

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/4/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-6167)

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SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE (TWWA)
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ReNYrep of SA [REDACTED], dated 3/16/71,
captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM relating
to the captioned organization.

The copy of the March edition of the SNCC Monthly was
anonymously mailed to the New York Office of the FBI during
May, 1971.

The informants contacted during April and May, 1971,
referred to in the last paragraph within are identified as
follows:

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As noted within, the organization itself revealed that
it had been dormant and had recently come out of a "retreat."
Such disclaimer is frequently used by various organizations as a
euphemism to cover a period during which time in fact no activity
occurred.

The address of the TWWA, 346 West 20th Street, New York
City, is the Parish House of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New
York City, where the captioned organization maintains space.

New York informants have been targeted to furnish all
information developed concerning the captioned organization.

Ten copies of the March edition of the SNCC Monthly are
currently being prepared by the NYO and will be forwarded to the
Bureau under the SNCC caption as available.

- 2-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
June 4, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Third World Women's Alliance
Racial Matters

The March edition of the Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) monthly periodical known as "SNCC" contained an article on Page 8 captioned, "Women in the Struggle."

The SNCC was formerly known as the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and was founded in 1960 during the period of civil rights activity in the South. The organization has advocated the use of force to achieve revolutionary goals and the destruction of the capitalistic system of government in the United States.

The article concerned itself with the Third World Women's Alliance (TWWA), 346 West 20th Street, New York City. It revealed that the TWWA had recently come out of a two month retreat. The administrative structure was not sufficient to deal with the growing interest on the part of third world women across the country to their call for united action around their oppression as workers, as third world people and as women. The article noted, by way of explanation, that it was also necessary to take time out to deal with the uneven political development that existed within the organization, as well as to formulate an organizational position with stated goals and objectives.

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Third World Women's Alliance

The article contained a short history of the organization and revealed that its genesis lay in the problems that women of SNCC encountered within the organization. Women were generally confined to secretarial and/or supportive roles. The organization was originally known as the Black Women's Alliance, which was subsequently changed to TWWA. The organization itself is today independent of SNCC.

The TWWA lists as its goals and objectives the following:

- 1) To create a sisterhood of women based on a socialist ideology, seeking to eliminate oppression and exploitation based on race, economic status or sex.
- 2) To promote unity among Third World people within the United States.
- 3) To disseminate information about the Third World, particularly that information affecting women.
- 4) To establish and promote educational projects.
- 5) To recreate and build a solid relationship with Third World men.

The article continued with the philosophy of the TWWA as it related to the major institutions in the capitalist system, i.e., family, economic, educational, etc.

The article concluded with a statement on self-defense which indicated that the struggle for liberation must be borne equally by all members of an oppressed people, declaring that third world women have the right and responsibility to bear arms. Women should be fully trained and educated in the martial arts, as well as in the political arena and recognize that it is the duty of women to defend all oppressed people.

During April and May, 1971, various confidential sources of the New York Office, familiar to some extent with the black militant and/or black nationalist activity in New York City, were contacted but unable to provide any additional information concerning the TWWA or any activities undertaken by the organization.