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- Marcie told something of her background with JJ and how he went thru the McCarthy age and was under attack, his use of religion to bring people out of religion, he work always for minorities, his stand for political prisoners like Angela Davis
- he asked what kind of church we were, she explained about Disciples and the autonomy but how he always stood for socialism etc.
- he asked what our plans were in Guyana, were we going to branch out etc
- we said we wanted to integrate in the society but it depended how things went and if we were encouraged to ~~be~~ be of assistance, we were glad to help in any way we can
- he wondered what our plans were in America, if some of were going to go back or what (we had asked him about how he thought the Govt. of Guyana was going or some such thing and he said that he didn't feel free to answer because of his diplomatic position but he could talk more freely in Jonestown with JJ in that kind of environment)
- we said we understood and ~~we~~ in regard to the question of our future in the US, it would be better for him to talk to JJ in Jonestown and JJ could explain it to him
- we asked about the Russian Film Crew/ he said that they were pretty much tied up with Guyana, filming Guyana and he had heard from the Ministry of Information that PT wasn't to be publicized too much, he said he had heard on some level of the govt. that US had said that aid from the US depended on PT not being too active (or seen as too active) in Guyana
- he said he thought we were seen as an embarrassment to the US because of the claim the US has of human rights but he said of course the US never starts with it's own situation improving human rights in the US. A group (interracial) who has to go to another country for better conditions is an embarrassment to the US (and the material we gave him - the conspiracy etc.- indicates that there was persecution ~~in~~ in the US against this interracial group that is socialist)
- Marcie said that she had read the article in the New Times (I told her about the problem ~~x~~ that we had had when I went to talk to him about the New Times and how I goofed and told him the name of the Magazine) but I guess I didn't make it clear enough because she told him the month of the article (October) and said it was a very bad article
- he said he had tried to find it and hadn't but he'd need the number of it to find it
- he said he definitely did want to come and visit

*key issue*

*If it ever come to it, we could say we left because we didn't get H.R. - bargaining issue*

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# How FBI Harassed Bay Area

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reports to Washington on the strike were based on daily newspaper reports of the trouble.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover himself vetoed a suggestion by the San Francisco office to print and distribute 40,000 leaflets to sow anger and confusion between the New Mobilization Committee to End the War and the Socialist Workers party, sponsors of the huge anti-war rally and march from downtown San Francisco to Golden Gate Park.

In turning down the proposal, Hoover expressed fear that the pamphlets might be traced to the FBI. Washington did not give approval to a scaled-down plan that called for mailing anonymous letters to local activists claiming the Socialist Workers were frozen out of the planning for the rally and march.

Another letter, aimed at dividing white and black activists, was drafted by FBI agents and sent to the Black Panther party newspaper. In part, the letter read:

"What's this bullshit SDS outfit? I'll tell you what they has finally showed there true color WHITE (sic). They are just like the commies and all the other white radical groups that suck up to the blacks and use us."

A covering note from Bates to Washington said, "This letter contains numerous errors, both grammatical as well as typographical. It is felt the editors of this newspaper will accept this letter as being legitimate and from one of their own kind."

The documents, which cover the period 1968 to 1971, say the FBI fed anti-left material to a source at the Examiner on a regular basis. The name of that person was deleted from the files by the FBI.

"It is recommended that a copy of the enclosed be furnished to

(name deleted) for the San Francisco Examiner who is an established source of the San Francisco Office and has been used on prior occasions under COINTELPRO," Bates wrote in a memo to Hoover on June 15, 1970.

The subject of the memo was the Institute for Policy Studies, a liberal think tank in Washington, and its San Francisco affiliate, the Bay Area Institute, which has offices at 604 Mission street in San Francisco.

Hoover approved providing the material, which linked the institutes to left-wing organizations, but it appears a story was not published. Explained Bates in a later memo:

"They felt that it would be more proper to wait until they engaged in some activity which would make this article newsworthy. It would also make it easier for them to ask more direct and embarrassing questions. They are interested, will retain the material and advise when it is used."

Bates indicated he had better luck a year earlier, reporting that he provided the information that led to an Examiner story linking former Stanford professor H. Bruce Franklin with a Maoist group at Stanford.

Before the article appeared in March, 1969, the professor's connections with the group had been secret. Bates said the story "sent shock waves through the group's executive board."

Ed Montgomery, a retired investigative reporter for the Examiner, filed a \$750,000 libel suit against the weekly Bay Guardian in May in connection with an article it published entitled "How the FBI Nailed H. Bruce Franklin."

The suit claimed that the article characterized Montgomery as a "conduit for the FBI to plant stories in the Examiner." Montgomery

denied yesterday that the FBI supplied him with any inside dope about Franklin.

According to FBI records in Washington, the San Francisco FBI office paid \$300 to an employee of the Express Times, who was also a member of SDS, to attend and report on a meeting of the underground press held in Madison, Wis., from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1968.

According to FBI records, the informant chose to fly to the conference because he feared his colleagues planning to drive would be "smoking marijuana and frequently have accidents or are arrested en route over long distances."

In October, 1968, the FBI became aware of a radical plan to hijack a truck delivering military munitions in the Bay Area, according to the bureau's internal documents.

The agents knew who was behind the plot, but instead of taking action against the conspirators, the FBI suggested to Washington that the Army plant a story in area newspapers to let the radicals know authorities were on to them.

Such a story, the FBI surmised, "would help delay these hijacking plans or possibly convince these individuals that such a hijacking would be foolish."

The San Francisco office heralded the success Young Republicans and the Young Americans for Freedom were having in countering left-wing activity at Stanford and recommended that Washington try to encourage similar activities around the nation. Hoover did so.

Hoover's high regard for COINTELPRO was demonstrated by an incident involving Yippie Jerry Rublin. Rublin was flying from Chicago to San Francisco on a student airline ticket even though he was not a student at the time.

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