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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

DATE: 5/28/70

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-438) (P)

SUBJECT:

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Minneapolis letter to Director dated ^{4/17/70} 3/10/70;
Bureau letters to Minneapolis 3/17/70 and 3/18/70 ^{4/17/70}

The 4/18/70 issue of "The Black Panther" newspaper, Volume IV No. 20, contained the article which is captioned and reads as follows: "The Black Panther Party is a People's Party";

"The Black Panther Party is getting a bad name in the 'Twin Cities' area. Several times in the last few months, people have been robbed with the thieves saying 'Tell the cops the Black Panthers did it'. Only a pig would stoop to such depths to slander the Party.

"Even though there isn't a Party office in the 'Twin Cities' area, these robberies could be part of the nationwide attack on the Party. Here instead of physical attacks on any organization that follows the Party line (this center) the pigs could be assaulting the Party through mental attacks on the people. The robberies would bring about hate for the Party. And when we organize here, people will be wary, saying 'They're thieves. I don't want anything to do with them.' This could be a terrible consequence, because the Black Panther Party is the people's Party.

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"The Martin Luther King-Lucy I. Newton Community Center is trying to dispel these lies against the Party, and expose the people who are trying to slander the Party by robbing the people. We are also explaining why they are doing it. That is important! PEOPLE OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA ATTENTION! Beware of people claiming to be Black Panthers in

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the act of robbery. They are not Panthers. They are probably fools, or just plain pigs trying to slander the Party. No Panther would do such a thing. A Panther serves the people, he doesn't rob them.

"ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Martin Luther King-Ruey P. Newton
Community Center
613 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
612-226-1976"

This article is a direct result of counter intelligence activities by the Minneapolis Division directed against the Black Panther Party.

To date, as the Bureau is aware, there has been no local chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP) set up in this Division, although from time to time correspondence has taken place between individuals in both Minneapolis and St. Paul and BPP Headquarters relative to a possible local chapter.

Minneapolis Division is constantly alert for information concerning any BPP activities and for counter intelligence measures to combat this group.