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Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to OSI, G-2, Sixth Army, NISO, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco, California Police Departments.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the Black Panther Party for Self Defense (BPPSD) is a militant black nationalist youth organization, which has headquarters at 5624 Grove Street, Oakland, California, one block south of the Merritt College Campus, 5714 Grove Street, Oakland. Meetings have been held on a weekly basis at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays with approximately 8 to 22 young Negro males in attendance.

The leaders of this organization are BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, 809 57th Street, Oakland and RUEY PERCY NEWTON, 881 47th Street, Oakland. This source advised that SEALE and some of his associates have been observed on the streets of Oakland, California, carrying carbine rifles and holstered pistols in plain view. They have not been known to carry concealed weapons or to possess weapons such as sawed-off shotguns, which are in violation of existing laws and have therefore, not subjected themselves to arrest.

On March 1, 1967 a second source advised that BOBBY GEORGE SEALE is employed as a tutor, North Oakland Area Service Center, Oakland Economic Development Council, 905 55th Street, Oakland, California. As of the Fall of 1965, SEALE was the distribution manager of "Soul-book", self-described as the "quarterly journal of Revolutionary Afro-America."

Records of the Clerk of Superior Court, Alameda County, California, Oakland, California in Action #38842 disclosed that on October 10, 1966 BOBBY GEORGE SEALE was sentenced to one

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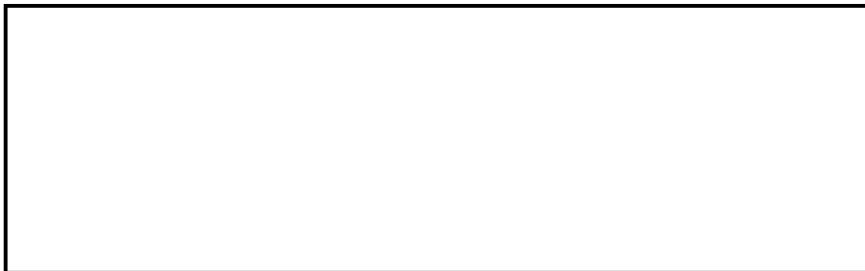
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year court probation, Superior Court of Alameda County, California, after pleading guilty to charges of battery of a Berkeley police officer on March 17, 1966.

The March 18, 1966 issue of the "Berkeley Daily Gazette" on page one, columns one through three, carried an article "Telegraph Avenue Melee Hurts Two Police Officers - Three Arrested - Crowd Watches Struggle", which identified BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, 809 57th Street, Oakland and HUEY NEWTON, age 24, 881 47th Street, Oakland, as two of the individuals who kicked and struck officers of the Berkeley Police Department, Berkeley, California, who were attempting to take them into custody.



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Records of the Oakland Police Department #159483 disclosed that HUEY PERCY NEWTON, born February 17, 1942, Monroe, Louisiana, residing at 881 47th Street, Oakland, California, was on October 8, 1964 found guilty by jury in Superior Court of Alameda County, California of assault with deadly weapon on October 29, 1964, and was on October 29, 1964 sentenced to three years probation, six months county jail.

On November 22, 1966 a third source advised that HUEY NEWTON was reported to be qualified as an expert in "demolition" and reportedly had supervised the making or gathering of Molotov Cocktails, incendiary bombs and the like.

The March 6, 1967 issue of "The Militant", official publication of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP),

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on page 8 columns one and two, contains an article captioned, "CAMEJO in speech about MALCOLM X" which states in part that ALEX PAPIILLION of the Oakland Black Panther Party for Self Defense, had on February 21, 1967 spoken before a street meeting organized by the Socialist Campaign Committee and attended by nearly 300 Berkeley High School students. This article stated in part that PETE CAMEJO, SWP candidate for mayor (City of Berkeley) also spoke and said that one of the purposes of the rally was to introduce high school students for the first time to members of the BPPSD "who believe in the ideas of MALCOLM X".

A characterization of MALCOLM X is found in the characterization of the Muslim Mosque, Inc. (MMI) in the appendix.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The February 25, 1967 issue of the "Berkeley Barb", a weekly newspaper published in Berkeley, California on page one, column one, carried an article captioned "Armed Panthers Here - Black Power Joins Left", which stated in part that approximately 300 Berkeley High School students attended a rally Tuesday noon (February 21, 1967) and that the rally had been held in spite of police threats to ban the meeting. This article stated further that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Rampart's Staff Writer and Chairman of the Bay Area Afro-American Unity Steering Committee, called for the building of MALCOLM X organizations "all over the Black American Ghettos and territory." CLEAVER also reportedly stated "if MALCOLM X can die, we can die. We are proud to be black and we don't hide behind our women. One day it will be Molotov Cocktails; next, hand grenades and bullets. If we can't have our freedom then white America will die".

The aforementioned article continued in part as follows: "As if to underscore this point, the next speaker wore a pistol in holster on his belt. He was HUEY NEWTON of the Oakland Black Panther Party for Self Defense. 'You have allowed yourself to become black people with a white mind' he said. 'Black is right and you can turn this around with this concept'. NEWTON pointed out, patting his pistol, 'we have this, but you can't fight with just guns. The next step is to go out into the black community and organize for your needs. If we don't get them, then we can dissolve this union of America'".

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On February 27, 1967 [redacted] Parole and Community Services Division, Region II, 69 - 11th Street, San Francisco, California advised that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, whose full name is LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER was received in the California Prison System in 1958 following conviction of assault with intent to commit murder and assault with a deadly weapon. He had previously been convicted and served time on a narcotics charge. He was placed on parole December 12, 1966, which will be concluded on March 20, 1971.

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On February 23, 1967 a fourth source furnished a mimeographed leaflet captioned "MALCOLM X's Ideas Still Live", which announced that a memorial tribute on the second anniversary of the assassination of MALCOLM X would be held on February 24 at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California with ELDRIDGE CLEAVER as the main speaker.

On March 8, 1967 the third source advised that on March 6, 1967 [redacted] HUEY NEWTON, BOBBY SEALE and others met on the Campus of University of California, Berkeley, California, and among other things discussed the program of the BPPSD. SEALE stated that he and HUEY NEWTON were arming Negroes in the Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco areas with guns, rifles and ammunition as a political power in the program of the BPPSD. SEALE made the assertion in a bragging manner that the BPPSD could within one hour have 50 Negroes armed and ready for action.

SEALE also made statements which indicated "a bitter response toward the Oakland Police".

According to this third source BOBBY SEALE's group, the BPPSD is trying to pattern itself after the forces of Mao Tse Tung, Premiere of Communist China. This source stated that SEALE and NEWTON refer to the writings of Mao Tse Tung "when trying to make a point".

The third source added that SEALE and NEWTON emphasize that it was the objective of the BPPSD to arm the Negro community to full capacity for the purpose of backing "all plays by the Negro community" and to act as a deterrent to all organizations, including the Oakland Police Department and San Francisco Police Department".

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According to this third source NEWTON made the statements that "with the exception of verbal harassment by the Oakland Police Department no one in the BPPSL has been challenged because of his wearing guns at all times".

On April 25, 1966 a rally sponsored by the "Afro-American Student Union" (AASU) was held on the Sproul Hall Steps, University of California, Berkeley, California. At this rally DON JUAN DAVIS, President of the AASU urged Negroes to oppose the drafting of black men and stated in part "We are not about to go to Vietnam and fight against people like ourselves who are fighting for equal opportunities, equal rights and the end of oppression.

The AASU is an organization recognized by the University of California as a student organization, according to the fifth source.

The records of the Oakland Police Department disclose that on March 8, 1967 [redacted] Arroya Viajo Recreation Center, 7701 Krause Avenue advised that on March 8, 1967 a regular meeting of the "Cowboys" was held at the Arroya Viajo Recreation Center. At approximately 7:15 p.m. [redacted] noticed a group of approximately 30 to 35 young adults approaching the center. The members of this group were dressed in black outfits and Mr. [redacted] noted that 8 or 10 of this group were armed with shotguns and rifles. [redacted] met the group at the entrance to the Center and at this time notified them that weapons were not allowed on the premises. BOBBY SEALE, the apparent leader of the group, then ordered the weapons collected from those persons who were armed and directed one member of the group to put the weapons in a vehicle and to guard the weapons.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 8:00 p.m. [redacted] and approximately 8 other persons arrived at the scene.

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At the conclusion of the regular business meeting of the Cowboys, BOBBY SEALE was asked to make his presentation. SEALE attempted to recruit members of the Cowboys into the group represented by SEALE and known as the Black Panthers (referring to the BPPSD). SEALE's talk included information on the aims of the BPPSD as well as quotations from the United States Constitution regarding the bearing of arms. Upon completion of SEALE's talk [redacted] offered words in support of the BPPSD.

According to [redacted] the meeting was very orderly and the group responded to all requests made by [redacted] regarding rules of conduct at the Center.

According to [redacted] BOBBY SEALE indicated to the assembled group that the "black panthers" were receiving instructions from "back east" and that something "big" was going to occur in the near future.

At the conclusion of the meeting SEALE informed the Cowboys that a recruiting meeting would be held on March 11, 1967 at 4:00 p.m. at 5624 Grove Street, Oakland. This location, according to SEALE, was also the area where recruits were instructed in Karate and other methods of self-defense taught by a member known as HUEY NEWTON.

On March 13, 1967 the first source advised that the "Cowboys" is a Negro teen-age social group of East Oakland, California, which has included in its membership several juveniles having criminal records.

A characterization of [redacted] is found in the characterization of the Oakland Direct Action Committee attached hereto.

The records of the Oakland Police Department, examined on March 13, 1967 included "Field Contact Reports" reflecting the questioning of HUEY PERCY NEWTON and BOBBY GEORGE SEALE on December 4, 1966, January 12, 1967 in connection with their openly carrying carbine rifles and a .38 automatic pistol. On December 4, 1966 HUEY PERCY

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NEWTON when questioned by an Officer of the Oakland Police Department as to why he was carrying a carbine rifle, responded that he was carrying a loaded carbine rifle with clip because of the "white beast". NEWTON claimed police harassment when his identification was requested. On January 12, 1967 NEWTON and SEALE when questioned concerning their carrying a carbine rifle and .38 automatic pistol stated that they were members of the BPPSD.