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**ABBIE HOFFMAN  
(SUMMARY)**

**PART 17 OF 26**

**BUFILES:100-449923 & 176-34**

SUBJECT ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

FILE Headquarters 176-34

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK ---PLAINTEXT---  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (176-28) (P)

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA., ABBEY HOFFMAN, ANTI RIOT LAWS,  
OO; CHICAGO.

RE BUREAU AND CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALLS SEPTEMBER NINE,  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (176-6) (P)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA  
ANTI-RIOT LAWS  
(OO: CHICAGO)

AFT 5-

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau and NY, 9/10/68 9/11/68.

Due to extensive file reviews the deadline will not  
be met. Report will be submitted by 9/20/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 11, 1968

FROM [REDACTED] SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72113) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka (1)  
ABBEY HOFFMAN, ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN  
ANTI RIOT LAWS

OO: CHICAGO

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DATE 1/29/02 BY *gc5 sig*

*Att* Re Chicago tel to Los Angeles via Washington, dated 9/11/68, captioned as above, referring to LA let to New York, 8/19/68, titled, YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY, aka Yippies; IS-Miscellaneous OO:NY."

Chicago requested that the Los Angeles Division interview "Los Angeles Free Press" reporter LAWRENCE LIPTON, for further details concerning an alleged telephone interview he had with subject ABBOTT HOFFMAN relating to possible civil disorder at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The Los Angeles Division will not conduct any interview with LIPTON in view of his known antipathy and outspoken aversion to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As the Bureau knows, LIPTON is the "beatnik" poet and former coffeehouse owner who authored the inflammatory poem, "I was a Poet for the FBI" in the mid-1950's. He is the subject of Bufile 100-428153, and LA file 100-36454. Pending Bureau approval of an interview, no interview will be made.

The Bureau will recall that LIPTON was interviewed by SAS of this Division on 3/28/58, following the release of the above scurrilous poem. Although he was admonished at that time to refrain from publication of such filth, he nevertheless again attacked the FBI by publication of this poem in the September 1958 issue of the left-wing "Frontier" magazine, which has since merged with "Nation" magazine. Previous contacts with LIPTON resulted in the finding that he is fantastically incoherent, completely senseless and seemingly a person of considerable mental instability.

The Los Angeles Division does not have available at this time an original clipping of LIPTON's article in the weekly avant-gard underground newspaper the "Los Angeles Free Press"; however, there are enclosed for the Bureau and the Chicago Division two Xerox copies each of his article which appeared on Page 7, of the 8/16-22/68 edition of that periodical.

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RECOMMENDATION: As stated above, No interview with LIPTON will be conducted without prior Bureau authority; and it is recommended that no such interview be conducted in view of his untrustworthiness and unreliability. It is reasonable

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to believe that any such interview with LIPTON would be utilized by him in a front page story in the "Los Angeles Free Press" in an attempt to discredit the FBI. He is not the type of individual who feels any remorse in misquoting persons he has interviewed, nor would he have any hesitation in deliberately attributing erroneous statements to the interviewing agents if he thought it would enhance the sale of additional copies of the "Los Angeles Free Press." In making its decision, it is also pointed out to the Bureau that the "Los Angeles Free Press" is edited and published by ARTHUR GLICK KUNKIN, who is currently maintained on the Reserve Index-Section A of the Los Angeles Division in view of his previous affiliations with the Socialist Workers Party and the Johnson-Forest Group, both of which organizations have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. KUNKIN is the subject of Bufile 100-376505, and LA file 100-33665.

This case is being placed in a RUC status, subject to being reopened if and when the Bureau instructs that LIPTON be interviewed in this matter.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# YIPPIES TO VISIT

## HOG CAPITAL

LAWRENCE LIPTON

WHAT ABOUT the Yippie Festival of Life scheduled for August 25-30 in Chicago?

Who's going? Who isn't going? Who will be there?

According to a telephone conversation I had with Abbie Hoffman who, with Jerry Rubin and others on the East Coast first proposed the idea and are acting as coordinators, the plan is to go forward with the festival as it was first announced.

A transcript of my phone conversation with Hoffman follows:

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

HOFFMAN: I'll give you a schedule of events:

AUGUST 20th-24th there will be training classes in karate, non-violent dissent, defense against mace, etc. There will be an information booth set up in Lincoln Park. Almost all our activities are focused on Lincoln Park.

AUGUST 24th Mayor Daley is going to do fireworks on Lake Michigan.

AUGUST 25th afternoon: welcoming of the Democratic delegates in downtown hotels. Exact plans to be announced. There are theater skits planned and things like that. August 25th p.m.: music festival, Lincoln Park.

AUGUST 26th a.m.: workshops in underground communications, drug problems, how to live free, guerrilla theater, draft resistance, self-defense, how to set up communes, etc. Workshops dealing with problems that we face as an alternative community. Workshop leaders should call 943-5285. There will also be scenario sessions to plan small-group activities.

LIPTON: Why do you call them scenario sessions?

H: We think in terms of theater. Theater groups will plan theater skits.

L: This is for street theater?

H: Yes. We have no idea how many of those groups are coming in. We got three thousand letters in July alone, at the New York office. And we couldn't coordinate all the stuff.

AUGUST 26th p.m.: Beach party on the lake across from Lake Park, called North Avenue Beach; folk singing, barbeques, swimming, lovemaking.

AUGUST 27th dawn: poetry, mantras, religious ceremony led by Allen Ginsberg.

AUGUST 27th afternoon: Workshops and scenario sessions. Also film showings and mixed media event at the Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash Ave. August 27th, evening: benefit concert in conjunction with the National Mobilization Committee at the Coliseum; also Lincoln Park nomination and rally for Pegasus, the pig. And LBJ birthday party.

AUGUST 28th, dawn: poetry and folk singing, beach area. August 28th, afternoon: Yippie Olympics, Miss Yippie contest. We're boycotting the regular Olympics and having our own. Pin the tail on the donkey, pin the rubber on the Pope, a joust-rolling contest, a dirty dope dealers' convention. We're going to try and get the dealers together and have the price lowered. And other normal, healthy games.

AUGUST 28th, the night that Humphrey gets nominated, plans will be announced at a later date. There is a mobilization rally scheduled for Grant Park at 4 p.m.

L: Do you intend to do anything outside Convention Hall, or inside?

H: There is a march scheduled at Convention Hall. These are the mobilization's plans and there is a lot of difference of opinion. Our feeling is that people living in Lincoln Park will do lots of different things. Some people will stay in the park, some will go on the march, some will go downtown.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 7  
 Los Angeles Free Press  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 8/16-22/68  
 Edition:  
 Author: Lawrence Lipton  
 Editor: Art Kunkin  
 Title: "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital"

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L: The march to where?

H: The International Amphitheatre,

tre, where the convention is. There is definitely a march that the mobilization is planning.

L: Those who wish to go? In other words it's optional for those who wish to go on the march?

H: All the events are optional, of course.

L: What are you going to do when you get there?

H: They plan to have a rally and vigil. Our feeling is that people who plan to go on that march or to participate in civil disobedience in downtown Chicago, as many groups are planning to do, ought to be prepared for a very heavy scene. There are ten thousand National Guard troops here. There's an eight foot barbed wire fence with a mile circumference around the Amphitheatre and another fence within that. Very heavy scene.

AUGUST 29th and 30th: We have unscheduled events, although we plan to still be in the park.

L: What events?

H: We're unsure what's going to happen that night. We do have plans to do a death of Yippie ceremony, where we burn all the posters and buttons, etc.

L: Is that like the death of Hippie? Does that mean that Yippee is only for this occasion?

H: Our message is that people are free. They shouldn't have labels.

L: But you're not adopting the Free Man label that they are in San Francisco? Or are you?

H: Well, birth of the free people.

L: Well, that's similar to the San Francisco event. But they are keeping the name Free Man, you know.

H: We are working mainly on the events of the first three days, and setting up information booths and preparing maps and training sessions; and all that.

L: Then you'll have the death of Yippie, and that will be the end of this event?

H: Yes.

L: Who else is coming besides Allen? That you know of?

H: Sgt. Sunshine is coming. Burroughs, Genet.

L: Genet? I didn't know he was in the country.

H: He's covering it for ESQUIRE. Krassner, of course. Ed Sanders is coming in tomorrow. He's the music coordinator. There are two groups of rock musicians. One group of about twenty bands is totally committed to coming, no matter what. Another group often (which includes the heaviest bands) is committed to coming only if we get a permit. They may be talked into coming anyway.

L: Does that include the Airplane?

H: The Airplane never was coming in the first place.

L: How about Country Joe?

H: That would include Country Joe and the Fish. Arlo Guthrie is in the second group. If we get a permit only.

L: How about the United States of America?

H: I'm not sure where they are. Ed's going to start the coordination from here. They pledged to come, but we haven't been in touch with them. It's very difficult for us to give them information. They always ask you is there a permit?

Now concerning the permit situation. We've had numerous discussions and negotiations with Deputy Mayor David Stahl. The city officials are very scared. They don't know what the hell to do, and we just impressed upon them the tremendous number of people coming.

L: What about the tremendous number of people? What word do you have that there will be a great number of people?

H: We had a rally yesterday. There were two thousand people.

L: I have assumed from the start that you could get together anywhere from two to three thousand people in Chicago alone.

H: Yeah, they were at the rally yesterday.

L: What about other cities, on the East and West Coasts?

H: Well, there are bike groups coming in. I would expect 20-25, 000 people from New York alone. Every free bus is already booked in New York.

L: Have you had any indication from the West Coast?

H: A guy named Super Joe, the guy that put the flowers in the rifles at the Pentagon came in yesterday and said that a lot of people from Berkeley had already started out. We've gotten letters from L.A., from the Coast and even from Canada that say they're coming. Our feeling is that we won't get a permit, but that they will tolerate the event.

L: How about policing the event?

H: We plan to police it ourselves. That's what the training session is about.

L: Of course you'll have monitors, but did the city express any view on this issue?

H: They have not given us any real information. They're just trying to get information from us.

L: Is Jerry Rubin well enough to attend?

H: Yes. He'll be here in two more days. I'll give you my own private number: 312 area code 327-9248.

L: How about crash pads for people coming. Is there any arrangement of this sort?

H: We're making arrangements with people that live near the park for the housing of people who come before the 24th. After that we would rather have everybody sleep in the park. We feel that our strength is in numbers, and that the police won't do anything if there are a lot of people there.

L: Are the Seed people doing anything that is helpful to you? I imagine that they're active.

H: Yes, they are.

L: Are they numerous? I don't know anything about the Seed organization.

H: It's like the L.A. Oracle. That kind of paper. They're very concerned about the possibility of violence. They issued a statement saying that if people just expected a five day festival of life, fun and flowers they ought to rethink it. That there is a chance of violence.

L: Are they cooperating with you?  
H: Oh yeah, they're putting out a special Chicago edition for that week. About ten thousand copies, with maps and everything. As is the Rai, N.Y. It's putting out 100,000 copies, on such subjects as how to survive in Chicago.

L: Is East Village Other going to do anything special?

H: No, but I heard Ramparts is coming in and going to put out a daily newspaper. There was someone here from them, looking for a printer. We'd also like to emphasize that there's a zoo, there's a totem pole, there's picnic facilities, and that Lincoln Park is adjacent to Old Town, which is Chicago's Greenwich Village area. We're urging people to bring sleeping bags and to bring enough food to share. We're only working on one night of free food, that barbecue night.

L: Is there anything similar to the Diggers' there?  
H: They have a Hip Job Co-op.

L: But they don't feed and house?  
H: Nothing like L.A. or San Francisco or New York.

L: Are you getting any cooperation from Chicagoans?

H: Yes. There's a guy from a food company who likes what we are doing. There are people who are donating their houses for storage space for banners and flags, etc.

L: How about the media there?  
H: They're constantly pestering

L: Have you had any appearances on the media?

H: Constantly. Krassner is going to be talking about it on the Les Crane Show in about a week, also the Johnny Carson Show. We're on television every night here. We're trying to arrange a meeting tomorrow with Allen Ginsberg and Mayor Daley to talk about the permit. We also have somebody in the Health Department working on a food stamp program. There's a possibility we might get food stamps. But people should come prepared to contribute. If groups from the L.A. area are coming they ought to notify us. We're still looking for Hugh Romney and Ken Kesey's group. We're printing up a whole map of Lincoln Park. It has places on it, like Church of the Free Spirit, Future City, Communications Center, Yippie Pentagon, Minstrel Area, Grib Town, Central Stage, Free Store. We hope to have a free store where people will donate bathing suits, soap, towels, food. We also have a hog farm, with the candidate's headquarters.

L: Do you have any mimeograph machines or Gestelner?

H: Yes.

L: Why has communication been so sparse? Why haven't we received more information from you?

H: In New York we are twelve hundred dollars in debt.

L: Have you received any money from anywhere?

H: Not much. We're having a benefit in New York in about a week, but we don't think we'll receive four thousand from that.

L: It might be necessary to have one in Chicago also to make up the deficit.

H: That'll probably go into ball funds.

L: Do you have any legal connections there, such as the ACLU?

H: Yes, the ACLU is filing a suit Tuesday. An injunction against the city to let us use the park

area. We tried to open an office right near the park, but the problem is there's a telephone strike. So we've had to operate from apartments and phones that are already there.

L: Is there any talk of moving the convention out of Chicago?

H: No, it's all rumors. There are heavy preparations at the Amphitheatre. There are 3,500 guard troops now training. There'll be another 5,000 in Grant Park. The city makes no bones about releasing statements where they're going to jail everybody and all kinds of threats. But the thing that must be stressed is that if people aren't into that scene they are not going to be trampled on. Lincoln Park is ten miles away from the Amphitheatre. The city had to hold up people who stay in the park as a model of protest. They'll say, hey, look, these people stayed here, nothing happened to them.

L: You say the Amphitheatre is being prepared for security.

H: Heavy security. Barbed wire fences, they're de-foliating the trees around here, they're knocking down abandoned buildings all

along the highway. They have checkpoints set up all along Michigan Blvd and Halstead Street.

L: Is the Black community active at this time, so far as you know?

H: Totally unpredictable. We've talked to some groups and they're interested in coming to the park and participating, as well as some of the major bike groups here, the Outlaws, the Headhunters.

L: How about the Black gang groups we've heard about?

H: We've talked to them, but their position is they don't care what we do. We've gotten very little feedback about what they're going to do that night, or that week. Just the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is coming with a challenge.

L: This we saw last night on television. They will come, and they'll probably put on a demonstration. In fact they'll do more than that. They'll demand being seated in the convention.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

176-34-3  
ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA, ABBEY HOFFMAN, ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN; ANTIRIOT  
LAWS, OO: CHICAGO

RE LOS ANGELES LETTER NINE ELEVEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES PREPARE A LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM CONCERNING LAWRENCE LIPTON ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE LOS ANGELES "FREE PRESS" REFERRING TO HIS TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW OF ABBOTT HOFFMAN. INCLUDE IN YOUR MEMORANDUM INFORMATION CONCERNING LIPTON'S HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE FBI AND A STATEMENT THAT IN VIEW OF THIS HOSTILITY LIPTON IS NOT BEING INTERVIEWED. UPON RECEIPT OF THE LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO FURNISHING IT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THEY MAY DESIRE TO CAUSE THE SUBPOENA OF LIPTON BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY HEARING CONCERNING THE DISORDERS IN CHICAGO.

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NOTE:

Lipton is a "beatnik" poet and former coffeehouse owner who is openly hostile to the FBI. An August 16 - 22, 1968, edition of the Los Angeles "Free Press" contains an article by Lipton reportedly relating to a telephone interview with Hoffman in which Hoffman relates activities planned for the Chicago demonstration. If in fact Lipton did interview Hoffman he could possess information which may be pertinent to the prosecution of Hoffman for possible violations of the Anti-riot Laws, however, in view of his open hostility to the Bureau it is felt that the Grand Jury subpoena will be a better vehicle to obtain any information rather than afford him the opportunity to misinterpret any interview with the FBI in the Los Angeles "Free Press".

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 17, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN  
ANTIRIOT LAWS, CRIME ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT, SWITCHBLADE KNIFE ACT

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kyle Clark of Chicago  
called to furnish the following information:

Abbott Hoffman, co-founder of the Youth International Party arrived at the Chicago Airport shortly before noon, Chicago time, today (9/17/68) aboard TWA Flight 315 from New York. Hoffman was accompanied by his attorney, J. Lifcourse. Hoffman was arrested by the Chicago Police Department for failure to appear on 9/6/68, in connection with his arrest for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest during the disorders on the night of 8/28/68. He has been charged today by the police with jumping bond on the prior charge and also with having on his person today an unlawful weapon; namely, a switchblade knife with a four inch blade. He is presently in custody of the Chicago Police Department.

### ACTION:

The Chicago Office is discussing with the U. S. Attorney the possible violations of Crime Aboard Aircraft and the Switchblade Knife Act in connection with Hoffman carrying a switchblade knife when traveling from New York to Chicago today. 176-374

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (100-72113)

From: Director, FBI

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA  
ABBEY HOFFMAN  
ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN;  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

OO: CHICAGO

Re Los Angeles letter 9/11/68 to Director with copies to Chicago file 176-28, and Chicago teletype 9/15/68 captioned "Jerry C. Rubin, ARL."

Attachment to referenced letter is article captioned "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital" which appeared on page seven in the Los Angeles Free Press, Los Angeles, California 8/16-22/68. This article sets out considerable information concerning the planning for the Yippie Festival of Life which occurred in Chicago the same week of the Democratic National Convention. It mentions specifically, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Allen Ginsberg, "Genet" possibly Jean Genet, "Burroughs," "Krassner," and others who might be of interest in the Antiriot investigations.

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Los Angeles and Chicago should review the article in an effort to identify all persons of interest in the Antiriot investigations. Chicago should immediately advise Los Angeles of the identity of any of these persons who are partially identified in the article. Thereafter, Los Angeles Division should incorporate into a report on each individual subject those portions of the article which pertain to the individual subjects. Chicago should also note Hoffman furnishes his private phone number in the Chicago area during the pertinent period prior to the Democratic National Convention. The address for this phone number should be determined if not already known to the Chicago Division.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title was changed to reflect subject's true name and to reflect name used when arrested.

**REFERENCES:** Bureau telephone call 8/28/68, dated 9/6/68, at Report of SA [REDACTED] Chicago captioned "DEMONSTRATIONS AT BALBO STREET AND MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO; CR - ARL," page 211, Chicago teletype to New York dated 9/10/68. (10) Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 9/11/68, New York airtel to the Bureau dated 9/16/68, Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/17/68, Chicago teletypes to the Bureau dated 9/17/68, and 9/18/68.

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arresting officer and officers who conducted physical surveillances on subject during Democratic National Convention.

2. Will conduct investigation to locate additional witnesses.

3. Will await result of investigation being conducted New York Office as requested in referenced Chicago teletype to New York dated 9/10/68.

4. Will discuss with United States Attorney to obtain his opinion as to what further action, if any, is warranted.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to New York Office as subject resided in New York City.

In article in Los Angeles Free Press dated 8/16 - 22/68 entitled "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital" listed HOFFMAN's Private telephone number as 312 327-9248.  
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Synopsis: Investigation predicated upon information from Chicago Police Department reflecting that subject participated in demonstrations in Chicago during Democratic National Convention. The August 23, 1968, issue of the "Chicago Tribune" reflecting subject would participate in the demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention. HOFFMAN, from New York City, resides at 506 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, for two weeks during and prior to the convention. Arrest record set forth. At press conference in Chicago on 9/18/68, HOFFMAN stated he desired to go to Czechoslovakia to demonstrate against Russian "pigs." HOFFMAN, co-founder of Youth International Party (YIP), was one of the negotiators with the City of Chicago for a permit to Lincoln Park during the convention.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information from the Chicago Police Department during the latter part of August, 1968, reflecting that HOFFMAN participated in the demonstrations in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention (DNC). The August 23, 1968, issue of the "Chicago Tribune", a Chicago daily newspaper, contained an article on page 5, column 5, section 12, which reflected that HOFFMAN would participate in the demonstrations during the DNC. Investigation was instituted to determine if subject was in violation of Federal Antiriot Statute

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Arrests

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, as checked by IC [REDACTED] on September 3, 1968, reflects under number 2568734 that ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN was arrested on August 28, 1968, in a restaurant on Clark and Lincoln Streets, Chicago, at 8:45 a.m. for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. HOFFMAN had an obscene four-letter word written on his forehead while in the restaurant, and was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after politely being asked by the police officers to come with them.

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When arrested HOFFMAN gave his address as "no home" and his occupation as "revolutionary artist"

HOFFMAN was to appear in court on September 6, 1968. Bond was set at \$1,000 and HOFFMAN was released on bond.

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[REDACTED] Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, advised on September 10, 1968, that HOFFMAN failed to appear for court hearing on September 6, 1968, in Cook County Criminal Court. His \$1,000 bond was forfeited and his appearance bond increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000. If HOFFMAN comes within the court's jurisdiction, he will not be released unless he makes \$5,000 bond. No fugitive warrant is outstanding.

[REDACTED] stated that HOFFMAN is charged with a state charge of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and a City of Chicago charge of resisting arrest.

The September 10, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American", page 4, column 6, stated that "ABBEY HOFFMAN, 'hippie' leader, apparently will not be extradited from New York City to face disorderly conduct charges. HOFFMAN had been arrested for writing an obscene word on his forehead and failed to appear in court Friday."

"RICHARD ELROD, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said it is not an extraditable offense. But he said he plans to wait another week and file a civil suit against HOFFMAN in New York to recover \$900 in bond money that the 'yippie' chieftain owes Chicago."

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On September 17, 1968, [REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, advised that ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN, self-proclaimed leader of YIP, was arrested at 11:20 a.m. on that date at O'Hare International Airport on arrival from New York City aboard Flight 315, Trans World Airlines. HOFFMAN was accompanied on the

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flight by an attorney J. LEFCOURTE, who was to represent HOFFMAN in criminal proceedings pending in Chicago.

HOFFMAN was arrested on this occasion on the basis of a warrant issued by Judge LOUIS J. GILIBERTO, Branch 47, City Court of Chicago, for failure to appear before that court on September 6, 1968. He declined to answer complaint regarding HOFFMAN's arrest by the Chicago Police Department on August 28, 1968, charging him with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest which occurred during disturbances while the DNC was in progress.

As a result of the arrest on September 17, 1968, HOFFMAN was charged with jumping bond and for illegal possession of a weapon. The weapon was described as a knife with a four-inch blade found on HOFFMAN's person during a search following his arrest.

On September 17, 1968, HOFFMAN was arrested by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Chicago, upon his release from custody of the Chicago Police Department. HOFFMAN was arrested on this occasion on the basis of a Federal warrant issued as a result of the complaint being filed charging HOFFMAN with violation of the Crime Aboard an Aircraft - Carrying a Concealed Weapon Statute.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 17, 1968. **67C**

ABBOTT HOFFMAN appeared before Judge LOUIS J. GILIBERTO, Circuit Court of Cook County, Civic Center of Chicago, at 2:00 p.m. on September 17, 1968, after being arrested that morning at O'Hare Airport on a charge of jumping bond. HOFFMAN had failed to

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appear on Local Court as directed on September 6, 1968.

HOFFMAN's attorney requested the court to vacate the bond forfeiture charge which was granted by Judge GILIBERTO and the matter was continued until October 17, 1968. The court granted permission for HOFFMAN to travel to New York City which he claimed was his residence and his same bond was continued

The Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago, advised that additional charges had been placed against HOFFMAN after his arrest at the airport and the 16th District, Chicago Police Department, had not finished processing him because it was necessary for them to bring him to this hearing. He requested the court to allow the Chicago Police Department to finish processing HOFFMAN before he is released. The court granted the request and HOFFMAN was taken into custody by the Chicago Police Department to be returned to the 16th District, Chicago Police Department.

On September 18, 1968, NICHOLAS KARZEN, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Chicago, advised that HOFFMAN, with EDWARD TED STEIN, appeared at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 1968, before United States Commissioner JAMES T. BALOG for a hearing in the Crime Aboard Aircraft charge filed against him. At the request of his attorney the hearing was continued until 11:30 a.m. on October 15, 1968, at Chicago. BALOG restricted his travel to his New York State residence when HOFFMAN requested permission for travel to Czechoslovakia.

#### Press Conferences

Following an appearance before United States Commissioner on September 18, 1968, HOFFMAN held a press conference from 10:51 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. for the various newspaper and television media in the United States Federal Building, Chicago, which was observed by Special Agent [REDACTED] **b7c**

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HOFFMAN announced his plan to depart from the United States on Sunday, September 21, 1968, with a group of United States "yippie-type" people, none identified because he did not want to have them delayed in their travel, for a meeting with 5,000 "yippie-type" people in Elsen, Germany. The assembly in Germany is to include many "rock-type" bands and singers. The purpose of the assembly is to march to Czech border to confront Russian authorities. They plan to march to Prague, Czechoslovakia, if the border crossing is permitted in order to hold a music festival to confront Russian "pigs" (police authorities). The group, including HOFFMAN, had United States passports but did not have a visa for entrance into Czechoslovakia.

HOFFMAN asserted that he and YIP do not approve of Russian "pig" oppression in Prague any more than Chicago "pig" oppression during DNC. He said he does not expect any different kind or type of physical obstruction from Russian "pigs" than encountered by YIP from Chicago "pigs." He stated "Pigs are pigs everywhere and beating is beating everywhere."

HOFFMAN stated that if the group is not permitted to cross the Czech border they will attempt to infiltrate in small units for an alternate meeting in Prague for Russian Pig Confrontation Music Festival.

HOFFMAN stated his plans are now interrupted for this trip to Prague because of the Federal charge against him and he will have to be advised of his legal situation by his attorney. He said if he goes to Prague he will probably never return to the United States. He said that if there was a lot of work to be done in Europe he would not like to go under such circumstances because a lot of work remains to be done in the United States.

HOFFMAN ascertained that the series of arrests of him are harassments by "government pigs" to prevent him from carrying out his work. He pointed out

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he has been arrested twenty times, never convicted, and the current arrest was a continuation of "pig" attempts to stop his work.

HOFFMAN advised he voluntarily returned to Chicago to answer city criminal charges against him which came out of his activities at the DNC. These charges were absurd and he could not have been extradited on them. He said he returned to Chicago to obtain court permission to leave on the Prague trip.

HOFFMAN pointed out the obscene charge against him is also ridiculous and his being arrested for having an obscene word printed on his forehead is not a violation of a law and further the nation's outstanding photographer is going to exhibit a large face portrait of HOFFMAN with forehead printing, in a photography show which makes HOFFMAN an art object.

HOFFMAN advised the Federal charge of Crime Aboard an Aircraft is ridiculous. He ascertained he did not commit a crime on the aircraft. He said the knife in his possession was a three-inch penknife which he purchased in New York City which he voluntarily surrendered to the Chicago Police Department. He said the knife was not a switchblade and was not a dangerous weapon. He stated "I'm living in a police state, but that's the way it goes in this country from the pigs." HOFFMAN advised he is under contract to Dell Publishing Company, New York City, to write a book to be released some time in October, 1968, entitled "Revolution for the Hell of It." He stated he may make a million dollars from the book. He said that if he makes money he will offer \$10,000 to each Chicago Police Officer who joins with YIP or will "burn the money." He stated he does not need money, does not work, does not have plans to work because he is a "Passive Revolutionary." He stated that everything is free and he is in the process of currently redeveloping New York City and has things well under way from 14th Avenue on and things are well organized, "free sex, free narcotics, the world is a ball." He said everyone is invited to join the activity.

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HOFFMAN observed he has done such a good job in New York City he does not know why he wants to leave it and asks "Why I'm thinking of going to Prague, I don't know."

HOFFMAN also stated he had been approached by an unidentified motion picture company for making a movie of his life's story. He stated he would not play a starring role because he was not a movie star. HOFFMAN stated he enjoyed very much Mayor RICHARD DALEY's film regarding the demonstration activity in Chicago during the DNC entitled "What Tree Have They Planted?" He stated it was "magnificent, excellent, and groovy." He said it was exactly what the underground movement exhibited.

HOFFMAN predicted the YIP would continue with activity in the United States and would appear at polls on election date and vote for the candidates of "pig". He stated "theatrical events" regarding demonstration activities by YIP in the future would occur in opposition to every candidate for national office.

HOFFMAN stated that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was full of phonies, specifically groups outside that lead the movement down in Chicago. He said plans had been made prior to the Chicago demonstrations for ACLU to set up procedures to handle arrests and prosecution activities of demonstrators. He said the ACLU people did nothing but sit in fancy offices while people in the streets were being beaten to death. He said the ACLU did not have anyone at the demonstration since they did not have any organization set up to handle arrest procedures of demonstrators.

Activity Prior to the Democratic National Convention

The May 12, 1968, television program "At Random", channel 2, Chicago, moderated by JOHN MADIGAN,

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was monitored by Special Agent [REDACTED] Among the participants on part two of this program was ABBIE HOFFMAN. He identified himself as a representative of YIP.

During the discussion HOFFMAN stated that he had participated in the last Columbia University uprisings in New York.

At one point MADIGAN asked the guests, "Does anyone believe that the Communist element was in any way behind the latest student uprisings in the country?" HOFFMAN asked MADIGAN what he meant by Communist and MADIGAN replied "Anyone who conspires to overthrow the United States Government." HOFFMAN stated "In that case, I'm a Communist." MADIGAN asked HOFFMAN if he was in favor of overthrowing the United States Government and HOFFMAN replied that he is favor of the overthrow of the United States Government by any means possible.

The August 5, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American," a Chicago daily newspaper, page 3, column 1, contained an article reflecting that ABBIE HOFFMAN, co-founder of YIP "made fools of the television reporters." HOFFMAN stood on La Salle Street, near Chicago Avenue, at noon on August 4, 1968, and stated, "We'll have a hundred thousand hippies here for our life festival."

HOFFMAN stated, "Last December a group of us in New York conceived of the Yippie idea. We had four main objectives:

"1. The blending of pot and politics into a political grass leaves movement and -- a cross fertilization of the Hippie and New Left philosophy.

"2. A connecting link that would tie as much of the underground together as was willing into some gigantic national get-together.

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"3. The development of a model for an alternative society.

"4. The need to make some statement, especially in revolutionary action-theater terms about LBJ, and the Democratic party, electoral politics, and the state of the nation."

The August 23, 1968, edition of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago daily newspaper, page 5, column 5, section 12, contained an article stating that on August 22, 1968, Judge WILLIAM J. LYNCH of Federal District Court agreed to dismiss a suit filed by YIP which was to force the Park District to grant a permit for thousands of Yippies to come to the park during the convention. According to this article ABBIE HOFFMAN, age 29, of New York City, a Yippie spokesman, said the group requested the suit be dropped because "We have lost faith in the Judicial System and the Park District has failed to give us an answer on the permit." HOFFMAN stated the Yippies and National Committee to End the War in Viet Nam demonstrators intended to use the park with or without a permit and that many Yippies have been expressing their opinions without the interference of the police. However, police officials said the park had been closed at 11:00 p.m. each day and that no one had been staying there.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed concerning her observations in Lincoln Park during the week of the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

She was assigned to Lincoln Park from Saturday, August 24, to Friday, August 30, 1968, for the purpose of gathering intelligence information concerning the activities of the demonstrators who were using Lincoln Park. A second purpose was that in the event any officer was sprayed with oven cleaner she was to obtain the can in order to determine the antidote to be used. Her department had received prior information that oven cleaner was to be sprayed in the faces of the officers and she had been informed by the department doctor that different kinds of oven cleaner required different antidotes, therefore it was necessary to obtain the container from which the material came.

ABBIE HOFFMAN came to the attention of [REDACTED] on Monday or Tuesday, August 26 or 27, 1968, when he was pointed out and identified by a fellow officer. The first and only occasion on which she heard HOFFMAN speak was around 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. the day before the mass march on the Conrad Hilton Hotel. HOFFMAN was in the approximate middle of the park seated on the ground when [REDACTED] heard him speak for approximately one half hour to forty minutes. She gathered from the speech that the purpose was to instruct those listening how to attack the police and how to protect themselves in case of a police counter-attack.

Immediately around HOFFMAN was a row of individuals who were seated. Behind this row was another group standing and behind this row another group of people who were also standing.

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Regarding the instructions given to the listeners HOFFMAN told them that when they demonstrated they should wear helmets, bear arms of any kind which could be used against the police who he called "Pigs", have rocks, bottles, and sticks in their possession. He told them that the park and streets were theirs and that they should stay in the park all night. He told them they were to meet at Grant Park the following day for a march on the Conrad Hilton Hotel. HOFFMAN said that they were to get to Grant Park any way they could but cautioned them to go singly and not in groups as they would be less conspicuous.

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[redacted] estimates that there were between 60 and 70 individuals listening to HOFFMAN speak, however, this figure is strictly a guess as she was in the [redacted] row and there were many individuals behind her. Some of the individuals appeared to be spectators as they were well dressed and clean shaven, however, the majority of those present especially those in the first three rows were Yippies and Hippies. She based her identification of the latter on their [redacted] attire, long hair and beards.

During the time ABBIE HOFFMAN was speaking he was smoking what [redacted] believes to be marijuana. She based her belief [redacted] on the shape of the cigarette that is the way it was rolled with the twisted ends and because of the way he was smoking it. [redacted] is confident she would recognize HOFFMAN if she were to see him again. She did not see HOFFMAN again after he had completed his speech.

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**Lincoln Park, from Saturday, August 24, 1968,  
to Friday, August 30, 1968.**

On Tuesday, August 27, 1968, at approximately 9:30 p.m., ABBIE HOFFMAN was observed giving a speech to 200, or 300 or possibly more, individuals in Lincoln Park. He said he was in the [redacted] row and it was difficult to judge the size of the crowd. Most of the crowd were "hippies" and were smoking pot.

He related the plans they were going to ensue the following few days. He said there were two groups, the second group being at Grant Park. He said they were in a bad area because the lighting was not very good, while the group at Grant Park had good lighting.

He told the crowd they were not going to leave the park that night at 11:00 p.m., and they will meet the police with whatever violence is needed.

He suggested that they wear motorcycle or football helmets and gas masks if they have them. He told them to get whatever weapons were available to use to combat the police. He told the crowd to use golf balls and drive nails and spikes through them. He also said beer bottles are good weapons and half bricks are better than stones because they are sharper.

He said that to counteract mace to use vaseline on their face. He told them to use oven cleaner if they have any, but that is not good because you have to get close to use that.

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He told the crowd to be in Grant Park tomorrow (Wednesday, August 28, 1968) afternoon, because they are going to raise "hell" and march on the Conrad Hilton Hotel. He told the crowd to bring their helmets and gas masks if they have them. He did not say what they would do when they got to the Conrad Hilton Hotel, but stated there probably is going to be a "hassle".

He wore a white motorcycle helmet and smoked marijuana while making the speech. He said "we" are sick of this society and said Mayor DALEY runs the whole show.

He was not observed at Lincoln Park after that Tuesday evening, and he left the park before 11:00 p.m. He was not observed taking part in any of the demonstrations.

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[redacted] advised as follows:

He is assigned to the 20th District of the Chicago Police Department and was on duty at Lincoln Park during the demonstrations held there and at Balbo and Michigan during the week of the Democratic Convention held in Chicago.

[redacted] observed numerous instances during these demonstrations when the members of the Press covering these demonstrations disobeyed Police instructions and were generally very uncooperative at all times. In spite of Police requests and protests, TV cameramen continuously blinded Policemen on duty with their television camera lights. It was very hard to distinguish members of the Press from other individuals because so many people had cameras and professed members of the Press without having proper identification. In some instances, when ordered to get behind the Police skirmish line, the Press would make verbal insults to the Police such as "who the hell do you think you are?" and "we have a right to be here".

The demonstrators not only abused the Policemen verbally by shouting obscenities and personal insults at them, but also hurled such objects as bricks, rocks, bottles, balls with nails protruding, spears of wood, knives, and bags and bottles filled with human wastes.

In addition numerous Police cars were damaged and Policemen injured during these demonstrations.

It was obvious that cars, usually old ones, owned by the demonstrators had their tires punctured by the demonstrators in an effort to cast suspicion on the Police Department.

[redacted] stated his men showed remarkable restraint in the face of all the abuse they had to withstand and he saw no instance of more force being used by Policemen

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than was necessary to protect themselves and to effect apprehensions when necessary. He saw numerous instances of Policemen attacked physically by these demonstrators.

[REDACTED] observed a person, later identified to him as ABBE HOFFMAN give demonstrators orders to zero in on specific Policemen with unusually abusive verbal attacks in an effort to provoke the Police to act against the demonstrators. On one occasion, one Policeman was so viciously attacked by the demonstrators with obscenities directed toward the Policeman and his family that [REDACTED] went over to the Policeman and removed him from the area for awhile. b7c D

The viciousness and the obscene attacks directed at the Policemen is unbelievable.

[REDACTED] also noted that some tear gas which was released at Lincoln Park was not released by the Police Department nor was it of the same type as used by the Police Department. It was obvious that some of the demonstrators were doing this in an effort to cast aspersions on the Police Department.

Also, during daylight hours the Policemen were threatened almost continuously by the demonstrators to the effect that at night it would be a lot worse, indicating they would save their most violent acts until nightfall.

[REDACTED] also noted several instances in which demonstrators would approach a Policeman, engage him in conversation then suddenly fake a pose as though they were being assaulted by the Policeman. This fake pose would be photographed by other demonstrators.

It was also noticeable that numerous demonstrators had obviously fake bandages wrapped around their heads, trying to indicate they had been beaten by the Policemen.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has no additional information concerning ABBIE HOFFMAN. He stated he cannot identify the policeman he removed from the area because he was so viciously attacked by the demonstrators.

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5 | [REDACTED] appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 31, 1968. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. SA [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that his appearance was entirely voluntary, that he was not under arrest, and that he could leave the office at any time he wished. SA [REDACTED] then advised [REDACTED] of his constitutional rights, and gave him a form entitled "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights." [REDACTED] read this form and waived his rights by executing the Waiver form. [REDACTED] stated that a finger on his hand was fractured and that it was difficult for him to write, therefore, his signature would not appear the way it normally is written. [REDACTED] furnished the following signed statement:

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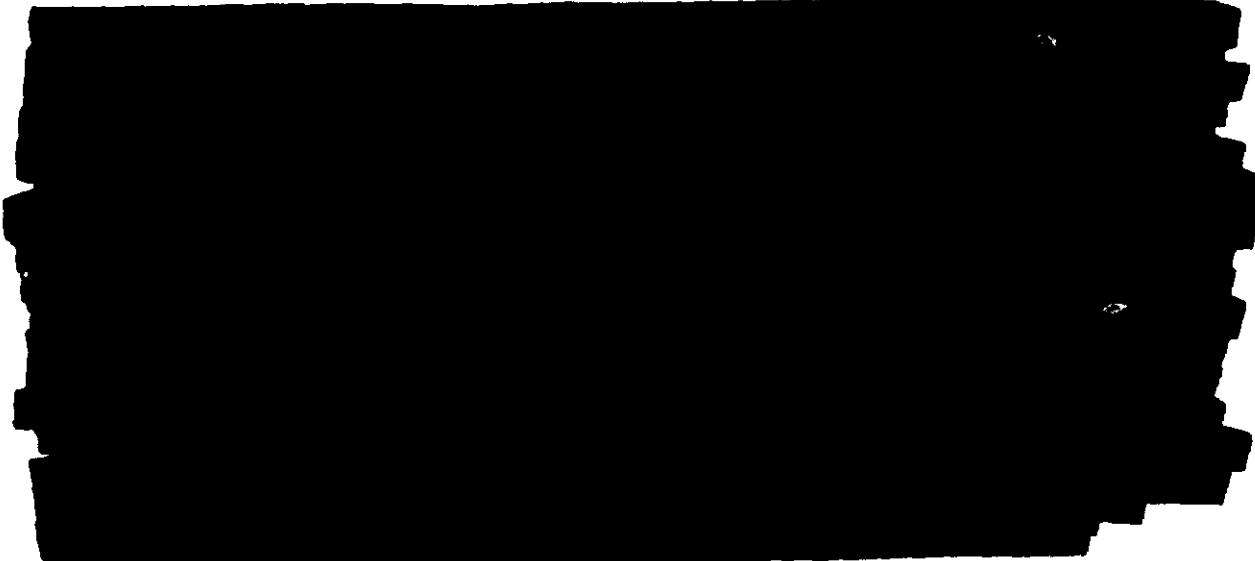


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I arrived at Grant Park, Wednesday, August 28, 1968, at the band shell at about 4:30 in the afternoon at which time the actual speeches had been terminated and the march was being organized. At approximately 5:00 the march then began to leave the park heading north on the Inner Drive. To my knowledge, the Chicago Police Department and National Guard had completely blocked off the area south of the park allowing only one exit to the marchers. The march proceeded north along the Inner Drive marching eight abreast. They proceeded approximately 100 yards north when they were stopped by a line of Chicago policemen. At this time, it was announced that this was an illegal march, that no permit had been issued for the march and that anyone participating in the march not crossing to the west side of the street was subject to arrest.

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[REDACTED] For a period of approximately one-half hour the marchers waited nonviolently. During this period, (First Name Unknown) Dellinger, who I believe is the leader of the Mobilization for Peace, the group responsible for organizing the march, announced to the group that there was a possibility they may get permission to conduct the march and they should wait awhile until they could get permission. At about this time, which would have been about 5:30, people started to leave the march and filter around to the west of the police toward the bridges leading to Michigan Avenue. The first two bridges which they encountered were closed by National Guards. The second bridge was really the first trouble that had occurred that afternoon. During this time we were trying to parallel the group moving north in Grant Park. It appeared that 2,000 to 3,000 people in all were heading north in an attempt to cross the bridge. Medical groups were walking alongside, 50 to 100 feet, trying to parallel these people. At this point or at the point where people had left the march, it became decidedly disorganized and was no longer under the control of marshals. They had left the body of the march as people just walking away from the march itself. There was no order or

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semblance of a march, just a great deal of people walking in groups of three or four or simply just walking toward the bridges. The Chicago police at this time made no attempt to either stop the people or announce to the people that they were violating the law in some way. At the second bridge which leads to Buckingham Fountain, the marchers stopped and it would appear some of the marchers were arguing with the National Guard troops. Some of the marchers who apparently circled around behind the National Guard had gone up to the next bridge north of this one, circled around and came in behind the National Guard so that the National Guard was in a single line and was completely surrounded. At this time, the National Guard opened fire with the tear gas. It was now approximately 6:00. The mass of people fell back under the tear gas.

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The marchers, who were now demonstrators, continued north crossing the next bridge north, which I previously mentioned, which apparently had not been closed off by the Chicago police or National Guard, thus gaining access to the Michigan Avenue area.

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[REDACTED] At this time, there were approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people completely covering the road from the buildings on the west side to the curb on the east side. At this time, it appeared to me that the marshals had lost control of the group and the group was more or less moving down under what might be called mob psychology. At the corner of what may have been Congress and Michigan the group stopped for a moment and I do not recall what was said but certain statements were made that they would continue to march south to the Hilton. I do not recall whether it was said they would be violent or nonviolent. These statements were made over a portable loudspeaker system. I assume that this microphone system was the same one which had been used earlier by marshals in order to organize the march and to inform those members of what was happening during its nonviolent stage but at this time I cannot say for certain who was in charge of the microphone or the loudspeaker system. At this time, which was approximately 6:30 or perhaps 7:00, the marchers again started to move south on Michigan Avenue and continued to move south until they encountered a line of Chicago policemen at the corner of Michigan and Balbo. The mob at this time

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was halted at the intersection of South Michigan Avenue and Balbo by lines of Chicago policemen south of the demonstrators on Michigan and west of the demonstrators on Balbo. The demonstrators at this time occupied the entire intersection and spread over into the park. At this time, medical groups were located on Balbo or near Balbo east of the demonstration about 50 yards from the intersection itself. About 7:00 or 7:30, the Chicago police moved in lines to clear the intersection. Throughout this time there were provocations in the form of vocal insults and physical violence aimed at the Chicago police. By physical violence I mean the throwing of projectiles, stones, bottles, and this type of thing. I did not know any of the people personally involved with these things although at times I asked the people not to throw them and to cool it. At this time also the Chicago police began making arrests and using their billy sticks. The Chicago police also made a series of thrusts into the crowd, both in the street and in the park itself, to try to push the demonstrators back. It was during this time that the first injuries in terms of people being beaten occurred, [REDACTED] 67 CD  
This time, to my understanding, the Chicago police were successful in breaking the group in half. It was my understanding, being told by people, that the majority of people

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were south of Balbo. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Chicago police actually formed a line right along Balbo cutting the demonstration in half. At this time the mob began to move north being pushed by the lines of Chicago police. At this time, which would have been about 7:30, people were announcing over the portable loudspeaker system mentioned earlier that the demonstrators should not act in provocation of the Chicago police although this provocation continued to occur, the provocation taking the form of vocal insults, often of an obscene nature, directed toward the Chicago police. At this time also I did not see any physical provocation aimed toward the Chicago police by demonstrators. At about 8:00 to 8:30 a group of 100 to 200 people broke off from the march and proceeded over to Wabash Avenue.

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[REDACTED] followed the group of people north on Wabash for one or two blocks and then went back to Michigan Avenue [REDACTED] when it appeared that this group of 100 or so people was breaking up and was not encountering any police. The group of people who were watching what was happening in the street

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numbered between 100 and 150 and were located one block south of the Art Museum where there is a park above an underground parking lot. The people, of which I assume many were spectators and not participating in the demonstration, were along the railing which is at the edge of the park next to the curb on Michigan Avenue. They were watching the Chicago police and demonstrators in the street. The police at this time were attempting to clear the street of demonstrators using lines of police as well as their clubs.

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[REDACTED] The police came over the railing along the park and made a series of thrusts in an attempt to clear that area. The people along the railing began to run in front of the pursuing line of Chicago police, which at this time numbered between 20 or 25, a rough estimate.

[REDACTED] I had run primarily, I guess, as a reflex when everyone else ran at the sight of police wheeling billy clubs which is enough to make anyone run. One policeman overtook me at this time striking me either on the head or shoulder, I cannot recollect for sure, with his club saying,

[REDACTED] "I'll show you, [REDACTED]" When struck, I had stopped

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running and turned around and was facing him although I was unable to recognize the policeman or observe his name or badge number. I was struck a minimum of twelve times by a number of policemen, between four and seven I would estimate. I was struck on my left arm in which I received four to five contusions and a broken finger, on my head where I received two to three blows, including one which opened a wound requiring five stitches to close. The index finger of the left hand was the one that was broken. I also received three blows on my back and at least one blow on my hip and one on my right leg. The first series of blows knocked me to the ground. Several of the Chicago police were there telling me to get out of there and I tried to get out of there and while getting to my feet said, "I'm trying to, I'm trying to." at which time they knocked me down still saying, "Get out of here, get out of here." I managed to stagger away from the police and make it to [redacted] [redacted] floor of the Statler-Wilton Hotel where the Mc Carthy people had set up a first aid station for treatment of injured people. At no time during the beating was I able to gain any identification of the policemen involved. I could not even recognize them if I would see them on the street in broad daylight. The Mc Carthy people

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in reaction to what was happening on the street below had set up in their suite on the fifteenth floor a first aid station in which they had a number of doctors and nurses and some medical supplies.

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[REDACTED] At the first aid station, I received dressing for my wounds and a vice for my hand which at that time was swelling quite extensively. They arranged for an ambulance from the Chicago Fire Department to take a number of injured people from their suite to the Cook County Hospital where I received treatment for my injuries. Although I indicated times above, this is more of a sequence of events than a specific timed sequel due to the fact that I had no timepiece and the vast majority of time I was unaware of exactly what time it was.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During this period I had time to observe and to talk to a number of people involved with the demonstrations and with some of the spectators. In talking with marshals or people directly concerned with the organization of the march and the Yippies, I was informed that there was a fear on the part of many people involved that there

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would be violence. The basis for this appeared to be the result of the April 27th demonstrations and the reaction of the Chicago police force to those demonstrations. There were also groups of people, I cannot say whether they were marshals or exactly what they were, but they were people who were extremely radical, if not militant, people advocating revolution and advocating that this demonstration should be one of the initiating parts of that revolution and that violence was a desirable outcome of this week in Chicago in that it would aid in the cause of the revolution which to my knowledge involved violence in the streets leading to collapse of the present government. Several of the leaders, including Abby Hoffman, indicated that violence was not undesirable. The two groups principally involved with the demonstrations on Wednesday the 28th which were originally intended to be peaceful and nonviolent were the Mobilization for Peace and the Yippies. The parade or march as it began was nonviolent. The march emanating from the band shell in Grant Park on August 28th was throughout its entirety as long as it lasted nonviolent. When the march was stopped, people waited what must have been an hour before breaking off from the march and moving as I previously mentioned toward the north in an attempt to get over to Michigan Avenue.

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During this time it appeared that the marshals of the march lost control of the marchers and it may be that the more radical elements, which were only a small percentage of the marchers, less than five percent I would say, actually gained control or the upper hand in the mob. I base this statement on my personal observation of what occurred in that the nonviolent marchers prior to the breaking up of the march had not in any way either physically or vocally acted in provocation toward the Chicago police, whereas this action in terms of vocal insults primarily occurred following the breakup of the march. I would say that the majority of the marchers, which later comprised the mob, were individuals who could be swung either way, either to a nonviolent or a violent position. These observations are based on my own personal opinion after a week of following these demonstrations and the occurrence at Lincoln Park. Throughout these demonstrations I found it very evident that a number of people who I would consider young hoodlums, people generally not concerned with the peace movement or with the Yippie party, generally white or Puerto Rican, had a great deal to do with the actual provocation both in terms of vocal and physical violence directed toward the Chicago police. As an example, I ran into three or four groups composed of twenty or so individuals a piece at Lincoln Park on the night of Tuesday

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the 27th of August. I personally heard a number of these individuals say that "they were going to get themselves some cops." I think one of the members of the group said that they were from Brookfield.

[REDACTED] told me after leaving these groups that this was on the west side of Chicago. Another group of young punks I saw personally rip up paving stones from a road in Lincoln Park. These were not Yippies or peace people. My own personal criterion as far as the actions of these individuals are concerned is based on the way in which those people act. They have no concern for what is happening to the Mobilization people and they have no concern for what is happening to the Yippies. Their primary concern is with the police and acting toward the police in a violent manner, although no restraints by the Yippies or Mobilization for Peace people were put on these individuals as to where they could go or what they could do. To my knowledge, on many of these occasions I have mentioned, attempts were made by loudspeaker after the encounter at the Hilton on Wednesday the 28th of August to refrain from aggravating the police through provocations and these requests were aimed not only to people directly connected with the demonstration in terms of people desiring to make their presence felt to the people in the Convention but also to those who were there not as members of the march.

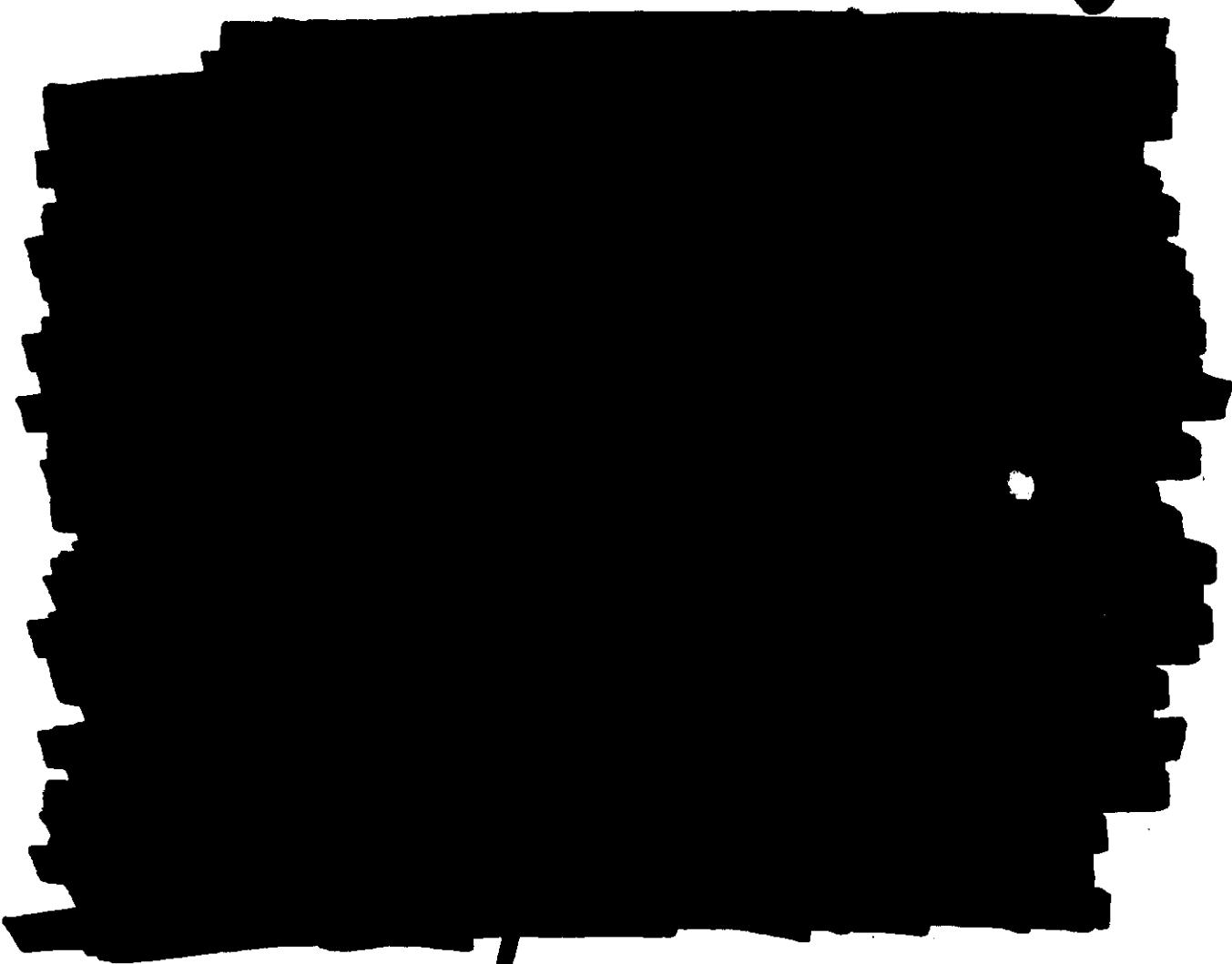
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itself. On the night of the 28th, I saw what I consider the indiscriminate use of physical violence in terms of clubbing and kicking on the part of the Chicago Police Department aimed toward demonstrators, spectators, people of the press, and medics. By spectators I mean people some of them dressed in coat and ties who were just walking along in some cases and in other cases standing observing what was happening in the street.

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On September 14, 1968,  
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[REDACTED] and said he understood the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been interviewing persons with knowledge of demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention (DNC) and said he had participated in these demonstrations and would be glad to furnish the information he had to the FBI.

On September 14, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED]

During the DNC in Chicago, he was quite interested in watching events at the Convention as well as demonstrations in Chicago on television. He is basically opposed to the War in Vietnam and on Wednesday, August 28, 1968, decided that he would go to downtown Chicago and add his voice to those of the demonstrators opposing the war. No one telephoned him or asked him to go; he said this was his own decision based on his beliefs. He is not a member of any organization that demonstrated during the Convention such as the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) or the National Mobilization Committee (NMC).

A friend of his, visiting from out of town, went with him to the site of the demonstrations. This friend is

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was not arrested, was not injured, did not advocate or participate in any violent demonstrations, and, in fact, was discouraged with the demonstrations very early and soon wanted to go home.

[redacted] Concerning his own observations during this time, [redacted] said that he arrived in Grant Park in downtown Chicago at the bandshell sometime on Wednesday afternoon, August 28, 1968. He recalls seeing someone taking the American Flag down from the flagpole causing the police, about 10 or so, to go into the crowd of demonstrators apparently to arrest the individual who took down the Flag. At that time, some of the people in the crowd threw missiles at the police but [redacted] was not close enough to observe whether anyone was injured or to see who was throwing the missiles.

[redacted] said that possibly as many as 10,000 people were assembled in the area of the bandshell and he thought there were perhaps 25 policemen on hand there that he could see. At this time, a number of speakers were addressing the crowd. He remembers these speakers as follows:

NORMAN MAILER spoke to the crowd and said he did not intend to go on any march with the crowd since he did not want to get arrested. DICK GREGORY also spoke on this occasion. He recalls that GREGORY said that the young people in America represent what is good about this country. GREGORY said that long hair is not bad and spoke against police actions against demonstrators. GREGORY went on, however, to caution the crowd not to hate the police. He said the policemen were only following their orders and the problem was with the superiors of the ordinary policemen.

GREGORY said that white people are now finding out what Negroes have always known about the police and about how it feels to be mistreated by the police. GREGORY made some jokes but at no time did he make any inflammatory remarks or any remarks advocating violence. In fact, GREGORY was always just the opposite in his speeches; that is, he was always conciliatory and always asking the crowd to obey the police orders and to avoid violence.

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DAVE DELLINGER also spoke during the afternoon of August 28, 1968. Whereas GREGORY made no mention of plans for organizing the marches, DELLINGER stated those plans, which were that the crowd was to break up into three groups. One group was to form for a march to the Amphitheatre. This march was to be completely nonviolent, according to DELLINGER, and those who believed in violence were cautioned to stay out of this march. DELLINGER said that there might be others who wanted a confrontation with the police and, if so, those persons would form a second group. DELLINGER said he disagreed with persons who desired such a confrontation. DELLINGER then said that a third group was to stay in the park. This group would be made up of children or people who did not want to run the risk of being attacked by the police.

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[REDACTED] said he felt that the possibility of such an attack by police was a real one in view of the fact that police had attacked nonviolent peace demonstrators in the vicinity of the Civic Center in Chicago in April, 1968.

ABBIE HOFFMAN also made a speech on the afternoon of August 28, 1968. [REDACTED] did not hear all of the speech but what he heard of HOFFMAN's speech convinced him that HOFFMAN had no serious purpose or belief concerning the Convention and that his speech would serve only to fragment rather than unite the crowd. By this [REDACTED] said he meant that some of the remarks made by HOFFMAN were offensive to people in the crowd such as when he called candidates for President like HUMPHREY and NIXON "pigs." Also, he said that HOFFMAN himself, by his appearance, strengthened [REDACTED] opinion that he was not present for any serious purpose such as to speak out about the anti-war plank but rather, [REDACTED] associated HOFFMAN with the use of narcotics although he does not recall specifically what, if anything, HOFFMAN said on this subject.

After the speeches, the nonviolent group which intended to march in the area of the Amphitheatre formed in the Grant Park area but was not allowed to march. The crowd then broke up into small groups and although some of the bridges out of the park to Michigan Avenue were closed by the National Guard, eventually much of the crowd made its way to Michigan Avenue. There was tear gas used around one of the bridges as they crossed.

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About this time on August 28, 1968, it was getting dark, and the crowd moved out onto Michigan Avenue in the vicinity of the Conrad Hilton Hotel and completely blocked traffic. The crowd was yelling such things as "Peace now," "Stop the war," "Dump the hump," and "F--- (obscene) you LBJ." Occasionally, some individual in the crowd would yell "Pigs," at the police, although it seemed to [redacted] that most of the crowd disapproved of this and did not use the term "pig" toward police.

[redacted] said it was his feeling that most of the people in the crowd simply wanted to march to the area of the Amphitheatre to make their voices heard in protest, primarily against the War in Vietnam. He never considered for a moment the idea of actually trying to get into the Amphitheatre and does not believe anyone else had that idea; certainly, no speaker said this was an objective. In reality, he never felt that they could march to the area of the Amphitheatre because of his belief that the City would not like a big crowd escorted possibly by National Guardsmen marching through the Negro ghetto. He felt that Negroes might object to the presence of troops in the ghetto and possibly sniping might result. So actually he did not feel the City would allow a march to the Amphitheatre although it was his hope to engage in such a march as a means of legitimate dissent. He does not believe in violent confrontation with the police and he never heard any speaker advocate any attempt to disrupt the DNC itself.

In the area of Balbo Street and Michigan Avenue, while the crowd was in the street, a mule train of the Poor Peoples March which apparently had a march permit, made its way through the crowd although other traffic had been halted by the demonstrators. [redacted] estimated the crowd at this point at from 2,000 to 5,000 people. From his position near Balbo Street he saw between 50 and 100 police march east along Balbo on Michigan into the crowd in an attempt to clear the street. At first, police were jabbing their night sticks ahead of them and later, started swinging the night sticks. The crowd cleared the street and moved east into Grant Park.

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He himself was not hit by the police and he saw no one seriously injured. As police moved into the crowd, some of them were screaming, "Kill them," and a few police were yelling such things as, "You f----- (obscene) commies." He recalls that earlier, the crowd had been asked by the police to clear the street, although not immediately before they moved in swinging their night sticks. He said that it was his observation also that most of the people hit by the police were not "hippies" or "yippies" but were well-dressed people who appeared bewildered by police actions. He also does not remember seeing any missiles thrown at police in the vicinity of Michigan and Balbo.

After the street was cleared he walked north and saw one individual being beaten by policemen who was hanging onto a railing somewhere in the vicinity of the Illinois Central Railroad Station. The police did not arrest this individual and after beating him, left him there.

Later that evening at about 11 p.m., or midnight, he went back to Grant Park across from the Conrad Hilton Hotel, where he heard speeches made by a number of convention delegates. He remembers hearing JULIAN BOND, a delegate from Georgia, and JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH. These delegates spoke of continuing their efforts through the established political system. Senator MC CARTHY's daughter also spoke to the group, along the same lines. NORMAN MAILER spoke again and said that if 300 convention delegates would march later that day to the Amphitheatre, he would march also.

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[redacted] went home about 5 a.m., August 29, and returned at 12 noon that day to the park across from the Conrad Hilton. A number of speeches were being made there. A delegate from Wisconsin spoke and said that the Wisconsin delegates were meeting in the hotel with MAILER about a march. The crowd at this time appeared to be mostly MC CARTHY supporters and was rather subdued.

Two speakers, unknown to [redacted] spoke and complained that "liberals" had taken over from the "radicals." These

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speakers said that the radicals had been beaten the previous day by the police and now the "liberals" had taken over and there were no more beatings.

ENDICOTT PEABODY, a former governor of Massachusetts, spoke to the crowd about working within the political framework for peaceful changes. Some of the crowd booed PEABODY's speech.

DICK GREGORY then took the microphone and defended PEABODY's right to speak. GREGORY then made the same speech he made the previous day and it contained nothing inflammatory. In fact, GREGORY also seemed to him to be advocating a peaceful approach and always tried to persuade people against the use of any violence. Senator MC CARTHY, who was protected by several Secret Service Agents, then spoke to the crowd and was well received. He spoke of being "in exile" and said that he intended to work within the present system to support a number of candidates he favored for Senate seats but that he would not support Vice-President HUMPHREY.

DICK GREGORY then announced that he would lead a march south and the crowd of about 1,000 to 1,500 people walked to about 14th or 15th Street, where they were stopped by the National Guard. The crowd then returned to Grant Park to the General LOGAN Monument. More people made speeches. He remembers that JEAN GENET spoke only about one sentence in French and saluted the crowd and said he was glad to be there with them. DICK GREGORY then spoke again and said that he intended to go to his house and he was inviting the crowd to go with him.

At this point, about 7:15 p.m., [redacted] said he had to leave the area because he had a dinner appointment later that evening so he did not go on the march that GREGORY led.

It was his feeling that GREGORY's remark about inviting the crowd to his house was a subterfuge since everyone could see that a thousand or more people could not visit GREGORY's house. [redacted] said that he believed that the actual objective of GREGORY's remark was to get the crowd somewhere closer to the site of the DNC. Again he said he never felt that anyone had the idea of actually trying to get into the Amphitheatre and it was his feeling that the crowd wanted simply to march somewhere near the convention and peacefully demonstrate.

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He stated he felt that the purpose of the demonstrations was that primarily the demonstrators were against the War in Vietnam.

He has no descriptive information concerning demonstrators throwing missiles or concerning policemen he saw beating demonstrators and he cannot identify them.

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TITLE OF CASE  CHANGED ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka Abbey Hoffman, Abbie Y. Hoffman		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY DRD

## CHARACTER OF CASE

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Title was changed to reflect subject's true name as set forth in referenced New York teletype and to reflect the name subject used when arrested.

REFERENCES: Bureau and Chicago telephone call on 9/9/68.  
 Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 8/28/68, at Chicago, titled "Demonstrations at Balbo Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago; CR - ANTIRIOT," page 211.  
 Chicago teletype to New York, dated 9/10/68. (10)

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct investigation  
to locate additional witnesses and complete preliminary  
investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information in this report furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was taken from FD-302s set forth in referenced report.

One extra copy of this report was prepared for  
United States Attorney, Chicago, and is being held in  
advance pending instructions from the Bureau.

Persons interviewed are being advised investigation  
conducted at request of FRED M. VINSON, Jr., Assistant Attorney  
General, Criminal Division.

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Title: ABBOTT HOFFMAN

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Synopsis:

Title of this case was changed to reflect subject's true name and name used when he was arrested. Investigation was predicated upon information reflecting HOFFMAN participated in demonstrations in Chicago during Democratic National Convention (DNC). *[REDACTED]* *67D*

*[REDACTED]* *67C* *67D*  
HOFFMAN, co-founder of Youth International Party (YIP), was one of the negotiators with the City of Chicago for permit to Lincoln Park during DNC.

*[REDACTED]* Arrest record and description set forth.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon the following information:

This investigation was predicated upon information from the Chicago Police Department and news media during latter part of August, 1968, reflecting that HOFFMAN participated in the demonstrations in Chicago during the course of the Democratic National Convention (DNC).

[REDACTED]

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Activity Prior to DNC.

The August 5, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American," a Chicago daily newspaper, page 3 column 1, contained an article reflecting that ABBIE HOFFMAN, co-founder of YIP "made fools of the television reporters." HOFFMAN stood on La Salle Street, near Chicago Avenue, at noon on August 4, 1968, and stated, "We'll have a hundred thousand Hippies here for our life festival."

HOFFMAN stated, "Last December a group of us in New York conceived of the Yippie idea. We had four main objectives:

"1. The blending of pot and politics into a political grass leaves movement and -- a cross fertilization of the Hippie and New Left philosophy.

"2. A connecting link that would tie as much of the underground together as was willing into some gigantic national get-together.

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"3. The development of a model for an alternative society.

"4. The need to make some statement, especially in revolutionary action-theater terms about LBJ, the Democratic party, electoral politics, and the state of the nation."

The August 23, 1968, edition of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago daily newspaper, page 5, column 5, section 12, contained an article stating that on August 22, 1968, Judge WILLIAM J. LYNCH of Federal District Court agreed to dismiss a suit filed by YIP which was to force the Park District to grant a permit for thousands of Yippies to come to the park during the convention. According to this article ABBIE HOFFMAN, age 29, of New York City, a Yippie spokesman, said the group requested the suit be dropped because "We have lost faith in the Judicial System and the Park District has failed to give us an answer on the permit." HOFFMAN stated the Yippies and National Committee to End the War in Viet Nam demonstrators intended to use the park with or without a permit and that many Yippies have been expressing their opinions without the interference of the police. However, police officials said the park had been closed at 11:00 p. m. each day and that no one had been staying there.

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[REDACTED]

(SAs) [REDACTED] advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on August 31, 1968, that during the week of August 24 through 29, 1968,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During this period [REDACTED] stated he had time to observe and to talk to a number of people involved with the demonstrations and with some of the spectators. In talking with marshals or people directly concerned with the cause of the march and the "yippies", [REDACTED] was informed there was a fear on the part of many people involved that there would be violence. He said there were also groups of people, who were extremely radical if not militant, advocating revolution and advocating that the demonstration should be one of the initiating parts of that revolution, and that violence was a desirable outcome of the week in Chicago, in that it would aid in the cause of

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the revolution which to his knowledge, involved violence in the streets, leading to collapse of the present Government. Several of the leaders, including HOFFMAN, indicated that violence was not undesirable.

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[REDACTED] a member of the Chicago Police Department, assigned to the 20th District, advised on September 5, 1968, that he was on duty at Lincoln Park during the demonstration held there, and also at Balbo Street and Michigan Avenue during the week of the DNC. [REDACTED] stated he observed a person, later identified to him as ABBIE HOFFMAN, give demonstrators orders to zero in on specific policemen with unusually abusive verbal attacks, in an effort to provoke the policemen to act against the demonstrators. On one occasion, one policeman was so viciously attacked by the demonstrators with obscenities directed toward the policeman and his family, that [REDACTED] removed him from the area for a while.

arrests

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 3, 1968, reflect under Chicago Police Department Number 2568734, that ABBIE Y. HOFFMAN was arrested on August 28, 1968, in a restaurant at Clark and Lincoln Streets, Chicago, at 8:45 a.m., for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. HOFFMAN had an obscene four-letter word written on his forehead while in the restaurant, and was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after politely being asked by the police officers to come with them.

When arrested, HOFFMAN gave his address as "no home", and his occupation as "revolutionary artist".

HOFFMAN was to appear in court on September 6, 1968. Bond was set at \$1,000.00, and HOFFMAN was released on bond.

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[REDACTED] Cook County States Attorney's Office, Chicago, advised on September 10, 1968, that HOFFMAN failed to appear for court hearing on September 6, 1968, in Cook County Criminal Court. HOFFMAN's \$1,000.00 bond was forfeited, and his appearance bond increased from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. If HOFFMAN comes within the court's jurisdiction, he will not be released unless he makes \$5,000.00 bond. No fugitive warrant is outstanding.

[REDACTED] stated that HOFFMAN is charged with State charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, and the Chicago City charges of resisting arrest.

The September 10, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American", Page 4, Column 6, stated that "ABBIE HOFFMAN, another 'hippie' leader, apparently will not be extradited from New York City to face disorderly conduct charges. HOFFMAN had been arrested for writing an obscene word on his forehead, and failed to appear in court Friday.

"RICHARD ELROD, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said it is not an extraditable offense. But he said he plans to wait a month and file a civil suit against HOFFMAN in New York to recover \$900.00 in bond money that the 'yippie' chieftain owes Chicago."

The following is a description of HOFFMAN:

Name	ABBOTT HOFFMAN, also known as Abbey Hoffman, Abbie Y. Hoffman
Date of Birth	November 30, 1936
Place of Birth	Massachusetts
Residence	New York City
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slender

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ABBOT HOFFMAN, AKA, ARL, (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT) OO. CHICAGO.

*det* REBUTEL TO ALL SACS SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST IDENTIFYING  
PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS AND BUAIRTEL TO LOS ANGELES SEPTEMBER  
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CHICAGO NOTES JERRY RUBIN AND TOM HAYDEN, BOTH PRINCIPAL  
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO DATE 1/29/82 BY SECRIG/vp  
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT), ARL

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RE CHICAGO REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST  
AND INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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BY WHAT DATE ALL OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETED  
AND REPORTED.

NOTE

*[Signature]* Hoffman, one of the principal subjects [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If this information can be substantiated  
by admissible evidence, it would tend to establish a clear cut  
violation of Section 2101 (a) of the ARL. [REDACTED]

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Attached for administrative purposes for each copy of report is a letterhead memorandum setting forth information pertaining to the Los Angeles Free Press and its editor and publisher, ARTHUR KUNKIN.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Division reveal that the name of ABBIE HOFFMAN, 65 Hadwen, Worcester, Massachusetts, appeared on the National and International Fund Raising mailing list of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee as of 7/8/68.

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Report of:

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Title: ABBOTT HOFFMAN

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis: The 8/16-22/68 issue of the Los Angeles Free Press contained an article on page seven captioned, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital". The article was a telephonic interview with ABBOTT HOFFMAN by a writer of the Los Angeles Free Press. The article dealt with the Yippie Festival of Life scheduled for August 25-30, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois, which would coincide with the Democratic National Convention. The article is set forth in details concerning the interview.

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DETAILS

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon receipt of information from the Chicago Division of the FBI who advised that HOFFMAN reportedly encouraged demonstrators during the week of the Democratic National Convention and indicated that violence was not undesirable.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Free Press, a weekly avant-garde underground newspaper, contained an article on page seven of the August 16-22, 1968, issue captioned, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital". The article deals with the Yippie Festival of Life scheduled for August 25-30, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois, to coincide with the Democratic National Convention. The article in its entirety is set forth as follows:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# YIPPIES TO VISIT HOG CAPITAL

LAWRENCE LIPTON

What ABOUT the Yippie Festival of Life scheduled for August 25-30 in Chicago?

Who's going? Who isn't going? Who will be there?

According to a telephone conversation I had with Abbie Hoffman who, with Jerry Rubin and others on the East Coast first proposed the idea and are acting as coordinators, the plan is to go forward with the festival as it was first announced.

A transcript of my phone conversation with Hoffman follows:

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HOFFMAN: I'll give you a schedule of events:

AUGUST 20th-24th there will be training classes in karate, non-violent dissent, defense against mace, etc. There will be an information booth set up in Lincoln Park. Almost all our activities are focused on Lincoln Park.

AUGUST 24th Mayor Daley is going to do fireworks on Lake Michigan.

AUGUST 25th afternoon: welcome of the Democratic delegates in downtown hotels. Exact plans to be announced. There are theater skits planned and things like that. August 26th p.m.: music festival, Lincoln Park.

AUGUST 26th, a.m.: workshops in underground communications, drug problems, how to live free, guerrilla theater, draft resistance, self-defense, how to set up communes, etc. Workshops dealing with problems that we face as an alternative community. Workshop leaders should call 1913-5285. There will also be scenario sessions to plan small-group activities.

LIPTON: Why do you call them scenario sessions?

H: We think in terms of theater. Theater groups will plan theater skills.

L: This is for street theater?

H: Yes. We have no idea how many of those groups are coming in. We got three thousand letters in July alone, at the New York office. And we couldn't coordinate all the stuff.

AUGUST 26th p.m.: Beach party on the lake across from Lake Park, called North Avenue Beach: folk singing, barbeques, swimming, lovemaking.

AUGUST 27th dawn: poetry, mantras, religious ceremony led by Allen Ginsberg.

AUGUST 27th afternoon: Workshops and scenario sessions. Also film showings and mixed media event at the Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash Ave. August 27th, evening: benefit concert in conjunction with the National Mobilization Committee at the Coliseum; also Lincoln Park nomination and rally for Pegasus, the pig. And LBJ birthday party.

AUGUST 28th, dawn: poetry and folk singing, beach area. August 28th, afternoon: Yippie Olympics, Miss Yippie contest. We're boycotting the regular Olympics and having our own. Pin the tail on the donkey, pin the rubber on the Pope, a joint-rolling contest, a dirty dope dealers' convention. We're going to try and get the dealers together and have the price lowered. And other normal, healthy games.

AUGUST 28th, the night that Humphrey gets nominated, plans will be announced at a later date. There is a mobilization rally scheduled for Grant Park at 4 p.m.

L: Do you intend to do anything outside Convention Hall, or inside?

H: There is a march scheduled at Convention Hall. These are the mobilization's plans and there is a lot of difference of opinion. Our feeling is that people living in Lincoln Park will do lots of different things. Some people will stay in the park, some will go on the march, some will go downtown.

L: The march to where?

H: The International Amphitheatre,

tre, where the convention is. There is definitely a march that the mobilization is planning.

L: Those who wish to go? In other words it's optional for those who wish to go on the march?

H: All the events are optional, of course.

L: What are you going to do when you get there?

H: They plan to have a rally and vigil. Our feeling is that people who plan to go on that march or to participate in civil disobedience in downtown Chicago, as many groups are planning to do, ought to be prepared for a very heavy scene. There are ten thousand National Guard troops here. There's an eight foot barbed wire fence with a mile circumference around the Amphitheatre and another fence within that. Very heavy scene.

AUGUST 29th and 30th: We have unscheduled events, although we plan to still be in the park.

L: What events?

H: We're unsure what's going to happen that night. We do have plans to do a death of Yippie ceremony, where we burn all the posters and buttons, etc.

L: Is that like the death of Hippie? Does that mean that Yippie is only for this occasion?

H: Our message is that people are free. They shouldn't have labels.

L: But you're not adopting the Free Man label that they are in San Francisco? Or are you?

H: Well, birth of the free people.

L: Well, that's similar to the San Francisco event. But they are keeping the name Free Man, you know.

H: We are working mainly on the events of the first three days, and setting up information booths and preparing maps and training sessions, and all that.

L: Then you'll have the death of Yippie, and that will be the end of this event?

H: Yes.

L: Who else is coming besides Allen? That you know of.

H: Sgt. Sunshine is coming. Burroughs, Genet.

L: Genet? I didn't know he was in the country.

H: He's covering it for ESQUIRE. Krassner, of course, Ed Sanders is coming in tomorrow. He's the music coordinator. There are two groups of rock musicians. One group of about twenty bands is totally committed to coming, no matter what. Another group often (which includes the heaviest bands) is committed to coming only if we get a permit. They may be talked into coming anyway.

L: Does that include the Airplane?

H: The Airplane never was coming in the first place.

L: How about Country Joe?

H: That would include Country Joe and the Fish. Arlo Guthrie is in the second group. If we get a permit only.

L: How about the United States of America?

H: I'm not sure where they are. Ed's going to start the coordination from here. They pledged to come, but we haven't been in touch with them. It's very difficult for us to give them information. They always ask you is there a permit?

Now concerning the permit situation. We've had numerous discussions and negotiations with Deputy Mayor David Stahl. The city officials are very scared. They don't know what the hell to do, and we just impressed upon them the tremendous number of people coming.

L: What about the tremendous number of people? What word do you have that there will be a great number of people?

H: We had a rally yesterday. There were two thousand people.

L: I have assumed from the start that you could get together anywhere from two to three thousand people in Chicago alone.

H: Yeah, they were at the rally yesterday.

L: What about other cities, on the East and West Coasts.

H: Well, there are bike groups coming in. I would expect 20-25, 000 people from New York alone. Every free bus is already booked in New York.

L: Have you had any indication from the West Coast?

H: A guy named Super Joe, the guy that put the flowers in the rifles at the Pentagon came in yesterday and said that a lot of people from Berkeley had already started out. We've gotten letters from L.A., from the Coast and even from Canada that say they're coming. Our feeling is that we won't get a permit, but that they will tolerate the event.

L: How about policing the event?

H: We plan to police it ourselves. That's what the training session is about.

L: Of course you'll have monitors, but did the city express any view on this issue?

H: They have not given us any real information. They're just trying to get information from us.

L: Is Jerry Rubin well enough to attend?

H: Yes. He'll be here in two more days. I'll give you my own private number: 312 area code 327-9248.

L: How about crash pads for people coming. Is there any arrangement of this sort?

H: We're making arrangements with people that live near the park for the housing of people who come before the 25th. After that we would rather have everybody sleep in the park. We feel that our strength is in numbers; and that the police won't do anything if there are a lot of people there...

L: Are the Seed people doing anything that is helpful to you? I imagine that they're active.

H: Yes, they are.

L: Are they numerous? I don't know anything about the Seed organization.

H: It's like the L.A. Oracle. That kind of paper. They're very concerned about the possibility of violence. They issued a statement saying that if people just expected a five day festival of life, fun and flowers they ought to rethink it. That there is a chance of violence.

L: Are they cooperating with you?  
H: Oh yeah, they're putting out a special Chicago edition for that week. About ten thousand copies, with maps and everything. As is the Rat, N.Y. It's putting out 100,000 copies, on such subjects as how to survive in Chicago.

L: Is East Village Other going to do anything special?  
H: No, but I heard Ramparts is coming in and going to put out a daily newspaper. There was someone here from them, looking for a printer. We'd also like to emphasize that there's a zoo, there's a totem pole, there's picnic facilities, and that Lincoln Park is adjacent to Old Town, which is Chicago's Greenwich Village area. We're urging people to bring sleeping bags and to bring enough food to share. We're only working on one night of free food, that barbecue night.

L: Is there anything similar to the Diggers' there?  
H: They have a Hip Job Co-op.

L: But they don't feed and house?  
H: Nothing like L.A. or San Francisco or New York.

L: Are you getting any cooperation from Chicagoans?  
H: Yes. There's a guy from a food company who likes what we are doing. There are people who are donating their homes for storage space for banners and flags, etc.

L: How about the media there?  
H: They're constantly pestering

L: Have you had any appearances on the media?

H: Constantly. Krassner is going to be talking about it on the Les Crane Show in about a week, also the Johnny Carson Show. We're on television every night here. We're trying to arrange a meeting tomorrow with Allen Ginsberg and Mayor Daley to talk about the permit. We also have somebody in the Health Department working on a food stamp program. There's a possibility we might get food stamps. But people should come prepared to contribute. If groups from the L.A. area are coming they ought to notify us. We're still looking for Hugh Romney and Ken Kesey's group. We're printing up a whole map of Lincoln Park. It has places on it; like Church of the Free Spirit, Future City, Communications Center, Yippie Pentagon, Minstrel Area, Grin Town, Central Stage, Free Store. We hope to have a free store where people will donate bathing suits, soap, towels, food. We also have a hog farm, with the candidate's headquarters.

L: Do you have any mimeograph machines or Gestelner?

H: Yes.

L: Why has communication been so sparse? Why haven't we received more information from you?

H: In New York we are twelve hundred dollars in debt.

L: Have you received any money from anywhere?

H: Not much. We're having a benefit in New York in about a week, but we don't think we'll receive four thousand from that.

L: It might be necessary to have one in Chicago also to make up the deficit.

H: That'll probably go into bail funds.

L: Do you have any legal connections there, such as the ACLU?

H: Yes, the ACLU is filing a suit Tuesday. An injunction against the city to let us use the park

area. We tried to open an office near the park, but the problem is there's a telephone strike. So we've had to operate from apartments and phones that are already there.

L: Is there any talk of moving the convention out of Chicago?

H: No, it's all rumors. There are heavy preparations at the Amphitheatre. There are 3,500 guard troops now training. There'll be another 5,000 in Grant Park. The city makes no bones about releasing statements where they're going to jail everybody and all kinds of threats. But the thing that must be stressed is that if people aren't into that scene they are not going to be trampled on. Lincoln Park is ten miles away from the Amphitheatre. The city had to hold up people who stay in the park as a model of protest. They'll say, hey, look, these people stayed here, nothing happened to them.

L: You say the Amphitheatre is being prepared for security.

H: Heavy security. Barbed wire fences, they're de-foliating the trees around here, they're knocking down abandoned buildings all

along the highway. They have checkpoints set up all along Michigan Blvd and Halsted Street.

L: Is the Black community active at this time, so far as you know?

H: Totally unpredictable. We've talked to some groups and they're interested in coming to the park and participating, as well as some of the major bike groups here, the Outlaws, the Headhunters.

L: How about the Black gang groups we've heard about?

H: We've talked to them, but their position is they don't care what we do. We've gotten very little feedback about what they're going to do that night, or that week. Just the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is coming with a challenge.

L: This we saw last night on television. They will come, and they'll probably put on a demonstration. In fact they'll do more than that. They'll demand being seated in the convention.



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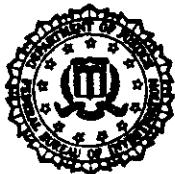
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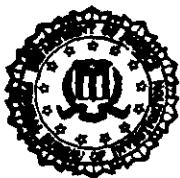
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F.  This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G.  This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H.  This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Civil Rights Division**

DATE: **September 26, 1968**

FROM : Director, FBI

**FILE COPY**

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN  
ANTIROOT LAWS**

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DATE 1/29/82 BY SP-5 SJW/jvp**

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of **ZME/TEB/PTL/BK/ES/EE/EE/EE**  
**Agent a memorandum** dated **9/18/68**  
at **New York**.

A.  This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B.  The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C.  The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D.  Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E.  Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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TITLE OF CASE  CHANGED ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka Abbott Howard Hoffman Abbey Hoffman, Abbie Hoffman, Abner Hoffman, Abby Hoffman		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (A)	TYPED BY ats
		CHARACTER OF CASE  ANTIRIOT LAWS <i>b7c</i>	

The title is marked "Changed" to reflect the middle name of the subject as reflected in the records of Local Board 167, Worcester, Mass.

REFERENCES:

CGtel to Albany, 9/11/68.  
CGtel to Bu and NY, 9/10/68.

New York airtel to Bureau, 9/16/68.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information concerning the subject received from confidential sources is being furnished in a separate LHM. An extra copy of this report is designated for Chicago, for use in the event dissemination is made to the USA.

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Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Synopsis: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, regarding his participation in the Chicago disorders. HOFFMAN advised that he is a member of the Youth International Party (YIP) and that he was in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic Convention in August, 1968. HOFFMAN advised that he visited Chicago in March, 1968, and filed an application for a permit, with others, with the Chicago Parks Commission to allow demonstrators to utilize Lincoln Park, later changed to Grant Park, for their "thing" during the convention period. He said the application was not acted upon. HOFFMAN disclaimed any responsibility for any disorders at Chicago, Illinois, and stated that he was arrested and held for thirteen hours the day before the major trouble in Grant Park and near the Hilton Hotel and that he did not participate in these disorders. HOFFMAN claimed that he stayed at the Chicago home of a friend, whom he declined to identify, and was out of the parks each night. HOFFMAN stated that YIP issued a calendar of events for the Chicago Convention period; that he helped to prepare this program and that it is a public record of all his own and all YIP plans, and that no disorders were scheduled or even suggested. HOFFMAN stated that YIP has no membership, no dues, no membership list, and no officers. HOFFMAN stated that neither he nor any YIPS with whom he is acquainted in New York City, or elsewhere, made any plans to cause any disorders in Chicago nor did they discuss any such ideas, nor did they bring any weapons or similar items to Chicago to protect themselves from attack or use in attack.

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DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/12/68

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, also known as Abbie Hoffman, 30 St. Marks Place, New York, New York, was interviewed in the hallway of his apartment at 30 St. Marks Place between 11:05 AM and 11:40 AM on September 6, 1968, by Special Agents (SAs) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

HOFFMAN, who advised that he was raised in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, identified himself as a member of the YIP (Youth International Party) and stated that he was in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic Convention held in August, 1968.

HOFFMAN, to whom the interviewing SAs identified themselves as representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was advised that the interviewing agents desired to ask him certain questions regarding his participation in the Chicago disorders; that he was not obligated to speak to the agents and that he did not have to answer any questions which might possibly incriminate him.

HOFFMAN stated that his life is an open book; that he had no objection to the interview; that he understood his rights, and that he had received a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union; that is, the ACLU, only yesterday (September 5, 1968), indicating that the FBI would probably question him concerning his presence in Chicago during the Democratic Convention.

HOFFMAN stated that the Chicago disorders were the result of a set policy on the part of Chicago authorities; that as a representative of the YIP, he visited Chicago on March 25, 1968, and filed an application for a permit, with others, with the Chicago Parks Commission to allow demonstrators to utilize Lincoln Park, later changed to Grant Park, for their "thing" during the convention period; that he then met with Deputy Mayor STAHL, a Mr. BARRY of the Park Commission, certain Chicago police officials and others, and that the application was not then acted upon.

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HOFFMAN stated that thereafter this application matter was left in the hands of the Chicago people who also wanted to use the park.

HOFFMAN stated that about five days before the Convention, he was advised that his Chicago group never received a permit to use Grant Park; that thereafter the application for a permit had been withdrawn. HOFFMAN stated that he then decided to go to Chicago to see what he could do to get a park permit; that he then flew to Chicago on a student rate fare and met immediately with Deputy Mayor Stahl and others in a last ditch stand to try to get Grant Park for the demonstrators.

HOFFMAN stated that his experience indicated that city officials usually hold off until the last day, then issue a permit; but that contrary to his advice to Chicago officials, this did not happen. HOFFMAN stated that he and others were told they could, within local law, use Grant Park, like any other city park, each day until 11:00 PM; that they could not sleep in the parks and would have to vacate them by 11:00 PM.

HOFFMAN stated that on Sunday, August 25, 1968, he and others then in Grant Park were confronted by Chicago Police between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM; that he phoned the commander of the Chicago Police Department, 18th Precinct, between those hours to get a rule on the use of the park and that he was told that his group could legally stay there until 11:00 PM, and that the police unit forcing them about would be withdrawn. HOFFMAN stated that the police did not withdraw, but continued to pressure people out of the park.

HOFFMAN stated that he is identified with YIP; that YIP has no membership, no dues, no membership list, and no officers, but that he did act as a representative of YIP, while meeting with others in Chicago, Illinois. HOFFMAN stated that neither he nor any YIPs with whom he is acquainted in New York City or elsewhere, made any plans to cause any disorders in Chicago, Illinois, nor did they discuss any such ideas, nor did they bring any weapons or similar items to Chicago to protect themselves from attack or to use in attack.

HOFFMAN stated that while in Chicago, he made no plans to cause any disorders, that he gave no orders for anyone to become involved in any disorders, and that he has no knowledge of any such plans or activity on the part of any individual or any group in Chicago, New York City, or elsewhere.

HOFFMAN stated that the YIP issued a calendar of events for the Chicago Convention period; that he helped to prepare this program, and that it is a public record of all his own and all YIP plans, and that no disorders were scheduled or even suggested. HOFFMAN stated that he urged persons associated with the Convention confrontation to remain non-violent and that his position and policy in this regard has been quoted in the public press several times and was included in an article relating to him which appeared in the "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper, on September 1 or 2, 1968.

HOFFMAN stated that he never advocated any disorder, fights with the police, or the use of weaponry of any sort, in connection with the Chicago disorders, and that he has no knowledge of such plans or activities on the part of anyone else.

HOFFMAN stated that he heard general gossip of absurd statements made by persons unknown to him, about putting LSD in the Chicago drinking water, and that since such things were so foolish and impractical he never took them seriously, but took them to be just talk and "letting off steam".

HOFFMAN stated that he could only speak for himself concerning motivation to visit Chicago during the period the Democratic Convention was being held. HOFFMAN stated that he believes in a free, unregimentated life; that he would hope to influence everyone to join him; that the philosophy of the Democratic Party advocates the continuance of the present system which is a monetary trap which causes people to work unnecessarily for an entire lifetime and only to perpetuate the system. HOFFMAN stated that in his opinion current technical advancements and scientific achievements, all of a revolutionary nature, can feed and cloth the entire world; that such technical and scientific achievements and their future refinements could, if allowed by the establishment to do so, release everyone from an organized life of work and entrapment, and that he wanted to utilize the Democratic Convention in Chicago to do his "thing", which was to confront the Democrats and to publicize his own philosophy of life.

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HOFFMAN stated that he is not against the Democratic Party itself; that it is one group of many which advocated the established way of life. Further, that he has been called many things including a "Communist"; that he is not a Communist and could never accept Communism since it is another absurd, regimented, disciplined group with its own aims and establishment type objectives.

HOFFMAN stated that he is against all political philosophies, that all presidential candidates hope to retain the establishment although they don't say so. Further, that he has expressed himself as favorable to George Wallace, only because Wallace is the least hypocritical candidate in that he is truthful and outright; that even though you can't agree with him on many points you know where he stands. HOFFMAN stated that he has made statements to this effect in public gatherings, in television interviews and interviews with the press, and that he has worn Wallace buttons at such gatherings and at public demonstrations.

HOFFMAN stated that "I presume that I will eventually be arrested for conspiracy because of my presence in Chicago". HOFFMAN stated that he did not know what the conspiracy charge, if any, would be. HOFFMAN stated that it is his understanding that his name was among those who are bringing a civil suit against the City of Chicago and Mayor Daley for 600 million dollars; that such suit started by a daughter of former Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and with a New York City law firm, if successful would allow the wronged demonstrators to give each Chicago police officer, who resigns from that police force in protest against the policies of the Chicago police, a sum of \$10,000.00 each.

HOFFMAN stated that during his recent stay in Chicago he was under surveillance by the Chicago police; that he became friendly with those following him for his so-called protection, and that he enjoyed coffee and transportation from them.

HOFFMAN stated that he stayed at the Chicago home of a friend, whom he declined to identify; that he was out of the parks each night, and that, to his recollection, he was arrested and held for thirteen hours the day before that major trouble in Grant Park and near the Hilton Hotel and that he did not participate in these disorders.

HOFFMAN disclaimed any responsibility for any disorders at Chicago, Illinois.

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(SAS) [REDACTED] ABBOTT HOFFMAN, when interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 6, 1968, advised that he was raised in Worcester, Massachusetts, that he attended Worcester Classical High School, a public school, which "kicked" him out between his junior and senior year. HOFFMAN stated that he wrote a paper against God; that his teacher tore it up; that he "belted" the teacher and was expelled.

For a year thereafter HOFFMAN hung out in the pool halls of Worcester and was then enrolled in Worcester Academy, a private school where he completed his senior year. HOFFMAN then attended Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. He took graduate work at University of California, Berkeley, California and he took courses in some school in France while at Brandeis.

HOFFMAN stated that he is registered with a Local Board in Massachusetts; that he is 4-F; that "all nuts" like himself are 4-F. HOFFMAN stated he had no military service.

HOFFMAN stated that he worked for about six years after college; that his last job was with State of Massachusetts as a psychologist; that he has held numerous jobs including that of a wholesalesman in Massachusetts. HOFFMAN stated that he has always been able to make money as a pool hustler. HOFFMAN claimed to be a superior pool player. HOFFMAN stated that when he first came to New York City he opened a store to sell the products of the Mississippi poor people; that he sold this store a year ago for one dollar. HOFFMAN said that his wife is also unemployed; that she makes beads at home and sells them wholesale to various bead stores in New York City.

HOFFMAN stated that he wrote a 180 page book, long hand, in three days after returning from Chicago; that he sold this manuscript to a publisher and that he got no money for the manuscript because he plans to donate all profits to "the people". He declined to identify the publisher and claimed that the book would be out in October, 1968, under the

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by SAS [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

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"Revolution for the Hell of It".

HOFFMAN stated that his parents are successful middle class Americans; that his father could be classed as a "Goldwaterite". HOFFMAN stated that his father, who has worked all his life and who does not approve of his own views or his acts, is in the wholesale drug business in Worcester, Massachusetts. Further, that when his father saw him on television during the Democratic Convention disorders from Chicago, Illinois, he suffered a heart attack and is still in the hospital.

HOFFMAN stated that he has no money, no bank account, and that he manages "somehow" to get by and to pay his \$90.00 per month rent for his apartment. HOFFMAN stated that he does not own an automobile. HOFFMAN stated that his phone number, listed in the Manhattan book, is being changed soon to a private number; that too many "kooks" call him.

HOFFMAN, when interviewed, wore tight blue jeans and a dirty sports shirt held in by a large black leather belt. HOFFMAN's hair was fully grown, like a female, dark brown, curly unkempt. HOFFMAN, who appears to be alert, speaks in the jargon of the "beatnik", using expressions like "man", "my thing", "the establishment", and "I want to turn you on". He is evasive and appears to enjoy being the center of attention. HOFFMAN was cautious but not hostile during the interview. He made no complaint about being interviewed but made it clear that he felt that he was on the opposite side of "things" to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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By communication dated September 10, 1968, the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished a copy of the arrest record of ABBIE HOFFMAN, by the Chicago Police Department on August 28, 1968. The following information was set forth on the record:

Name	ABBIE HOFFMAN
Address	No home
Place of Birth	Massachusetts
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Revolutionary artist
Arresting Officer	[REDACTED]
Arrest Number	2568734
Build	Slender
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	November 30, 1936
Narcotic information	Non-Med addict Steady source--yes Marijuana--yes Source of supply--unknown Cures attempted--none Original cause of addiction--has used before 1. Resisting arrest 2. Disorderly
Charge	Restaurant, Clark and Lincoln Streets, Chicago
Place of arrest	
Narrative:	

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[REDACTED] on patrol stopped by two women who complained of a man walking on the street with red letters written on his forehead spelling, "F---" followed arrestee into restaurant at Clark and Lincoln and ascertained that writing did exist. Called supervisor [REDACTED] notified to make arrest. HOFFMAN was charged with resisting arrest after officer politely asked him to come with him.

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By communication dated September 13, 1968, the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised of investigation conducted as follows:

b7c [REDACTED] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised on September 12, 1968, that ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN attended Brandeis from September, 1955, to June, 1959, when he received his A. B. Degree.

He was admitted to Brandeis from Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts, and his home address was listed as 6 Ruth Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

b7c [REDACTED] MRS. ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN Probate Court, Worcester County Courthouse, 2 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, advised on September 12, 1968, that court docket number 34226 reflects that SHEILA HOFFMAN was granted a divorce decree nisi on November 4, 1966, on grounds of cruel and abusive treatment. Mrs. HOFFMAN's divorce suit was not contested and it was agreed by both parties that \$72.00 would be paid per month by subject for support of herself and two children, ANDREW, born December 31, 1960, and ILIA, born November 19, 1962, of which \$22.50 will be paid to the children. According to the decree subject has visitation rights.

The above decree reflects that the HOFFMANS were married on July 10, 1960, in Providence, Rhode Island.

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, born November 30, 1936, Worcester, registered for the draft December 7, 1954, from 12 Ruth Street, Worcester. His Selective Service Number was 19-67-36-168. His parents were listed as JOHN and FRANCES HOFFMAN. He graduated from Worcester Academy in 1955 and attended Brandeis University, College of Arts and Sciences, from October, 1955 to June, 1959. As a result of a physical examination, subject was found not acceptable for military service due to bronchial asthma and defective vision.

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The records of the Marriage Record Bureau, New York, New York, were reviewed on June 26, 1968, by Investigative Clerk (IC) [REDACTED], and revealed the following information under certificate #12461:

**B APPROX**

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, residence 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, born November 30, 1936, Worcester, Massachusetts, occupation writer, parents JOHN HOFFMAN, born Russia, and <sup>B APPROX</sup> FLORENCE HOFFMAN, nee SCHANBERG, born Clinton, Massachusetts, and ANITA S. KUSHNER, residence 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, born March 16, 1942, Baltimore, Maryland, occupation writer, parents ELIAS A. KUSHNER, born New York and LEAH B. KUSHNER, nee ZANK, born New York, were married on July 2, 1967, by Rabbi NATHAN A. PERILMAN, 150 East 69th Street, New York City. Witnesses were M. L. ZANK and DAVID H. GOODWILLIE. The records revealed that this was ABBOTT HOFFMAN's second marriage and that his first marriage was to SHEILA KARKLIN which ended in divorce in May, 1967, in Massachusetts, on the grounds of mental cruelty and that he was the defendant.

ANITA S. Hoffman MRS. Abbott H.

The records also revealed that this was ANITA HOFFMAN's first marriage.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk (IC) *b7c*

A review of records maintained by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 6, 1968, Volume 115, page 285, for births in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the year 1936 revealed that male (No First Name) (NFN) HOFFMAN was born November 30, 1936, at Worcester. Father was listed as JOHN HOFFMAN, born Russia, age 29, occupation salesman. Mother was listed as FLORENCE S., maiden name SCHAMBERG, born Clinton, Massachusetts, age 30, occupation housewife. Residence of parents at time of birth was listed as 264 Chandler Street, Worcester.

On February 14, 1968, birth record was corrected by mother FLORENCE to read ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, born November 30, 1936, at Worcester. Residence at time of birth correction was given as 5 Geneva Street, Worcester.

On June 13, 1968, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts furnished a record on one ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, 7 Bellevue, Worcester, formerly of 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Brandeis University, Waltham, and 6 Ruth Street, Worcester, born November 30, 1936, at Worcester, Massachusetts, occupation student, father, JOHN and mother, FLORENCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
8/4/53	Speeding	Worcester	File \$5.00 costs paid
6/3/54	No license	Worcester	Filed
6/3/54	No registration	Worcester	Filed
6/3/54	Speeding	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
7/8/55	Not slowing down	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
11/29/55	Failing to follow directions	Worcester	\$5.00 paid

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
12/13/56	Speeding	Waltham	\$10.00
3/5/58	One Way street	Waltham	\$5.00
4/24/58	Stop street	Waltham	of
4/25/58	Speeding	Ayer	\$10.00 paid
6/1/59	Illegal left turn	Waltham	\$5.00
2/24/61	Fail obey traffic signal	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
12/12/61	Fail obey traffic signal	Worcester	\$5.00
1/6/64	Allowing vehicle to stand unattended w/o shutting off motor and locking	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
8/16/65	Speeding	Worcester	\$10.00 paid

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On June 20, 1968, personnel of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised their records contain no information  
regarding the subject.

A review of the Boston files disclosed "The Worcester Telegram", dated July 27, 1964, carried an article that CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) was planning on establishing a chapter in Worcester, Massachusetts. Approximately 30 persons attended a preliminary organization meeting in the home of temporary chairman ARTHUR J. JARRETZ, one of the speakers was ABBIE HOFFMAN, publicity spokesman for the CORE Chapter.

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On the evening of May 11-12, 1968, at At Random television program which was aired on CBS-TV, Channel 2, Chicago, Moderator JOHN MADIGAN, was monitored by the Chicago Office. Among the participants on part two of this program was an individual identified as ABBIE HOFFMAN, who identified himself as a representative of the Youth International Party (YIP) who was in Chicago for a teach-in. During the discussion, HOFFMAN stated that he had participated in the recent Columbia University uprising in New York. At one point, Moderator MADIGAN asked the general question, "Does anyone believe that the communist element was in any way behind the recent student uprising around the country?". HOFFMAN asked MADIGAN what he meant by a communist and MADIGAN replied that to use the standard definition, "Anyone who advocates the overthrow of the U. S. Government". HOFFMAN stated, "In that case, I am a communist". MADIGAN asked HOFFMAN if he was in favor of the overthrow of the United States Government and HOFFMAN replied that he was in favor of the overthrow of the United States Government by any means possible.

A newspaper article in the "New York Post" on September 5, 1968, quoted ABBIE HOFFMAN in part as follows:

"They called us hardcore anarchists with plots to overthrow the government, well, that's not a secret. That's always been the case. What's the big deal? In Chicago we had two aims. One was to present the reality of America as we saw it as long-haired dropouts. And what we see in America as a police state. The second was to present the reality and beauty of struggling for a new society."

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On April 10, 1968, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAS, FBI) from approximately 11:00 AM until 1:45 PM, observed about forty hippie-type individuals, most of whom were wearing "Yippie" buttons, meet with representatives of Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY outside of City Hall, New York City, to request a permit for the use of the Sheep Meadow in Central Park, New York City, on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1968, for a "Yip-Out" (music festival).

After much discussion and an intermission of one hour from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM, the group was advised by SIDNEY DAVIDOFF, Assistant to Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY, that a permit would be granted to them by the New York City Parks Department for the use of Sheep Meadow in Central Park, New York City, on April 14, 1968, for their "Yip-Out" (music festival).

JERRY RUBIN, KEITH LAMPE, ABBE HOFFMAN, PAUL KRASSNER and BOB FASS of New York City Radio Station WBAI, were observed participating in the discussions with the representatives of Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY and appeared to be the spokesmen for the Yippies.

The "New York Post" in its April 10, 1968, issue on page 10, sets forth an item entitled "Sit-In for a Yip-Out", which sets forth a photograph of a group of Yippies meeting with SIDNEY DAVIDOFF, Assistant to New York City Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY, outside of City Hall, New York City, on April 10, 1968.

The item then states as follows:

"Sid Davidoff, assistant to Mayor Lindsay, tries to placate a group of yippies camped outside City Hall today. The yippies--Youth International Party-- want the Sheep Meadow for an Easter Sunday 'Yip-Out', an updated version of the old-fashioned 'be-in'. City officials at first insisted they could use only the Central Park Mall, not the meadow. But Davidoff later relented."

On April 14, 1968, SAS of the FBI observed a "Yip-Out" (music festival) sponsored by the YIP in the Sheep Meadow of Central Park, New York City.

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At 6:00 AM, approximately 200 hippie-type individuals were milling around the Sheep Meadow.

By 11:00 AM, the crowd had enlarged to approximately 1,000 individuals. At that time a band started playing music at the Southwest corner of the Sheep Meadow. Stands were also set up at which YIP posters were passed out advertising a "Festival of Life", in Chicago, August 25 to 30, 1968, with free music, lights, theater and magic. In addition, in one section of the Sheep Meadow a small area was also set up to accept donations of canned food goods for the forthcoming Poor People's March to Washington, D.C.

At 1:00 PM, the crowd had enlarged to approximately 5,000 individuals and at 2:00 PM, the crowd had enlarged to a peak of approximately 9,000 hippie-type individuals and Easter Sunday strollers.

A number of individuals wearing "Yippie" T-shirts wandered through the crowd with buckets attempting to obtain contributions for YIP.

During the day numerous small groups entertained with various hippie-type music.

At 3:00 PM, a small single engine airplane circled over the Sheep Meadow three times and dropped bunches of flowers.

By 6:00 PM, the crowd had dwindled to approximately 1,000 individuals who were gathered around the platform at the Southwest corner of the Sheep Meadow listening to hippie-type music.

By 7:45 PM, the majority of the crowd had dispersed.

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On April 29, 1968, the representative of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, was made available a YIP flyer supporting the striking students at Columbia University.

This flyer states as follows:

"YIPPIE! YIPPIE! YIPPIE! YIPPIE! YIPPIE!"

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"WE FULLY SUPPORT the demands of S.A.S. and S.D.S. students now occupying liberated zones at Columbia University. In particular we support the demand for total amnesty and reject the use of police to clear the campus of demonstrators.

"WE SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS"

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"A second flyer will hit the streets immediately. Our emergency phone system will go into effect. We shall urge everyone to assemble at 116th and Broadway. We shall engage in civil disobedience, such as interfering with police vans and subways.

(982-5090)

"CALL the YIPPIE OFFICE -- 982-5288; 982-090 to be placed on our phone network. Listen to the Columbia Radio Station, WKCR 89.9 FM for up to minute coverage."

"IN THE EVENT POLICE ARE CALLED IN:  
GO IMMEDIATELY TO 116th AND BROADWAY."

At 9:00 PM, on May 24, 1968, SAS of the FBI observed a flash bomb ignited on the roof of the building located at 33 St. Mark's Place, New York City. This flash bomb gave off a brilliant white flash of light and approximately fifty hippie-type individuals gathered in the street cheered at its ignition.

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At approximately 9:30 PM, St. Mark's Place was packed with hippie-type individuals and usual weekend crowds when a second flash bomb was ignited in the vicinity of St. Mark's Place and Second Avenue, New York City.

At approximately 9:45 PM, 100 hippie-type individuals began milling around the block with lighted candles jeering and shouting obscenities at the police.

JERRY RUBIN and ABBE HOFFMAN, YIP leaders, were observed commingling with the crowd throughout the evening.

By 12:00 PM, Midnight, the majority of the demonstrators in St. Mark's Place had dispersed.

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On June 8, 1968, at approximately 12:15 PM, an SA of the FBI observed eight hippie-type individuals, including KEITH LAMPE, a YIP leader, assemble at the Southwest corner of 34th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City.

At 12:40 PM, this group of individuals walked west on 34th Street to Macy's Department Store at 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

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At 12:50 PM, this group of individuals began to distribute leaflets to passersby at all of the entrances to Macy's Department Store and chanted "Macy's has been postponed".

At 2:25 PM, this group of individuals discontinued passing out the leaflets and by 2:50 PM, the entire group had dispersed.

An SA of the FBI obtained one of the leaflets being distributed at Macy's Department Store, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City, on June 8, 1968.

This leaflet, captioned "Macy's", and containing the printed name, KEITH LAMPE, at the end, was an announcement that the Yippies would hold a "New-Nation Demonstration" at Macy's Department Store, on June 8, 1968, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, with the date and time blocked out in heavy black ink.

The "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper, in its June 14, 1968, issue on page 23, sets forth an article entitled "Yippie Chief Arrested in Pot Bust", which states as follows:

"Jerry Rubin, one of the leaders of the Youth International Party-the 'Yippies'-is under arrest on charges of possession of marijuana.

"Narcotics Squad police arrested Rubin, 29, in his apartment at 313 E. Third St., last night. Rubin, who was active in the Free Speech Movement at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964, was one of the directors of last October's anti-war demonstration at the Pentagon. He has described the Yippies as 'politically oriented hippies'.

"Rubin was booked at the E. Fifth St. station, arraigned in night court and released on \$1,000 bail. Police said more than one ounce of marijuana was in Rubin's apartment.

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"A friend and political associate of Rubin, Abby Hoffman, charged that Rubin had been beaten by police. Rubin was treated at Bellevue Hospital early today, but the extent of his injuries was not revealed by the hospital."

On July 2, 1968, at 9:40 AM, an SA of the FBI observed 36 individuals carrying small American flags, who, by their appearance can be described as Yippies, picket in front of 100 Centre Street, New York City.

The pickets gave out small plastic bags containing a red pliable substance with a tag which read "Napalm UN Gov Approved Dangerous Drug". The pickets also gave out a small booklet which advocated everything for free.

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On September 13, 1968, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department, were caused to be checked by Special Agent [REDACTED] and no criminal record was located on ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN under that name or any other names known to have been used by him.

On May 21, 1968, [REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, made available to Special Agent [REDACTED] arrest cards on individuals arrested at Columbia University on 4/30/68 in connection with the clearing of individuals occupying various University Buildings. The arrest card on ABBIE HOFFMAN reflects the following information:

name	ABBIE HOFFMAN
address	30 St. Marks Place, New York City
race	white
sex	male
occupation	poet
date of birth	4-30-36
place of birth	Bolton, Mass.
charge:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Criminal trespassing</li><li>2. Resisting arrest</li></ol>
place of violation	Avery Hall, Columbia University

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: September 26, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1/29/82 BY [signature]

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Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated 9/18/68  
at New York.

A.  This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B.  The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C.  The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D.  Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E.  Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F.  This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G.  This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT  
FROM CHICAGO (176-28)

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Mr. Bishop  
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Mr. Conrad  
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Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Su  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

ABBO<sup>TT</sup> HOFFMAN, AKA (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT), ARL, OO CHICAGO.

REBUTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST.

CHICAGO INTERVIEWING CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,  
NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVING POTENTIAL  
INFO OF VALUE.

CHICAGO WILL SUREP BY SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINE NEXT AND HOLD  
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH USA, SEPTEMBER THIRTY NEXT. HOWEVER,  
INVESTIGATION BY CHICAGO AND AUXILIARY OFFICES RE OTHER SUBJECTS  
CAN BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL LEADS WHICH WILL NOT BE  
COVERED BY THAT DATE.

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