

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/2/70

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1312)(P)

SUBJECT: AFRO SET,
BLACK NATIONALIST PARTY FOR
SELF-DEFENSE (BNPSD)
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LHM

Re Bureau letter to Richmond, 5/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM captioned and dated as above.

Two (2) copies of same LHM being furnished to Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Newark and Richmond.

Copies of enclosed LHM are being designated to U.S. Secret Service and USA, Cleveland, and local military agencies at Cleveland, Ohio.

Sources utilized in enclosed LHM are as follows:

CV T-1 is

CV T-2 is

CV T-3 is

Enclosed LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ as it contains information received from sources of continuing value, unauthorized disclosure of which could jeopardize their future effectiveness.

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RE: AFRO SET,
BLACK NATIONALIST PARTY FOR
SELF-DEFENSE (BNPSD)

FINANCES

CV T-2 advised on May 20, 1970 that HARLLEL B. JONES had received a grant of \$20,000.00 from money furnished the City of Cleveland by the Council of Churches and Cleveland Now, a quasi Municipal Foundation financed by private interest. Source stated that the grant would be given to JONES but that for public records the records would reflect the money had been given to the Black Economic Union.

CV T-2 advised that the Black Economic Union is a Negro organization formed by JIM BROWN, former Cleveland Browns football team player, to assist Negroes in the purchasing and running of the businesses. *Ohio*

Source advised that the \$20,000.00 was to be used to help stop drug abuse in the Hough area of Cleveland, Ohio. Source stated that the chairman of this Hough area project was [redacted] who was formerly a leader of the Afro Set, but currently is considered a member. *Ohio* *OF THE BLACK ECONOMIC UNION*

CV T-2 advised that it is generally acknowledge that the Afro Set receives finances on a continual basis through the Council of Churches and the City Administration. *Ohio*

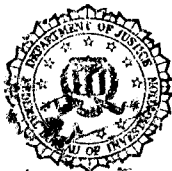
BRANCHES

CV T-1 and CV T-2 advised that HARLLEL JONES claims to have six branches in Cleveland. It is noted that only four of these supposed locations are actually active chapters and identified them as follows:

The Casablanca Bar
East 55th and Outhwaite

Afro Set #2
8801 Hough Avenue

Afro Set
East 66th and Lexington



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cleveland, Ohio
June 2, 1970

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AFRO SET,
BLACK NATIONALIST PARTY FOR
SELF-DEFENSE (BNPSD)

ACTIVITIES

CV T-1 advised on April 27, 1970 that HARLLEL JONES, leader of the Afro Set, had initiated a protection service for ghetto area businesses referring to it as the Community Patrol. Source stated that selected members of the Afro Set were members of this patrol and used a black Econo-line type van to patrol the ghetto areas. Source stated that businesses were solicited for their participation in this endeavor and for a fee, usually \$25.00, a sticker was placed in the window indicating that any criminal who might intend to victimize this particular business would have to deal with the Afro Set Community Patrol. Source stated that many of these posters had been placed in the Glenville area of Cleveland. *Ohio*

8801 Hough Ave Cleveland Ohio

Detective Sergeant [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, Bureau of Special Investigations, advised on April 28, 1970 that his department had been contacting various people who had subscribed to the Afro Set Community Patrol in an attempt to determine if it was a shakedown operation.

On April 27, 1970, HARLLEL B. JONES advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had recently formed a "Community Patrol" whose purpose was to protect inner city merchants and residents from crime. He stated that he had obtained a truck for the purpose of protecting the community. He stated that he had already begun patrolling the inner city and stated that he was policing the Rainbow Terrace Extension Apartments on Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that four or five members of the Afro Set lived in these apartments and were in charge of its security force.

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