

# FROM THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION to INVESTIGATE the F.B.I.

June, 1971

We are sending you copies of more than 200 pages of FBI documents which were among those taken from the Media, Pennsylvania, office of the FBI on the night of March 8, 1971 — International Women's Day — when all the FBI documents in every file cabinet and desk of that office were brought out. Previously unpublished material is included here, along with copies of everything previously sent to the press by our Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI.

If you publish this material, we want this cover letter to be printed with it uncut, and we want all royalties to be used to set up a fund for the defense of those who may be accused by the government of gathering or publicizing information which it tries to keep secret from the very public from whom it should derive its powers.

We wish to make these documents more widely available so that they can be used effectively by all who are working for a more peaceful, just, and open society. Our purpose is not just to correct the more gross violations of constitutional rights by the FBI within the framework of its present goals and organization. Nor is it to attack personally individual informers, agents, or administrators. It is instead to contribute to the movement for fundamental constructive change in our society, for as we said in our initial statement, "as long as great economic and political power remains concentrated in the hands of small cliques not subject to democratic control and scrutiny, then repression, intimidation, and entrapment are to be expected."

The government has been making frantic efforts to deny the public such glimpses into its clandestine activities. It has resorted to a massive campaign of spying and harassment not only against those who work for more just and peaceful policies, but also against their families, friends, and neighbors.

We are encouraged by the constructive actions which many have been taking to resist this repression. Here are some examples which may provide models for others:

In the Powelton section of Philadelphia, residents and community organizations held a street fair, which turned the intensive FBI spying and harassment against that community into a focus for uniting and educating the residents (New York Times, June 6, 1971). A public alarm system was set up for bringing people together on short notice in the event of an FBI attack. Posters with photos of FBI agents prowling in the area were widely distributed. A law suit against the FBI is being initiated.

In New York City, a bill has been introduced that would grant each person access to any files a city agency keeps on them, and which would require prior notification before a dossier could be shown to any federal or state agency.

The American Civil Liberties Union and RESIST (the national organization which issued the Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority) are setting up local committees against spying. They are preparing leaflets and other material for general distribution to inform people of their rights and their responsibility to others not to cooperate with political investigations. They are challenging cooperation with government spying by the mass media, the phone company, universities, and other institutions in their area.

Others have taken direct action to make public information which the government had concealed. The publication of the government's top secret history of the Vietnam War by the New York Times, and the raids on FBI offices in Rochester and Garden City, New York, are examples.

Only a sustained, informed, courageous, and humane struggle can build a living community within the shell of the dying one.



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Separating New Left from Old

TO : DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES  
FROM : SAC  
DATE : 9/16/70  
SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

During the recent inspection this office was instructed to separate security matter supervision to create a "New Left" and an "Old Left" desk.

Squad # 3 was designated to be the "Old Left" desk. While retaining espionage and foreign intelligence matters, it will handle the investigations of all organizations and individuals who fall in the "Old Left" category. Generally, "Old Left" means the Communist Party and the various splinter and Trotskyite groups which have been in existence for many years. The youth groups and satellites of the Communist Party and these splinter groups are also to be handled in the "Old Left" category and on Squad #3.

Squad #4 was designated to handle "New Left" matters which includes both organizations and individuals. This is a relatively broad term insofar as newly formed organizations with leftist or anarchistic connotations. Among other things, desk #4 will be responsible for such matters as SDS, STAG, underground newspapers, communes, commune investigations, the Resistance.

It is not contemplated that such organizations as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, SANE, AFSC, etc., which have long been in existence and are now attempting to polarize themselves toward revolting youth will be considered within the investigative purview of "New Left." To include such organizations would defeat the purpose of setting up a flexible activist group designed to deal with violent and terroristic minded young anarchists.

- 1 - 100 - 49107
- 1 - Each SRA (Circulate within RA)
- 1 - Squad #4 (16)
- 1 - Each Supervisor (10)
- 1 - Night Supervisor

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A pretext phone call (agent pretends to be a friend passing through town) gets parents to divulge information on their daughter, who is being investigated for being a YSA member.

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-18919)  
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-51777) (P)  
SUBJECT : VIRGINIA MAE THOMAS  
SM-YSA

Re: Cincinnati letters dated 9-25-70 and 11-18-70. Mrs. HAZEL GALLAGHER, Assistant Manager, Chester Credit Bureau, Inc., Chester, Pa., which covers Drexel Hill, Pa., on 11-20-70 advised the files of that office indicated no record of the subject. Detective WILLIAM GORDAN, Police Department, Upper Darby, Pa., on 11-20-70 advised the files of that office indicated no record of the subject.

A pretext telephone call (pretext of a friend passing through Philadelphia, Pa.) was made to the residence of of subject on 11-20-70 by SA JAMES L. O'CONNOR. Subject's mother informed that subject is presently working as a receptionist at the main office of the Industrial Valley Bank and Trust Company, 1518 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., telephone 561-3000-extension 204. She further advised that captioned subject had majored in journalism while at Ohio University and was scheduled to graduate in June of 1970 but learned that she was one credit short for the requirements for a degree.

LEADS:

Cincinnati Division  
At Athens, Ohio

Will review records at the School of Journalism for background information regarding subject and conduct pertinent investigation as set forth in referenced letters.

Philadelphia Division  
At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will contact established sources and informants for background information relative to subject.

2-Cincinnati (100-18919)(RM)  
2-Philadelphia (100-51777)

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The eight documents on this page are excerpted from 271 pages allegedly stolen from the FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania, on March 8, 1971, and now published in full in the March 8, 1972, issue of WIN magazine, a War Resisters League publication.

Although in the next issue of the "Free Press" we plan to reprint a few more of these documents, we don't have the space to do them all. Those readers who would like to see the full collection should obtain a copy of WIN on their newsstand or by writing to WIN, Box 547, Rifton, New York 12471.

The price for the single copy is 75 cents (you might add some for postage and perhaps as a contribution). A subscription for a full year to this continually exciting radical pacifist publication is only \$5.00. Copies of this issue of WIN will be collectors' items shortly, so get it on.

You can't tell a thing without a photograph or Beware of Pear-shaped Heads and Truck Drivers

2/5/71

CLERICAL APPLICANT ROUTING SLIP NOT TO BE SERIALIZED - DESTROY WHEN PURPOSE SERVED

In connection with Bureau applicant investigation, when you send a written communication be sure to reference prior communications either outgoing or incoming. In addition, be sure to include status.

I recently saw a photograph of a favorably recommended clerical applicant. This photograph reflected long sideburns and long hair in the back and too full on the sides. Please, when interviewing applicants be alert for long hairs, beards, mustaches, pear shaped heads, truck drivers, etc. We are not that hard up yet.

In connection with long hair and sideburns, where you have an applicant that you would like to favorably recommend, ask the applicant to submit to you a new photograph with short sideburns and conventional hair style. I have not had one refuse me yet.

Watch Your Weight

TO : ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, MALE CLERICAL EMPLOYEES' INVESTIGATIVE CLERKS, & SPECIAL EMPLOYEES  
FROM : SAC JOE D. JAMIESON  
DATE : 1/4/71  
SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION MATTERS - WEIGHT STANDARDS

By SAC Letter #65-39 dated 7/14/65, the Bureau instructed that during the months of July, October, January and April of each year, each Special Agent must be weighed and the Bureau advised of the results by the last day of such months.

The next report will be due 1/29/71.

HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL: All Headquarters City male personnel will be weighed beginning January 11th through January 22nd, and their weights recorded by Mrs. LEE LANDSBURG in the Nurse's Office. ANY MAN FOUND TO BE OVERWEIGHT WILL BE REQUIRED TO LOSE THE WEIGHT, AND WILL BE WEIGHED WEEKLY BY HIS SUPERVISOR UNTIL HIS WEIGHT IS BROUGHT WITHIN BUREAU STANDARDS.

RESIDENT AGENTS: Any Resident Agent coming into Headquarters City during any month must be weighed there and his weight recorded by Mrs. LANDSBURG. Those Resident Agents who have not been in Headquarters City during any month will be weighed by the Senior Resident Agent who will immediately furnish the results to me, Attention: Mrs. LANDSBURG. ALL RESIDENT AGENTS' WEIGHTS FOR THE 1/29/71 REPORT MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY JANUARY 22, 1971.

The Wellsboro agent must be weighed by Mrs. LANDSBURG when he comes in to Headquarters City, but no more than once a month.

I expect every Agent and male clerical employee to maintain his weight within the desirable limits at all times.

- 1- 67-7190
- 1- ASAC
- 1- SA GWINN
- 1- SA SAVARD
- 1- SA CAPOZZELLA
- 1- SA MUZIK
- 1- SA J. O'CONNOR
- 1- SA C.T. ADAMS
- 1- SA CHRISTENSEN
- 1- SA RODGERS
- 1- SA BRAMLEY
- 1- SA HENDRICKS

- 1- SA HANNIGAN
- 1- SA JENKINS
- 1- SA DE BUVITZ
- 1- SA SPIVEY
- JES:MS
- (17)
- 1- 66-224
- 1- 66-6135
- 1- Each Male Employee As Above
- 1- Nurse
- JDJ:MMR
- (230)

<b>SUMMARY OF ONE DAY'S TAPPING</b>
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TO :SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2004)  
 FROM :SA RONALD D. BUTLER  
 DATE :2/4/71  
 SUBJECT :BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
 RM

The following information was excerpted from data furnished on 2/1/71m by PH 1209-R\*. Any dissemination of this information outside the Bureau must be adequately paraphrased in order to protect this highly sensitive source.

During a conversation between SANDRA [FBI assumed full names but we have deleted them to protect the innocent] and RUSSELL, RUSSELL mentioned that there was no heat in the office and that they had no money.

During a conversation between DELORES and RUSSELL, DELORES stated that her baby was due in four months.

RUSSELL reached EILEEN and left a message for her to tell SMITTY to tell MONTAE to be at staff meeting tonight.

A representative of Western Union called for RUSSELL advising that they had a money order for m to pick up.

SMITTY mentioned during the day that TINA had not been around the office for several days and at someone should go see her. He then mentioned OBBY currently had the responsibility for the liberation School.

DAN of the Free Press called for DANTE who was not in. DAN advised RUSSELL that during the convention, he had rented a truck in his name for DANTE and another brother to haul food from New York and Philadelphia to the convention. He stated the truck was not returned for two weeks, and that his father had received a call from a collection agency and was advised that \$400 was owed on the truck and the agency has a three-state alarm out for DAN at this time. DAN stated he had talked to DANTE and had been advised the Party had paid \$90 for full payment on the truck. DANTE was to call DAN at GA-3-3161.

DOC reached DANTE at 222-4053 and related the above story. DANTE instructed DOC to have DAN bring the bills into the office and stated that the Panthers would deal with them. The subject of the conversation then turned to TINA ALLEN and DOC stated that TINA claimed she was being treated cruelly by the Party members. DANTE said she should attend

a meeting, discuss her griefs, and then make up her mind whether she was going to stay in the Party or get out. DANTE then confided to DOC that he would like to move out of "this place." DOC stated he had "already made his move."

GERALDINE called WILLIAM regarding the vehicle belonging to the BPP and was told that the car was a 1964 Chevrolet and that the engine had completely stopped running. BROWN stated that they were thinking of getting a VW bus. GERALDINE then stated she had just talked to her friend who gets cars from sheriff's sales in New Jersey, and that he expected to have something in a couple of weeks. GERALDINE stated the friend who obtains the cars name is CARTER, and it was learned that the disabled 1964 Chevrolet is parked at 36th and Haverford, but was going to be moved in front of the Party Headquarters. GERALDINE stated that CARTER would pick up the car and that if he could repair it cheaply, he would give it back to the Party so they can have two cars if they got the VW bus.

LORRAINE (LNU), telephone TR 7-8692, called RUSSELL to advise West Catholic High for Girls is having a Black Workshop 2/6/71, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 206 at 45th and Chestnut. LORRAINE stated they would like a Panther to speak at the event. It was indicated someone from the BPP would call LORRAINE by 2/4/71 to confirm the speaking date.

During the conversation between HERMAN and WILLIAM, HERMAN stated the Party had a five day extension to pay a phone bill of \$363. It was indicated the telephone service would be discontinued if the bill were not paid.

HERMAN called an unknown female at 227-5327, and mentioned that he was filling out income tax forms. HERMAN stated he was considering filling out two reports under different names from that address.

RUSSELL placed a collect call to Wheaton, Ill., telephone 312-665-3724. RUSSELL talked to LIBBY and then MOM and advised them he was leaving Philadelphia and should be in Chicago in two weeks. RUSSELL asked his mother to send him \$17 to get home which she agreed to do. RUSSELL's mother then tried to convince him to get out of the Black Panther Party although she was unsuccessful.

SIMBA called the office just to find out what had been happening and was advised a People's Tribunal would be held sometime in March and that a rally was scheduled for February 28, in honor of BOBBY SEALE. The location of these events was unknown to RUSSELL at the present time. SIMBA requested that he be furnished any further information regarding the matter.

RUSSELL called the Greyhound Bus Terminal to

obtain scheduling information for a bus to Pittsburgh and was told he could catch a bus at either 6:30 or 8:30 p.m. tonight.

DOC called DAVEY (female) at 724-3497 to ask what was happening at her school and to inquire about student unrest. DAVEY stated there was no unrest and that nothing was happening at all. DOC then mentioned a meeting for parents and students of all schools which was to be held at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond, on 2/3/71, at 7:30 p.m. It was indicated MUHAMMED KENYATTA was to be the speaker. This meeting is to show the parents and students what's going on in the schools.

During the conversation between DOC and SMITTY, it was indicated PAT would handle the Breakfast Program 2/2/71 for the North Philadelphia section. SMITTY then commented that they couldn't give PAT the keys to the building because she was merely a community worker. DOC then asked if SMITTY's section had been successful in obtaining stock and SMITTY stated he had received 16 reams of mimeograph paper. DOC instructed him to be sure that he hid the paper away from the office because there couldn't be any stock piling at any of the offices. SMITTY mentioned that the "pigs" were starting to get "uptight" and that "Pig" WINCHESTER had been sitting outside the office all weekend. DOC commented that this was good and stated they would have to keep the pressure on the "pigs."

MONTAE called DOC to advise he couldn't be present at the meeting tonight and was instructed to write a resume and send it into the office. During the conversation between HERMAN and SMITTY, HERMAN mentioned the Party was going to cut down the telephone expenses by having the buzzer system removed because it was too expensive. SMITTY stated he had put a lock on the phone upstairs but would keep the phone because they would need it for the Doctor if and when they get one.

DANTE called HERMAN to advise the neighborhood was saturated with "pigs" and was asked by HERMAN if the "machinery" was all set up for such things. DANTE said the machinery was ready and that they had "everything going for them."

ACTION: INDEX DAN...

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An informer reports on a meeting of the Philadelphia Labor Committee

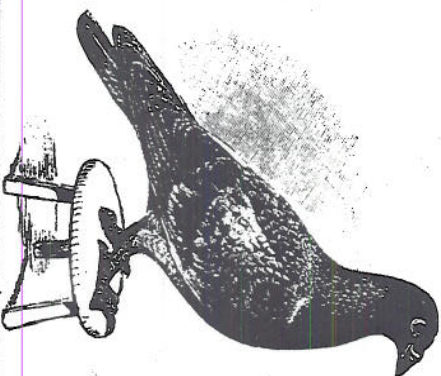
TO : SAC (100-46556)  
 FROM : SA JOHN T. BLAIR  
 DATE : 9/24/70  
 SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA LABOR COMMITTEE  
 IS - SDS

On 9/1/70, PH 948-S advised that on Friday evening, 8/28/70, he had visited the residence of JOSEPH BERNHEIM *[address deleted]*. He added that

ANITA GRETZ, member of the Philadelphia Labor Committee, had advised him that a meeting of the Labor Committee was to be held that evening at *[address deleted]*. Upon arriving, informant discovered that the meeting was to be held on 9/1; however, he was invited to sit and talk awhile with those present. Present was one (FNU) BENNETT and UVA HENKE and wife and also DAN WASSERMAN. BENNETT, like HENKE, is reportedly an instructor or professor at Swarthmore College and WASSERMAN is supposed to be a student at Swarthmore. All individuals were sitting around discussing the coming Black Panther Party Conference and smoking marijuana.

A meeting of the Women's Liberation group was being held in another room and there appeared to be approximately eight females participating in this meeting including REBECCA BERNHEIM, who kept going in and out of the meeting to attend her small child who was in the kitchen. A number of other rather hippie-type individuals were observed coming and going from the upper floors and it would appear that the three-story house is being operated as a commune. From statements made by BERNHEIM, HENKE, BENNETT, etc., it would appear that they consider themselves "intellectual revolutionaries," but are not organizational types and not personally activists. ACTION: Open and Assign New 100 case on the BERNHEIM Commune,

9-Philadelphia  
 1-100-46556  
 1-100-51492 (JOSEPH BERNHEIM)  
 1-100-51883 (FNU BENNETT)  
 1-100- (BERNHEIM COMMUNE, 1008 S. 49th St.)  
 1-100-51271 (UVA HENKE)  
 1-100-51892 (DAN WASSERMAN)  
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 1-100-51132 (WOMEN'S LIBERATION)  
 1-100-Dead (REBECCA BERNHEIM)



Draft board rip-offs are effective

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (25-21182)  
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (25-42035) (RUC)  
 DATE : 11/20/70  
 SUBJECT: BILL STANTON  
 SSA

Re Indianapolis report of SA DONALD H. KIDD dated 10/5/70.

The following investigation was conducted by RECHARD A. MAZZEO on 11/16/70, at Lansdowne, Pa.:

On 11/18/70, Miss DONNA DANSEPT, Clerical Assistant, Local Board 58, Selective Service, Lansdowne, Pa., advised that due to the recent destruction of many of the current files of Local Board 58, she is unable to forward any background papers regarding BILL STANTON. DANSEPT stated she would search the remains of the destroyed files for any background information she may have regarding STANTON and forward this to Local Board 87, Selective Service System, Richmond, Inc. DANSEPT further stated she would communicate with Local Board 87 and request that they furnish subject with Selective Service System Form 800 at Earlham College, Richmond, Inc.

DANSEPT recalled that she had sent Selective Service System Form 800 to the subject. She further recalled that subject responded by letter indicating that he would not register for the Selective Service. She could not recall any further information regarding subject.

The order to get information on the Panther's Revolutionary Peoples' Constitutional Convention.

TO : ALL AGENTS  
 FROM : SAC JOE D. JAMIESON  
 DATE : 10/12/70  
 SUBJECT : REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLES CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ORGANIZED BY THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

For the information of all receiving agents, the Black Panther Party (BPP) sponsored a planning session for the above convention which was held here in Philadelphia 9/4-7/70.

At the conclusion of the above convention, the BPP held a press conference and stated that the actual convention would be held in Washington, D.C., on 11/4/70. On 10/7/70 the Bureau advised that the dates of the above had been changed to 11/6-9/70 and that about 15,000 are expected to attend; this group will comprise of white as well as black extremists.

The Bureau has issued instructions that all offices must report the following information on a weekly basis:

1. various organizations planning to participate
  2. mode of travel and identities of persons planning to attend
  3. identities of organizers and persons who are to head work shops
  4. identities of the leading speakers at the convention
  5. agenda of the convention
  6. plans for violence or disruptive demonstrations
  7. plans to carry weapons or explosive devices
  8. convention security precautions to be observed
  9. literature regarding the convention
  10. details concerning available housing
- In view of the above, all agents are requested to contact logical informants regularly to obtain current data as per Bureau instructions. All such information should be reported to SA PHILIP E. BROWN.

2-157-4854  
 1-157-2004  
 1-EACH AGENT (191)  
 PEB:MPJ  
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More FBI documents next week