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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

THROUGH:

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint Effort of
[redacted] and Office of Security in
Acquiring Assets in the "Peace"
and "Black Power" Movements in
the United States

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph nine.

2. Background: Following several discussions between officers of the Office of Security (OS) and [redacted] of [redacted] it became apparent that OS was particularly well equipped to aid [redacted] in its efforts to penetrate various groups in the United States who are either in communication with representatives of the [redacted] or groups whose members can or do, visit [redacted] or controlled areas of [redacted]. Not only does OS have the necessary support mechanism for operations in the United States, their expertise in operating domestically as well as existing human resources is a distinct advantage.

3. While the objectives in penetrating the more radical groups in the United States obviously differs between [redacted] and OS there does exist in many instances common interest in acquiring assets in selected groups. Working in concert on selected targets [redacted] and OS will obviate duplication and reduce the possibilities of compromising inadvertently one or the other's source with the possible attendant unfavorable publicity.

4. Proposal: To obtain maximum benefit of available resources and funds, Office of Security and I believe a joint effort as described below affords the most secure, economical and expeditious means by which the Office of Security and I may realize their respective objectives. In order to be fully responsive to ... requirements as well as their own, OS is prepared to reorganize and further develop MERRIMACK operations, previously approved by Director, Central Intelligence, into three compartmented activities as follows:

A. Penetrations - Agents will be spotted and recruited to penetrate those organizations and movements in the United States which offer the greatest potential to satisfy requirements of both OS and ... While further target analysis is required to determine which groups mutually offer the greatest potential in realizing respective objectives the following groups appear worthy of attention:

- a. Womens' Strike for Peace (WSP)
- b. Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)
- c. Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC)
- d. Quaker Action Group and American Friends Service Committee (QAG) (AFSC)
- e. United States Committee to Aid the National Liberation Front of Vietnam (CANLFSV)
- f. National Mobilization Committee
- g. Lawyers Committee on American Policy Toward Vietnam
- h. Congress for Racial Equality (CORE)

Target groups will, of course, change as additional background data is collected and reviewed. Also, as operations progress new targets not yet identified may be surfaced.

B. Demonstrations - Pickets - Marches - This group will be a reserve cadre of trained agent personnel, including construction workers, cab drivers, janitors, etc., both male and female, who can be activated on short notice to participate in local demonstrations, pickets, marches, etc. This type of covert asset can also be directed to cover certain select meetings, gatherings, parties, etc. on an ad hoc basis. Experience gained during the past year dictates a definite need for this type of monitoring capability.

C. Surveillance - will be established on the East and West Coast for the purpose of providing the timely, meaningful physical and other clandestine operational support which is necessary during the conduct of these continuing WERNER operations. These officers will be responsive to requirements for operational support as determined by OS and

5. Plans: Working in close liaison with OS will utilize their penetration assets in support of requirements as well as their own. Initial efforts will be directed toward groups with headquarters in Washington, D. C. such as the Women's Strike for Peace. Concurrently, target analysis and spotting efforts will be initiated with a view toward penetrating the "Black Power" movement and some element of the "Peace" movement in New York or New Jersey with which David Dellinger and Tom Hayden are associated. will be utilized in New York as asset to assist in penetrating target groups on the East Coast. requirements which will be levied on these assets are broadly defined as follows:

A. To report within limits of their capability and security all information relative to communications, contact, travel and plans of target groups or

B. To spot, assess and develop biographical and personality data on individuals who may be potential candidates for recruitment as assets in one of the following categories:

6. Security: To insure maximum security of both the assets of OS as well as the cover mechanism under which OS personnel will recruit penetration agents, candidates spotted by OS assets and assessed as recruitable for . objectives will be approached entirely separately from the OS mechanism. If recruitment is effected, training and handling will be conducted by appropriate components of the clandestine services without reference to OS

participation but in close coordination between witting officers of [redacted] and OS. If recruitment is not successful the OS mechanism will not be compromised.

7. Coordination:

A. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

The FBI will be formally notified of this effort together with a request for their support as required. All information generated germane to their interests will be provided to them on a timely basis.

B. Domestic Operations Division (DOD)

DOD will not be made witting of this joint effort by OS and [redacted]. They may, however, depending on location and circumstances be made witting and their assistance requested when a recruitment is contemplated as expressed in paragraph six. OS participation, support, and assets will not however be revealed to DOD. Any changes with regard to DOD participation will be mutually agreed upon between the [redacted] and Director of Security.


8. Costs:

Salaries

Support

Operational

9. Recommendation: It is recommended that the Director, Central Intelligence approve this proposal for joint effort of the Office of Security and the _____ to acquire assets in the "Peace" and "Black Power" movement as described in paragraphs four through eight above.


Howard J. Osborn
Director of Security

CONCUR:

28 Feb 68
Date

24 Feb 68
Date

The recommendation contained in paragraph nine is approved.

ST APPROVED
MJ

6 MAR 1968

Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence

Date