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New York summary report of SA **[REDACTED] b7c 10**
dated 3/16/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a report relating to recent activities of the captioned organization.

The TWWA has remained comparatively quiet in the New York City area during the investigative period, and has not participated in any violence or other disruptive

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☐ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	☐ YES ☐ NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	☐ YES ☐ NO
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activity.

As noted within, the organization itself revealed it had been dormant and had recently emerged from a "retreat." Such disclaimer would appear to be a euphemism to cover a period during which time in fact the organization engaged in no activity.

The address of TWWA, 346 West 20th Street, New York City, is the parish house of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New York City, where the SNCC also maintains its headquarters.

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b7D [REDACTED] has been notified by the Legat, Ottawa of the possibility that TWWA may sponsor there or participate in a womens liberation conference originally scheduled for March, 1971, in Canada. To date, no information has been received indicating that the TWWA actually held such a conference and it would appear to have been cancelled as disclosed within.

The March edition of the "SNCC Monthly" was furnished to the NYO anonymously. Appropriate copies have been forwarded to the Bureau under the SNCC caption in accordance with previous Bureau instructions.

The sources referred to in the last paragraph within are identified as follows:

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[REDACTED]
On 6/1/71, [REDACTED] commenced operation with the capability of reporting on the daily activities of [REDACTED]

b7C To date, no information has been reported by such source indicating any TWWA activity on the part of [REDACTED]

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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b7D Enclosed report is classified "Confidential" since it contains information from the above sources, disclosure of whose identity might have an adverse effect upon the national security interests of the United States.

LEADS

ATLANTA

b7C AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will remain alert for any information indicating that the captioned organization under the leadership of [REDACTED] has initiated any organizing activity within such division.

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. Will conduct the same investigation as requested of Atlanta.

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LEADS (cont'd)

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. Will conduct the same investigation at Houston.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow the activity of TWWA in the New York division and report appropriate developments to the Bureau and interested offices within 90 days.

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Title:

THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Character:

RACIAL MATTER

Synopsis:

b7c The Third World Women's Alliance is headquartered at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 346 West 20th Street, NYC. The organization has approximately 200 members and is lead by SNCC Functionary, [REDACTED]. The TWWA is self-described as an organization of third world women attempting to create a sisterhood of women based on socialist ideology and seeking to eliminate oppression and exploitation based on race, economical status, or sex. The organization has also declared that third world women have the right and responsibility to bear arms. Contacts with confidential sources in various cities outside the New York City area have failed to develop any information which could indicate TWWA has initiated any activities in such areas.

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DETAILS

I. ORIGIN

The March edition of the "Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Monthly," Volume I, Number 6, contained an article on pages 8 and 9 captioned, "Women in the Struggle."

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.

Subject article reveals that the foundation of the Third World Women's Alliance (TWWA) was laid in December, 1968. Within the SNCC, a Black women's caucus was formed to begin to address itself to the problems that the women of SNCC encountered within the organization. Subsequently, it was decided to expand this caucus beyond the confines of SNCC and the organizational name chosen at such time was the Black Women's Alliance. Subsequently, the organization adopted the name of the TWWA.

II. AIMS AND PURPOSES

The March edition of the "SNCC Monthly," as referred to above, also contained a statement as to the goals and objectives of the organization, which are as follows:

- 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.

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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, example, family, economic, educational, etcetera.

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.

III. ORGANIZATION OF HEADQUARTERS

The article in the "SNCC Monthly," as referred to above, also discloses that the headquarters of the TWWA is situated at 346 West 20th Street, New York, New York, 10011.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

The TWWA is approximately 200 members and is no longer an exclusively black organization.

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March 29, 1971

V. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] a member of the Revolutionary Political Council of SNCC is the [REDACTED] of the Third World Women's Alliance.

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March 26, 1971

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VI. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The March edition of the "SNCC Monthly," as referred to above, revealed in the article captioned, "Women in the Struggle," that the TWWA had recently emerged from a two month retreat. According to the article, the administrative structure was not adequate to deal with the growing interest in the organization. It was 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 the stated goals and objectives.

The TWWA was originally scheduled to sponsor a conference in Toronto, Canada, and Vancouver, British Columbia, on March 24, 1971, to be known as the "Third World Unity Conference." Subsequently, it was learned that such conference had been postponed for one month and may in fact be cancelled altogether.

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March 29, 1971

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VII. CONNECTION WITH THE STUDENT NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

During a SNCC meeting held [REDACTED]
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March 26, 1971

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants

During March, April, May, and June, 1971, various confidential sources familiar to some extent with Black nationalists and or Black militant activities in Houston, Texas, Cincinnati, Ohio, Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City, were contacted but were unable to furnish any information indicating that the TWNA was active in any area other than New York City.

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Reference is made to report of Special

b7C Agent [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above,
at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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