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23 May 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT : PROJECT RESISTANCE
#533 989 ISD/1

1. As we find ourselves getting deeper and deeper into this Project, many questions are arising as to the intended scope of this Project. As an example, we have been able to obtain on a confidential basis from Confidential Informant LI-19 the attached reports, which represent only a smattering of information which could be obtained from that source depending upon how deeply we want to probe into the subject. LI-19 has also advised us in confidence that this same information is being supplied to the FBI. It is noted that some of this information would need further explanation and identification on the part of LI-19 in order to be more meaningful to us.

2. Agent _____ of this office has been assigned the task over the past several months of coordinating and correlating the information of this nature which is being gathered by Agents of this office. He also is maintaining close liaison with _____

He also has contacts with the _____ as well as other personal contacts in _____ throughout California. As a result of this he has acquired a rather extensive knowledge of racial and subversive organizations, of their key members, of their goals, and in some instances, of their plans.

3. As an example, _____ keeps him informed of the situation in the Stockton - Sacramento area. Recently one of their informants had attended a meeting of high level Black Nationalists including Stokeley Carmichael and Ron Karenga as well as other Negro leaders such as the Reverend Ralph Abernathy. If it were approved, this informant could be made available to _____ without _____ having to identify himself in any way.

4. The question as to whether _____ should be allowed to conduct briefings under controlled circumstances, such as the proposed briefing of Lockheed officials which was requested by _____ is unresolved at this time.

5. While we are not aware of the experiences of other field offices in this overall venture, we have come to certain conclusions based upon our own experience to date.

- (a) The information gathering process has been spotty and irregular to date.
- (b) While the original intent of the Project, which was to gather information in support of our recruiters, seems to have developed into a desire to gather as much information as possible pertaining to racial, student, and subversive organizations, obviously we are only scratching the surface generally in this effort at the present time.
- (c) While on the one hand we are obtaining pretty good information in the Los Angeles and Long Beach areas, we are restricted by time and manpower from putting forth the same effort in most other major cities of our field office territory.
- (d) It is fair to assume that the more deeply we probe into developing this type of information, the greater are our chances for being expected to explain our role in this effort. If we can determine in confidence that the FBI is being supplied certain information, then it follows that they can determine in confidence that the same information is being requested by, and furnished to us.
- (e) Assessing the matter strictly from our standpoint in this office, it appears that we may be surpassing the intentions of Headquarters in certain areas such as Los Angeles, while perhaps we are not fulfilling our basic obligation in some of the other major cities.

6. It is suggested therefore that Headquarters may wish to formulate a policy paper setting forth general guidance to the field with regard to their extent of activity in this effort.

Attachments:
Reports from LI-19

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