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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Proposed Joint Effort of Far East Division and Office of Security in acquiring Assets in the "Peace" and "Black Power" movements in the United States

1. A meeting was held by the Director on this subject on 6 March. At this meeting the following were in attendance: The Director, [redacted]

[redacted]

and the Undersigned.

2. The Director stated that he had reviewed this proposal very carefully and basically, thought it was a good approach. He added that we were not getting all we should be getting from the Bureau in this regard and this would probably produce more information than had been gathered in the past. He stated, however, that the problem is activity in the U. S. by this Agency would appear to be beyond our legislative authorization. He added that he considered making this a joint effort with the FBI in order to avoid the implication that we were acting beyond our jurisdiction.

3. He stated, however, that after careful consideration he feels that it would not be wise to proceed with this project. According to the Director, this is the type of thing which would undoubtedly flap in time and those who would seek to hurt the Agency would have their opportunity. He added that even if this were a joint operation with the Bureau he was not sure that this would stifle the criticism. For that reason he did not feel it would be wise to proceed.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

4. At this point, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] indicated that this effort would be directed towards foreign targets and as such would be within our jurisdiction. Both the [REDACTED] and the Under- signed indicated that this was our understanding of the matter. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] pointed out however that they doubted that this would make any difference since the trial would be in the newspapers and not based on fact. The [REDACTED] said we might be able to do this working through [REDACTED], however, indicated that if we were to do this we would be better off doing it ourselves where we had control, but he questioned the wisdom of becoming involved. At the conclusion the Director said that he had a very bad feeling about this and hoped that we would all go along with his decision. He said that in spite of the validity of such an approach it is not worth risking the damage which could be done to the Agency is there was a flap.

5. I asked [REDACTED] to review our current use of these individuals to see whether we were putting ourselves in a position of jeopardy in view of the new ground rules. He stated that he would do this and ~~would have it available for you on your return.~~ Meanwhile he stated that there was nothing being done which could cause embarrassment to the Agency.

6. If I had to make my guess, I would think that [REDACTED] probably recommended against going ahead with the project. The Director referred to this paper as a paper that [REDACTED] brought in last night. Since the Director apparently was willing to go along with this sort of thing in the past, I believe it was [REDACTED] who raised the hand of caution in this case.

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director of Security

[REDACTED]