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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
NEW LEFT MOVEMENT
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

ReSLlet 5/26/69 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist - Hate Groups, New Left Movement."

A review of referenced letter has been made and the suggestion propounded by St. Louis has definite merit. New York should prepare the anonymous mailing as suggested in referenced letter and furnish Bureau, as well as pertinent offices, copies of same. Chicago, New York and St. Louis should furnish addresses of New Left organizations and members to which these anonymous mailings can be made. Take no action without specific Bureau authority.

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NOTE:

The Black Panther Party and the New Left organization known as the Students for a Democratic Society have been attempting to cooperate with each other

St. Louis has recommended the mailing of anonymous communications to various New Left organizations. These mailings are in fact reprints of articles appearing in a New Left publication. We are instructing New York to submit a proposed anonymous letter and to furnish names and addresses of possible mailees,

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Cleaver-Lester

Daughter of Mr. Chicago In her response to Julius Lester, Kathleen Cleaver (May 3) says that white radicals should not hesitate to make judgments about the black movement.

I will take her at her word. I don't like black or Lester is shameful, a disgrace to the new left.

My concern is not the substantive difference between Mrs. Cleaver and Lester. I understood Lester to be saying that white radicals need to build a movement in the white community, as SNCC has asked them to do since 1966, and should not permit taking positions on the political line of the black movement, or even support for the black movement, to "work the" issue that lack. Mrs. Cleaver's concern is the vilification that accompanies her movement. She critic Julius Lester as a "black employee of the white man." To make gooding in the white man "a viper", she calls him out to the "monsters" of the white man. One Cleaver and Lester's writings are "badly" "bad", twice she

speaks of Mr. "monsters". Finally, she links Lester with "gangs, drugs and cowards" and says fuck them and "fuck Julius Lester".

I have been told that during a dispute between the Panthers and SNCC, Panthers with guns went into Jim Ferraro's office and threatened his life. This story had seemed unbelievable to me until I read Mrs. Cleaver's letter. (Perhaps Mrs. Cleaver or some other member of the Panthers can clarify this question. Was Ferraro threatened?) When a member of the movement speaks of a former co-worker ("...having worked with Julius Lester as SNCC"), writes Kathleen Cleaver as Mrs. Cleaver speaks of Lester, shooting each other does not seem very far away.

It was the Panthers who introduced the style of calling people "pigs." White radicals have ripped one another, not only to justify the use of that language by the Panthers, but to use it themselves. Mrs. Cleaver's letter demonstrates what the history of twentieth century radicalism should have made evident to us long since: that heightened, dehumanizing language ("hyenas," "running dogs," "pigs," "snakes," "vipers") leads to a dehumanized movement. Perhaps when you call someone a pig, the next step will call anyone who disagrees with you a pig; and the step after that to make him in fact what you have called him in words, that is, hyenna, by killing him.

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be for the New York Division to prepare copies of the letter and anonymously mail it to addresses of New Left organizations and members, which addresses would have to be furnished by the individual divisions.

Copies of this article are also enclosed for the information of Chicago and New York.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

DATE: 5/26/69

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5818) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a letter to the editor by STAUGHTON LYND, a New Left spokesman from Chicago, Ill., which letter appeared in the 5/17/69 issue of "Guardian", an independent radical news weekly published in New York, N. Y. The St. Louis Division feels that the current "battle" which is being waged between JULIUS LESTER, black correspondent and former SNCC functionary, and [redacted]

[redacted] is a very good subject for potential counterintelligence.

The enclosed letter by STAUGHTON LYND, which tends to put the Black Panther Party in a very poor light, especially from the point of view of the New Left, mentions the confrontation between SNCC and the Black Panther Party when armed Black Panthers charged into the office of JAMES FORMAN.

It is felt that the widest possible dissemination of this letter should be effected among all New Left officers and rank and file. It is felt that this dissemination would have a two-fold effect. First, [redacted]

Secondly, [redacted]

While the ultimate decision should be made by the Bureau as to how to effect this wide distribution, St. Louis is of the opinion that one of the most effective ways would

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