek rapport with Negro youth groups; publicize various true-to-life situations wherein various policemen properly and professionally handled difficult racial situations in ghetto areas with proper authority, respect, and sensitivity.

2. Publish and/or publicize various Negroes who have obtained entrepreneurship in the ghetto area which have assisted the area and the individual economically and professionally.

3. Publicize various Negro servicemen returning from Vietnam who have obtained good jobs commensurate with their experience and training especially any skills

obtained while in service which assisted them in obtaining this employment on their discharge; thereby enabling them to help themselves in the community as well as to reflect favorably on their military service.

4. Publicizing through promotion type advertising the availability and occupancy of better than average housing available for Negroes in various sections of the community; promoting Negro neighborhood improvement programs or contests whereby awards are given to the best improved neighborhood apartment building, housing unit, etc., thereby hoping to improve the ghetto area and accordingly the community. Additionally, the benefit hopefully would be an improvement in the morale and incentive of the occupants of the winning area or areas.

Placing pressure through businessmen on the main community newspapers to give more adequate coverage of Negro activities and accomplishments; this would have a tendency to present Negro elements that are truly a part of the whole community and accepted in this regard.

5. Through various contacts in the white community emphasize to the white community that if a ghetto area exists in their community, it is a throw-back on the community in accordance with the axiom "A chain is as strong as its weakest length"; this could prompt the white community to assist and actively support Negro efforts to improve their areas thereby improving the entire community and further giving evidence to the Negroes that the whites do have an interest in their plight and improvements.

6. Through various contacts in promotional endeavors to periodically press and highlight present, past, and anticipated achievements of various Negroes

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and Negro groups in the community; by so doing the Negro again feels a part of the whole community and sees positive actions being taken regarding them in their achievements.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006) ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2371) (P) *mr*

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Re Detroit letter to Director dated 10/18/68.

In connection with relet, it is felt that a letter with [redacted] signature [redacted] would have no weight at the present time especially since [redacted]. If letters signed by [redacted] were postmarked in Philadelphia, New York authorities might attempt to trace these letters to find [redacted].

It is felt that publicity concerning Black Panthers should appear in public media. This can be accomplished by reflecting there is an organization known as "Whites for [redacted]"

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Date: 10/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-49654) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Bureau airtel to Newark, 10/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 photographs of
LEROI JONES taken 3/22/68. These photographs are an
excellent likeness of JONES and show him in his usual
dress.

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