

TO: LAW STUDENTS, LAWYERS, POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS,
POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, RESEARCH GROUPS, ETC.

FROM: NATIONAL TASK FORCE FOR COINTELPRO LITIGATION
AND RESEARCH

RE: OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVERNMENT SPYING
AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Much attention has been focused on the militant dissent of the sixties' and seventies' impact on the white left movement, (for different reasons) the Black Community superficially began to explore this turbulent period and its effects on the Black Family and indeed the Black Community. Every Black Family was confronted with the question of the existence and political survival of key organizations, such as the BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP), REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM), the ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU), and the separate Nations of the REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA and of course, the much older NATION OF ISLAM.

These groups were bold in questioning the essential relationship of the white dominant culture to the Negro dominated slave culture, and the culture of Black Pride and resistance. This dichotomy marks the beginning of Revolutionary Nationalists' fierce campaigns to illegitimatize the powerful tentacles of the racists and exploitative United States Government.

The illegitimacy of J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation, and John Mitchell's Justice Department, and indeed, Richard Nixon's White House, is well documented public information.

In 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, the people who controlled the operation of these illegitimate departments, conspired with criminal intent to manipulate the law and malign other groups and individuals as criminals who threatened the security of the U.S. Government.

Behind a wall of secrecy, the F.B.I. established the 1956 COINTELPRO to disrupt, expose, discredit and to neutralize the United States Communist Party and related organizations. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS REFER HERE TO ANY AND ALL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

*"The purpose of this new counter-intelligence endeavor is to expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize the activities of Black Nationalists' hate-type organizations and groupings, their leadership, spokesmen, membership, and supporters, and to counter their propensity for violence and civil disorder. The activities of all such groups of intelligence interest to this Bureau must be followed on a continuous basis so we will be in a position to promptly take advantage of all opportunities for counter-intelligence and to inspire action in instances where circumstances warrant. The pernicious background of such grounds, their duplicity, and devious maneuvers must be exposed to public scrutiny where such publicity will have a neutralizing effect. Efforts of the various groups to consolidate their forces or to recruit new or youthful adherents must be frustrated. No opportunity should be missed to exploit through counter-intelligence techniques the organizational and personal conflicts of the leadership of the groups and where possible an effort should be made to capitalize upon existing conflicts between competing Black Nationalists' Organizations. When an opportunity is apparent to disrupt or neutralize Black Nationalists' hate-type organizations through the cooperation of established local news media contacts or through such contact with sources available to the Seat of Government, in every instance, careful attention must be given to the proposal to insure the targeted group is disrupted, ridiculed or discredited through the publicity and not merely publicized. Consideration should be given to techniques to preclude violence-prone or rabble-rouser leaders of hate groups from spreading their philosophy publicly or through various mass communication media."

Concretely, this meant that Black People who worked towards the interest of the larger community or colony, were targets and victims of search and destroy tactics designed to divide and conquer the Black Liberation Struggle. Agents put "Snitch Jackets on militant (Panther) members inviting other Panthers to attack them

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for having 'informed' to the police. The F.B.I. also created dissension among Panthers and claimed success for provoking at least four instances of assault by one militant Black Activist against another In New York, agents set cars on fire with molotov cocktails making it appear that one faction was attacking another. F.B.I. agents conducted at least five (5) such bombings in 1973-1974."*

Clearly, the F.B.I.'s major campaign was one of wartime counter-intelligence, which translated as measures and actions taken to detect, prevent and neutralize a legitimate movement to benefit Black People. Organizations and activists alike, civil rights were clearly violated with illegal search and seizures, fabrication of evidence, and illegal use and methods for obtaining information.

In 1965, MALCOLM X was shot down in New York City. Life Magazine flashed pictures of one of MALCOLM's bodyguards administering mouth to mouth resuscitation in a futile attempt to save his life. In 1969, the would be rescuer, appeared at the trial of twenty-one Panthers in New York. He had been an employee of the New York Police Department throughout that time, and by 1971, he was a detective for the New York Police Intelligence Unit.

In 1968, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot to death on the balcony of a MEMPHIS MOTEL.

In November, 1969, RALPH FEATHERSTONE AND CHE PAYNE were murdered, their bodies blown up in a car carrying them to the BEL AIR MARYLAND trial of H. RAP BROWN.

On January 17, 1969, BUNCHY CARTER and JOHN HUGGINS were shot to death on the campus of UCLA by members of US organization after a series of F.B.I. instigated conflicts.

On December 4, 1969, FRED HAMPTON and MARK CLARK were murdered by Chicago Police; subsequently, investigations by groups, other than law enforcement agencies (which sought to hide or ignore the evidence), disclosed the fact that FRED had been drugged and shot in the head while asleep in bed.

* Book III COINTELPRO: The F.B.I.'s covert action program to destroy BPP, also section on car burning.

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Raids on the BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) OFFICES, raids on the AFRIKAN PEOPLES PARTY (APP) OFFICES, raids against the REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA (RNA), undercover agents, electronic surveillance, wiretapping, harassment and intimidation of the Black Colonized Family, frame-ups, provocateurs, TACKWOOD, the NEALS, the COTTONS, ANTHONY HARRIS (SAN FRANCISCO's so-called ZEBRA case), all represent the fusillade of tactics and techniques explicitly used to conspire against and destroy a movement that would unite the Black Family within the BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

Many have witnessed this obvious conspiracy but we have only begun to scratch the surface and uncover the horrendous domestic war crimes that were unleashed against Black People in the U.S.A. and particularly against REVOLUTIONARY BLACK NATIONALISTS. What needs to be done??????? A National Legal Campaign to exhaust all legal redress and challenge in the Courts, Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies that participated overtly and covertly in acts of violence against Political Activists under the rhetoric of Law and Order. SINCE THE CONSTITUTION IS THE LAW OF THE LAND we must demand that it is upheld and enforced to guarantee that all citizens are given equal protection of the law. Vigilant and honest scrutiny is essential against any and all incurring infractions against each citizen's constitutional rights regardless of perpetrators, public office or statue. Any compromise to these fundamental constitutional principles could conceivably result in the national suppression and violation of all citizens' human rights.

National legal research teams, composed of law students, lawyers, activists, clergy, college students, etc., should carry this fight forward and file suits, set up a national clearinghouse, and other concerted efforts to pull the covers off the true conspirators and obstructors of justice.

The bigger question still, is will Black People's (ex-slaves) human rights ever be protected by the laws, lawmakers and a judicial system that spouts equal protection of the law, guaranteed rights for all citizens, but refuses to prosecute the real criminals; while crusaders for justice are jailed and killed off, one by one?

The COINTELPRO TASK FORCE FOR LITIGATION AND RESEARCH is a broad-based coalition of conscientious activists, lawyers, law students,

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legal investigators, political activists, and victims of Government illegal spying and domestic violence perpetrated against the BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENT. A COINTELPRO Legal Clearinghouse for Legal Research, and National Index on Legal Suits violating citizens' civil liberties is being established.

We are interested in intelligence materials, documents, reference materials, mailing lists, legal briefs, court transcripts, newspaper articles, fact finding reports, congressional reports, government reports, etc. Please write us and join our struggle.*

Citizens of the United States of America have a moral responsibility to see that justice prevails over tyranny. Join the struggle. Defend the rights of victims of COINTELPRO. Support the NATIONAL TASK FORCE FOR COINTELPRO LITIGATION AND RESEARCH.

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