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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was very concerned about the organizing potential, influence, and strength of black power and black nationalist organizations. In an attempt to limit the power of these groups, the FBI implemented a surveillance program of so-called black nationalist hate groups. This COINTELPRO (counterintelligence program) was launched in August 1967 on direct orders from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. This microfilm edition consists of the COINTELPRO black nationalist hate groups files, as well as a separate series of materials from the FBI investigation of the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

The COINTELPRO files are organized chronologically and date from the inception of the program on August 25, 1967, to the conclusion of its operation in the spring of 1971. The documents provide a fascinating look at FBI operations and tactics. The files, on Reels 1 through 6, consist of summaries of counterintelligence activities from FBI field offices and memoranda from FBI headquarters in Washington. Communications from the field offices cover several main areas: activities of the organizations under surveillance, operations under consideration, operations in progress, results, and new developments, as well as background summaries of the organizations under surveillance.

The collection opens with the memo from Director Hoover to FBI field offices establishing the program. Hoover wrote:

The purpose of this new counterintelligence endeavor is to expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of black nationalist, hate-type organizations and groups, their leadership, spokesmen, membership and supporters.... Efforts of the various groups to consolidate their forces or recruit new or youthful adherents must be frustrated.

Hoover went on to say that, at this stage, the program would target several groups, including the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), Deacons for Defense and Justice, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and the Nation of Islam. Hoover also wanted the program to pay close attention to four leaders: Stokely Carmichael and H. "Rap" Brown of SNCC, Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad, and Maxwell Stanford of RAM. Hoover concluded by urging his field staff to be creative in their operations: "You are urged to take an enthusiastic and imaginative approach to this new counterintelligence endeavor and the Bureau will be pleased to entertain any suggestions or techniques you may recommend" (Reel 1, Frame 0001).

From 1967 to early 1968, the FBI monitored many groups, but the focus was on Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. The bureau's Chicago field office concentrated on Muhammad, while other offices kept tabs on Nation of Islam chapters and mosques in their cities. There are reports on Nation of Islam affiliates in Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis, Miami, Milwaukee, Richmond, New York City, and Washington, D.C.

During the spring and summer of 1968, the program shifted its focus to Martin Luther King Jr. and SCLC because of demonstrations in Memphis, Tenn., and SCLC's plans for a Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C. After King's assassination in April 1968, the FBI decided that SCLC was no longer a primary concern. At the same time, the bureau restated its goals for the black nationalist counterintelligence program. There were now four objectives:

1) Prevention of a coalition of BNG [black nationalist groups]

2) Prevention of the rise of a "Messiah" who might be able to unify or electrify a BNG movement

3) Prevent violence on the part of BNG

4) Prevent militant BNG and leaders from gaining respectability by discrediting them to responsible Negro groups, to the white community, to "liberals" who may possess vestiges of sympathy for them. (Reel 1, Frame 0339)

From the summer of 1968 until the conclusion of the program in the spring of 1971, the FBI tried to weaken the Black Panther Party using a wide range of tactics. In 1969, for example, the bureau's Los Angeles office, in hopes of arresting Panthers on gun control law violations, contacted firearms dealers to determine if any Panthers were buying weapons. Another bureau tactic was to create disputes between Panther leaders. Many memos in the files describe FBI efforts to create divisions between Eldridge Cleaver, Huey Newton, and David Hilliard. In August 1970, for example, the New York field office prepared anonymous letters that implied that Huey Newton had cooperated with police in order to gain his release from jail. In that same month, the Los Angeles field office proposed sending letters to both Hilliard and Newton to create distrust between them. The FBI also attempted to foster a split between local Panther chapters and the national organization. In September 1969, for example, the Detroit field office sent a letter to Detroit Panthers from "A Concerned Sister" alleging that Michael Baynahm, a Detroit Panther, had not committed suicide but had rather been murdered on an order from the national party headquarters.

The FBI devised additional schemes for increasing tensions between the Panthers and other black power groups. On this score, the bureau targeted SNCC and the US Organization led by Ron Karenga. In September 1968, the New York office proposed placing phone calls to SNCC members stating "the Panthers were 'out to get them." The memo noted that this tactic had already been tried on SNCC leader James Forman, and Forman reportedly "was making himself scarce with his location known only to his wife and SNCC officials" (Reel 1, Frames 0647–0648). In December 1968, the New York field office reported that, as a result of anonymous phone calls, SNCC was on constant guard against a Black Panther attack (Reel 2, Frame 0062). The Los Angeles field office, in November 1968, was preparing a letter to send to the Los Angeles Black Panther Party office, purportedly from a member of the US Organization, stating that US members planned to ambush Black Panther members. FBI field offices also prepared cartoons, supposedly created by Black Panthers and US members, caricaturing one another. (For cartoons caricaturing the Panthers see Reel 2, Frames 1001–1007, and Reel 4, Frames 0765–0769. For cartoons caricaturing the US Organization, see Reel 2, Frames 1047–1050.)

While COINTELPRO focused much of its time and energy on the Black Panther Party, the program also targeted other national and local black power groups. National groups under COINTELPRO surveillance included RAM, the Republic of New Africa, League of Revolutionary Black Workers, Black United Front, and Junta of Militant Organizations. Local FBI field offices monitored groups such as Afro-Set and New Libya in Cleveland, Ohio; Black Organizing Project and the Invaders in Memphis, Tenn.; Black Association for Nationalism through Unity in Omaha, Nebr.; Zulu 1200 and the Black Liberators in St. Louis, Mo.; and the United Black Brothers in Syracuse, N.Y.

The FBI file on the Deacons for Defense and Justice (Reels 7–8) is very different from the COINTELPRO files and points to fundamental strategic differences between black power organizations. As the COINTELPRO files show, the FBI was able to gather a significant amount of information about the Panthers, in part because of the Panthers' flamboyant and very public style. In contrast, the Deacons were a more secretive organization, and the FBI had less success learning about their operations. While the two reels in this collection do contain some reports on Deacons activities in Louisiana and Mississippi (and some of the files contain significant redactions), the majority of the documents concern the activities of Ernest Thomas while on a fund-raising tour in northern states. Thomas had been a member of the Jonesboro chapter of the Deacons, but, according to the files, he severed his ties with the chapter and did not have the support of the Louisiana-based Deacons. The file on the Deacons also contains information on other organizations and leaders that the FBI believed were sympathetic or had a tangential relationship to the Deacons. These organizations and leaders include the Committee to Aid the Deacons, CORE, RAM, and Robert F. Williams.

LexisNexis has microfilmed other FBI files on the black freedom struggle. These include *Centers of the Southern Struggle: FBI Files on Selma, Memphis, Montgomery, Albany, and St. Augustine* and the *Martin Luther King Jr. FBI File.* Collections microfilmed by LexisNexis that document black power groups in their own voices include *The Black Power Movement, Part 1: Amiri Baraka from Black Arts to Black Radicalism; Part 2: The Papers of Robert F. Williams; Part 3: Papers of the Revolutionary Action Movement, 1962–1966;* and *Part 4: The League of Revolutionary Black Workers, 1965–1976.* The NAACP's relationship with the black power movement is documented in *Papers of the NAACP, Supplement to Part 1, 1966–1970; Supplement to Part 16, 1966–1970; Part 28: Special Subject Files, 1966– 1970; Part 29: Branch Department;* and *Part 30: General Office Files, 1966–1972.*

SOURCE NOTE

This microfilm publication consists of selected Headquarters files from the holdings in the Freedom of Information Act Reading Room, J. Edgar Hoover Building, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. The FBI file designations are 100-448006 for COINTELPRO—Black Extremist Organizations and HQ 157-2466 for the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This microfilm collection consists of more than 5,000 pages of materials on black extremist organizations and over 1,500 pages on the Deacons for Defense and Justice that were collected, collated, and classified by the FBI, and recently released by the Freedom of Information Act Unit of the FBI's Records Management Division. LexisNexis has microfilmed all available documents in the order in which they are arranged in the Freedom of Information Act Reading Room. The quality of a very small number of copies is poor, because the original files were in very fragile condition. LexisNexis has made every technical effort to ensure legibility. In addition, small portions of the documents have been marked out and small codes appear in the margins or alongside the deletions. Researchers can match these codes with the FBI's Explanation of Exemptions. The deletions are made, in general terms, to protect national security, personal privacy interests, the identity of confidential sources, and law enforcement techniques.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used three or more times in this guide.

ACT	Act Collectively Together
COINTELPRO	Counterintelligence Program
CORE	Congress of Racial Equality
CPUSA	Communist Party, United States of America
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
JOMO	Junta of Militant Organizations
ККК	Ku Klux Klan
RAM	Revolutionary Action Movement
RNA	Republic of New Africa
SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Conference
SDS	Students for a Democratic Society
SNCC	Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
SSOC	Southern Student Organizing Committee

REEL INDEX

Following is a listing of the folders that compose *FBI Files on Black Extremist Organizations*, *Part 1: COINTELPRO Files on Black Hate Groups and Investigation of the Deacons for Defense and Justice*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title and the date(s) of the file. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*. Topics are listed in the order in which they appear on the film, and each one is listed only once per folder.

Reel 1

Frame No.

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006

0001 Section 1 [August 1967–April 1968].

Major Topics: Establishment of counterintelligence program targeting "black nationalist-hate type organizations" and goals of the program; RAM in Philadephia; H. "Rap" Brown; William M. Kunstler; Catholic War Veterans; United Klans of America demonstration in Flint, Mich.; Nation of Islam; Nation of Islam Mosque #4 (Washington, D.C.); Muhammad's Temple of Islam in Dallas; Elijah Muhammad; Muslim Girls Training; Fruit of Islam; Boston SNCC; Stokely Carmichael; expansion in February 1968 of COINTELPRO black nationalist-hate groups program: Martin Luther King Jr.: SCLC: Nashville SNCC: Black Organizing Power (Memphis); FBI reaction to National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders report; Dick Gregory; Nation of Islam Mosque #30 (Kansas City, Mo.); race relations in Kansas City, Mo.; City-Wide Citizens Action Committee (Detroit); Lowndes County Freedom Organization (Alabama); Muhammad's Temple of Islam #22 (Pittsburgh); Afro-American Institute; Nation of Islam Mosque #24 (Richmond, Va.); Nation of Islam Mosque #23 (Buffalo); New Libva and Afro-Set (Cleveland, Ohio); SDS and SSOC (Gainesville, Fla.); Nation of Islam Mosque #3 (Milwaukee); Milwaukee NAACP youth council; Cambridge Black Action Federation (Maryland); Society of Afro-American Students, Morgan State College (Baltimore); Baltimore CORE; United Afro-American Association (Newark, N.J.); LeRoi Jones; FBI concern about SCLC's "Washington Spring Project" (1968); Seattle SNCC; Black Student Union, University of Washington; Afro-American Alliance, Washington State University; Nation of Islam in Florida; Nation of Islam Mosque #7 (New York City); Organization of Afro-American Unity; RAM; Max Stanford; Yoruba Temple (New York City); Adam Clayton Powell Jr.; Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, South Carolina State College; The Brothers (Albany, N.Y.); Nation of Islam Mosque #28 (St. Louis); US Organization; anti-Nation of Islam pamphlet prepared by FBI.

0278 Section 2 [April–July 1968].

Major Topics: Nation of Islam; Stokely Carmichael; Martin Luther King Jr.; SCLC; FBI plan to disrupt SCLC's Poor People's Campaign planning; RAM; SNCC; City-Wide Citizens Action Committee and Malcolm X Society (Detroit); Nation of Islam in Indiana; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); Afro-American Student Association, Indiana University; Nation of Islam Mosque #29 (Miami); Black Panther Party; Black Student Union, San Francisco State College; Huey Newton; Bobby Seale; Eldridge Cleaver; Black Organizing Power (Memphis); Dick Gregory; SNCC and Nation of Islam chapters in Atlanta; Chicago CORE; Elijah Muhammad; Nation of Islam in Connecticut; Hill Parents Association (New Haven); Black Caucus (Hartford); CPUSA support for Poor People's Campaign; William L. Patterson; Black United Front (Washington, D.C.); Herbert C. Muhammad; LeRoi Jones; Black Alliance for Self-Defense, University of South Carolina; Nation of Islam Mosque #23 (Buffalo); US Organization; Unity Incorporated (Pittsburgh); John B. X Strickland.

0590 Section 3 [July–September 1968].

Major Topics: Ralph Abernathy; Eldridge Cleaver; Black Panther Party; US Organization; Ron Karenga; Robert F. Williams; City-Wide Citizens Action Committee (Detroit); RNA; Stokely Carmichael; Unity Incorporated (Pittsburgh); Nation of Islam; Hill Parents Association (New Haven); SNCC; Baltimore CORE; Nation of Islam in Houston; Economic Opportunity Foundation (Kansas City, Kans.); Black Organizing Project (Memphis); Black Action Society, University of Pittsburgh; Black Community Defense (East Orange, N.J.); JOMO; Black Coalition (Philadelphia); FBI plans to further division between Black Panther Party and SNCC; Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization; Albert B. Cleage Jr.; James Forman; H. "Rap" Brown; Black Student Union, San Francisco State College; Florida Atlantic University chapter of SSOC; transcript of WCKT-TV (Miami) documentary on SSOC and black power groups in Florida; Miami SCLC; Poor People's Campaign.

0839 Section 4 [September–October 1968].

 Major Topics: Project Anti-Recidivism (Jersey City); SDS; African-American Party of National Liberation; Cassius Clay; Nation of Islam; Association of Black Students, Wayne State University; Black Panther Party; Marlon Brando; Eldridge Cleaver; Kathleen Cleaver; Bobby Seale; Huey Newton; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); Afro-American Student Association, Indiana University; Stokely Carmichael; SNCC; Black United Front (Washington, D.C.); US Organization; Peace and Freedom Party; Elijah Muhammad; Ralph Abernathy; CORE; Black Liberators and Zulu 1200 (St. Louis); George Foreman; RNA.

Reel 2

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006 cont.

0001 Section 5 [October–December 1968].

Major Topics: Eldridge Cleaver; Black Panther Party; US Organization; New England Grass Roots Organization (Boston); Ron Karenga; Black Organizing Project (Memphis); SNCC; Nation of Islam; Black Peoples Party for Defense (New Orleans); SCLC; Kathleen Cleaver; Black Liberators and Zulu 1200 (St. Louis); RNA; JOMO; Peace and Freedom Party; David Owens; *The South End* (campus newspaper, Wayne State University); Huey Newton.

0262 Section 6 [December 1968–January 1969].

 Major Topics: Pittsburgh Communications Foundation; Black Panther Party; SNCC; Black Organizing Project (Memphis); Denver police raid on Black Panther Party office; Arthur T. Carter; Black Panther Party in Indianapolis; Jeff Fort; Black Panther Party in Newark and Jersey City; Black Student Congress criticism of Black Panther Party; Stokely Carmichael; David Owens; Ben Brown; Indianapolis police raid on Black Panther Party office; Robert Brown; Bobby Rush; Fred Hampton; Eldridge Cleaver; Nation of Islam; FBI plan to try to evict United Black Brothers of Syracuse from its headquarters; Black Liberators and Zulu 1200 (St. Louis); Blackstone Rangers (Chicago); Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); Afro-American Student Association, Indiana University; Nation of Islam Mosque #45 (Houston); SNCC finances; RNA; Elijah Muhammad; Roy Wilkins comments on black studies programs and all-black student dormitories.

0544 Section 7 [January–February 1969].

Major Topics: Association of Afro-American Students, University of South Carolina; Black Panther Party; Nation of Islam; Cassius Clay; Indianapolis Black Panther Party; firearms; Tougaloo College Political Action Committee.

0810 Section 8 [February–March 1969].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Invaders (Memphis); Black Liberators (St. Louis); Nation of Islam in Indiana; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); SNCC; Nation of Islam; United Black Brothers (Syracuse); Afro-American Society of Greater Atlanta; SCLC; Field Foundation; RNA; Bobby Seale; Ron Karenga.

Reel 3

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006 cont.

0001 Section 9 [March-May 1969].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Stokely Carmichael; Black Panther Party Breakfast for Children Program; Indianapolis Black Panther Party; Revolutionary Student Party and United Students' Movement, Indiana University; SDS; Black Panther Party New York City protest Black Panthers arrests (Panther 21); Des Moines Black Panther Party chapter; Ad Hoc Action Group, Citizens of Detroit; League of Revolutionary Black Workers; RNA; Detroit Black Panther Party; David Owens; US Organization; CPUSA; Nation of Islam; Invaders (Memphis).

0259 Section 10 [April–June 1969].

 Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Breakfast for Children Program; murder of Black Panther Party member John Savage; RNA; US Organization; Black Association for Nationalism through Unity (Omaha); FBI analysis of articles appearing in Voice of the Black Community (Decatur, III., newspaper); George S. Grayned; Tougaloo College Political Action Committee; Stokely Carmichael; Bobby Seale; Invaders (Memphis); SDS; damage to Lowenstein's Department Store during April 4, 1969, riot in Memphis; student takeover of Howard University.

0515 Section 11 [June–July 1969].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; David Hilliard; Breakfast for Children Program; Black Panther Party criticism of FBI; US Organization; Stokely Carmichael; Charles Garry; Bobby Seale; Eldridge Cleaver; Huey Newton; Afro-American Society of Greater Atlanta; League of Revolutionary Black Workers; RNA; Black Economic Development Conference; SDS; Progressive Labor Party; Nation of Islam; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis).

0781 Section 12 [July-August 1969].

 Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Nation of Islam; US Organization; Breakfast for Children Program; SDS; photographs of Free Huey demonstration in Seattle; Pete O'Neal; Bobby Seale; L.A. Friends of the Panthers; Eldridge Cleaver; National Welfare Rights Organization; National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam; Florida Black Front; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); Black United Front (Washington, D.C.).

Reel 4

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006 cont.

0001 Section 13 [August-October 1969].

 Major Topics: Black United Front (Washington, D.C.); Black Panther Party; Los Angeles Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights; Progressive Labor Party; W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America; League of Revolutionary Black Workers; Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement; Robert F. Williams; Eldridge Cleaver; Charles Garry; New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam; Jewish Defense League; United Front Against Fascism; Michael Baynahm; SDS; Ron Karenga; US Organization; Breakfast for Children Program; RNA; Meir Kahane; Bobby Seale; Nation of Islam.

0250 Section 14 [October–November 1969].

Major Topics: Ron Karenga; Black Panther Party; SDS; Malcolm X Liberation University; Breakfast for Children Program; Nation of Islam; RNA; Lovetta Brown; People's Alliance; Brown Berets; Black United Front (Washington, D.C.); SDS; Stokely Carmichael.

0460 Section 15 [November–December 1969].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; United Front Against Fascism; US Organization; Fred Hampton; SDS; Malcolm X Liberation University; RNA; Black Panther Party and The People to Free the Panthers demonstration in New Haven; Afro-American Society, Jackson State College; New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam; Fred Hampton; Milton Henry; Richard Henry.

0664 Section 16 [December 1969–February 1970].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Minutemen; Nation of Islam; Radical Action Project (Indianapolis); police raids on Black Panther Party offices; Bobby Seale; Chicago police murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark; United Front Against Fascism; US Organization; Center for Black Education (Washington, D.C.).

0827 Section 17 [February-March 1970].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Eldridge Cleaver; Center for Black Education (Washington, D.C.); National Committee to Combat Fascism; Black Panther Party criticism of Israel; Black Berets for Self-Defense (New Orleans); League of Revolutionary Black Workers; US Organization.

Reel 5

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006 cont.

0001 Section 18 [March-May 1970].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Stokely Carmichael; Black Panther Party support for Palestinians; SNCC; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Lauren R. Watson; Eldridge Cleaver; Black Afro Militant Movement; Donald Dennard; Black United Front (Arlington County, Va.); United Front Against Fascism; Fred Hampton; Bobby Rush.

0272 Section 19 [May–June 1970].

 Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Eldridge Cleaver; US Organization; Huey Newton; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Evelyn Hampton; JOMO; Black Youth for Peace and Power; SNCC; Breakfast for Children Program; Angela Davis; Black National Party for Self Defense; Jim Brown; Carl B. Stokes; Ron Karenga; Connie Matthews; Jonathan Devan Pinkett; Black Economic Union; Cleveland Now!; Afro-Set (Cleveland, Ohio); Episcopal Church donation to Malcolm X Liberation University; RNA; Herbert Gresham; Movement for a Democratic Military; James Forman; Black Economic Development Conference; reparations; Brenda Karenga; Black Panther Party in Mississippi.

0513 Section 20 [June-August 1970].

 Major Topics: Black Panther Party; Jesse Jackson; Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention planning; Huey Newton; Eldridge Cleaver; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith report on Black Panther Party; trial of Lonnie McLucas for murder of Alex Rackley; Richard Henry; RNA; FBI flyer criticizing Black Panther Party ten-point program; SNCC; Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization; Imperial Avenue Improvement Association (San Diego); National Committee to Combat Fascism; Nation of Islam; Black Student Organization, Kalamazoo College; Blackstone Rangers (Chicago); Jane Fonda.

0723 Section 21 [August-October 1970].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Huey Newton; David Hilliard; RNA; photographs of National Committee to Combat Fascism office in New Bedford, Mass.; People's Party II (Houston); SNCC; Black Student Organization, Kalamazoo College; Nation of Islam; Georgia Black Liberation Front; Jersey City Black Panther Party; Eldridge Cleaver; Bobby Seale.

Reel 6

COINTELPRO Black Extremist 100-448006 cont.

0001 Section 22 [October-December 1970].

 Major Topics: Black Panther Party; National Committee to Combat Fascism; SNCC; Eldridge Cleaver; Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention; Douglas E. Moore; Center for Black Education (Washington, D.C.); Nation of Islam; Nation of Islam Mosque #24 (Richmond, Va.); Victor Riesel criticism of Black Panther Party; Huey Newton; Angela Davis; David Rudolph Poindexter.

0230 Section 23 [December 1970–January 1971].

Major Topics: Black Panther Party; James Forman; Eldridge Cleaver; Huey Newton; Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Venceremos Brigade; Nation of Islam; Howard University; United Front (Cairo, III.); Episcopal Church donation to United Front; SNCC; RNA.

0430 Section 24 [January–February 1971].

Major Topics: Eldridge Cleaver; Young Lords; Black Panther Party; United Front (Cairo, III.); Panther 21 (twenty-one members of Black Panther Party indicted in New York on bombing conspiracy charges); Angela Davis; Black Unity Coordinating Committee, Tougaloo College; JOMO; Leon Sullivan; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Richmond Information Center.

0625 Section 25 [February–March 1971].

Major Topics: People's Party II (Houston); Black Panther Party; Charles Garry; Huey Newton; Eldridge Cleaver; Panther 21; Nation of Islam Mosque #23 (Buffalo); JOMO; National Committee to Combat Fascism; Community Information Center (Las Vegas); Angela Davis.

0848[b] Section 26 [February-May 1971].

Major Topics: Nation of Islam; International Black Workers Congress; Black Panther Party; Comite de Soutien au Black Panther (Black Panther Support Committee, France); Comite d'Action et d'Information Pour La Defense des Droits des Noirs Americans (Committee for the Defense of Black Americans, France); National Committee to Combat Fascism; JOMO; Eldridge Cleaver; Huey Newton; Pittsburgh NAACP branch; Angela Davis; Stokely Carmichael; RNA; National Involvement Association; Community Information Center (Las Vegas).

Reel 7

Deacons for Defense and Justice, HQ 157-2466

0001 Part 1 of 4 [January–October 1965].

Major Topics: Percy Lee Bradford; CORE; firearms; Ernest Thomas; Robert Hicks; Bogalusa Voters League; KKK; self-defense; Deacons for Defense and Justice articles of incorporation; RAM; Charles Sims; Group on Advanced Leadership; Jonesboro, Bogalusa, and Homer chapters of Deacons for Defense and Justice; Committee to Aid the Deacons; Mark Klein; John Conyers Jr.; Charles Diggs; Roy Burris; Organization for Black Power; Jesse Gray; General Gordon Baker Jr.; Julius W. Hobson; Robert F. Williams; Max Stanford; Louis Lomax; Committee to Defend Resistance to Ghetto Life; Student Committee for Travel to Cuba; Progressive Labor Party.

0329 Part 2 of 4 [October 1965–July 1966].

Major Topics: Ernest Thomas; self-defense; Charles Sims; Roy Burris; Jesse Gray; Fair Play for Cuba Committee; Wesley South; Nahaz Rogers; ACT; Nation of Islam; Student Committee for Travel to Cuba; Progressive Labor Party; Young Socialist Alliance; KKK; RAM; CORE; Mark Klein; fund-raising appearances by Ernest Thomas; Robert Hicks; Julius W. Hobson; Friday Night Socialist Forum; Martin Luther King Jr.

0809 Part 3 of 4 [July-August 1966].

Major Topics: Charles Sims; Ernest Thomas; activities of Ernest Thomas, including appearance on Chicago "Hot Line" radio program with Wesley South; Chicago police department; Friday Night Socialist Forum; SNCC; SCLC and Chicago Freedom Movement demonstrations; KKK; American Nazi Party; National States Rights Party; George Lincoln Rockwell.

Reel 8

Deacons for Defense and Justice, HQ 157-2466 cont.

0001 Part 3 of 4 cont. [August-December 1966].

Major Topics: American Nazi Party; KKK; National States Rights Party; W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America; Coordinating Council for Black Power; ACT; Henry Austin; Ernest Thomas; Bogalusa Deacons for Defense and Justice chapter; Nation of Islam; African American Heritage Association.

0182 Part 4 of 4 [January 1967–February 1972].

 Major Topics: Coordinating Council for Black Power; Stokely Carmichael; Henry Austin; Ernest Thomas; F. D. Kirkpatrick; Charles Sims; Bogalusa and Chicago Deacons for Defense and Justice chapters Committee to End the War in Vietnam; Jim Brown; Garfield Organization (Chicago); Garfield Organization protest of Walgreen Drug Stores pricing; Lucy Montgomery; demonstration protesting shooting of George Jennings by Chicago policeman James Green; Oscar Brown Jr.; Edward L. Crawford; Progressive Labor Party; Chicago Black Youth Alliance; Operation Opportunity; Nation of Islam; F. D. Andrews; W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America; Black Panther Party; Organization of Afro-American Unity; Matthew Eubanks; H. "Rap" Brown; Minnesota Committee to End the War in Vietnam; Young Socialist Alliance; Homer, Jonesboro, Minden, New Orleans, and West Feliciana Parish, La., chapters; Port Gibson and Woodville, Miss., chapters; RAM; SNCC.

SUBJECT INDEX

The following index is a guide to the major topics in this microfilm publication. The first number after an entry refers to the reel, while the four-digit number following the colon refers to the frame number at which the file folder containing the subject begins. Hence, 1: 0590 directs the researcher to the folder that begins at Frame 0590 of Reel 1. By referring to the Reel Index, which constitutes the initial section of this guide, the researcher will find the folder title, inclusive dates, and a list of Major Topics listed in the order in which they appear on the film.

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