

Letter to SAC, New Haven
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-448006

NOTE:

New Haven has proposed the anonymous mailing of a letter to a selected group of moderate black businessmen in the Bridgeport, New Haven, and Hartford and Middletown, Connecticut areas. This letter contains an obscene word and points out that if black businessmen do not support the BPP, they will have to "face the black people." We are turning this suggestion down. The communication appears to be too strong when directed to moderate black businessmen. We are calling New Haven's attention to a recent article in the BPP publication which threatens businessmen and may accomplish the same purpose as the New Haven recommended letter. We are also calling New Haven's attention to a situation existing in New Haven whereby the local hoodlums and the BPP are criticizing each other. We are calling for a suggested counterintelligence proposal concerning this.

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-448006)

FROM : SAC, New Haven (157-785) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 4/28/69

Re New Haven letter to Bureau, 4/10/69, and Bulet to San Francisco, 4/23/69.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the following information is set forth:

1. Operations Under Consideration: (a) Bureau authority is requested to mail, under anonymous cover, the attached open letter to selected Black businessmen in the Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Conn., areas.

It is felt that such a letter would have the effect of:

- 1.) Conveying a threat to the Black money structure which could eventually support the Black Panther Party (BPP) movement if it can ingratiate itself with the more affluent Black businessman; 2.) Prodding the moderate Negro businessman in the above areas into action with the legitimate civil rights organizations and anti-BPP groups in their respective areas; 3.) Creating a distrust within the BPP itself. By sending the letter unsigned, it would be difficult to attribute the composition to any one individual, since the statements contained therein are from several BPP public statements. If the BPP holds true to form, it should initiate its own investigation to attempt to determine which one or group of its members has embarked on this campaign without proper authority.

Minimum security requirements considered for this program are:

- 1.) That no businessman designated to receive this letter be known to be associated with the BPP; 2.) that the stationery utilized be of commercial grade purchased locally; 3.) that the letters be mailed simultaneously at branch Post Offices in ghetto areas; 4.) that the letter be prepared with other than a Bureau typewriter; and 5.) that typographical, spelling and grammatical errors be included to lend authenticity to the letter.

2-Bureau (Encl.) (RM)
1-San Francisco (info) (RM)
1-New Haven
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If this recommendation is approved by the Bureau, immediate ground work will be undertaken in order that the letter may be sent at the appropriate moment.

2. Operations Being Effectuated: As authorized by the Bureau, this office is continuing to furnish [redacted] with public source type data concerning the Black Nationalist movement in Connecticut.

3. Tangible Results: Whether it can be attributed to this office's CI program, loss of drive, or lack of community support, it appears that the New Haven branch, which is considered to be the State headquarters, of the BPP is in a state of flux. A significant number of reports have been received indicating plans for the BPP State headquarters to be returned to Bridgeport or relocated in Hartford.

4. Developments of CI Interest: (a) In mid-April the City of New Haven condemned the Hill Parents Association building which housed the state BPP offices. All BPP administrative activity now appears to be carried out at 283 Putnam Avenue, which is a two-family house. (b) The New Haven Journal-Courier, (daily morning newspaper at New Haven, Conn.,) carried an article entitled "War on Drugs Mapped by 300 Hill Residents," on 4/22/69 which quoted JOSE B. GONZALVEZ, Captain BPP, Connecticut, as saying that, "it would be necessary to stop the Mafia from bringing drugs into the black community. The Panther may print posters with the faces of large operating drug pushers and the caption 'Wanted by the people.'" [redacted]

(d) The expulsion of [redacted] from the BPP has had no reported effect on the local BPP chapter. Similar action on the part of [redacted] could have far-reaching effects within the Connecticut chapter. (e) It would appear that the BPP, both on the national and local level, has no qualms about purging its leaders and rank and file members for violating the Party's code of conduct. The result of these actions could obviously have many effects. If the BPP has gone on record in taking action against prominent members for alleged indiscretions or suspected informant activity, this propensity for action on the part of the party could conceivably be used against it by starting a rumor campaign against selected leaders and members.

A detrimental effect of such actions could be the formation of splinter militant groups which could conceivably be more prone toward violence than the BPP. Admittedly, the group would be much smaller and lack national leadership. It could, however, be typically composed of the less intelligent and more reactionary individuals lacking the discipline imposed by the BPP. Informant coverage would be a monumental task.

New Haven is following all reports of internal strife within the BPP. Those matters which can logically be pursued will be brought to the attention of the Bureau by separate communications prior to initiation of any CI action against the BPP in this area.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been observed in New Haven on one [REDACTED] plates, occasion operating a [REDACTED] which were determined to be fictitious by Bureau Agents. Attempts to arrest him for this violation by New Haven Police Department, however, failed when patrol cars reached the scene to find the automobile had departed.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(City as Appropriate)

BLACK BUSINESSMAN!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have come here to stop the Racist Actions that the oppressors (Black and White) Have taking upon our people. We are the Vanguard Party, and we intend to provide leadership for the people and Revolutionary groups across the country.

We're a party of Production. We're here to produce for the people, the poor oppressed people of our Nation. We're a Black people's army to fight the battle that the racist Pig Cop has organized to protect the avaricious businessman.

LOOK YOU BIG FAT SLOPPY HUNK OF MEAT, YOU LOWER YOUR PRICES OR GET THE FUCK OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY OR IF NOT, THEN YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE THE BLACK PEOPLE!!!!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO THE BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD