

Charles Gary

I, Barbara G. Wilkins, as a former member of the Black Panther Party, am writing to inform you of my knowledge of Elaine Brown.

I joined the B.P.P. during the summer of 1969 in the L.A. Chapter that was located 215 47th and Central at the time. My major function in the party was to be the link between the Black Student Union at Morris Jefferson High, the school that I attended, as well as neighborhood schools; due to the large amount of harassment in my student under. Over pig pigs who were put in camps by the B.P.P., as well as one, I was attempting to get a fairly decent education so that we would be able to get into college if we chose. I wrote articles for the Panther newspapers relating to brutality of pigs as well as other injustices that happened in the neighborhood.

I met Elaine in 1970, after the split out between the two Black Panthers in Dr. B. 1969 in L.A. She had been moved from Oakland to L.A. temporarily at the Central Com. that was located on 103 Avenue in the city. I had just moved also. She was always very jumpy, pivoted a lot, never seemed really happy, and had a constant air

could barely understand what she was saying
she was in the process of comparing songs.
I said I was a writer, based at the site was
assigned by John Seals, and David Hillard
to work along with me, editing my articles
for news paper publication. I never said
her because she didn't seem to mention
about what was happening at school. She
never wanted me to write anything that
would put the pigs in the neighborhood
in too bad a light, although she did use
the poetry in her own songs.
Later I found out they Elaine had been
sent to L.A. because she was causing a
great deal of internal chaos. She had
highly expressed sexual involvement with
party leaders - particularly Lewis Merritt
who at the time was the minister of
Education. His wife was deeply involved
in the party although I never met her. Elaine
was very prominent, which would have been
ok if both parties had consented, other
wise severe discipline measures would
have been taken, but neither was the case
except to send me L.A. while Lewis and other
party leaders tried to patch up the chaos,
all of this happened at a bad time, especially
since every body in the party were wondering
on how to fight the conspiracy charges
and how we were going to get bail
money for Panther in jail, and planning
"Free Huey" rallies to keep him from being executed

Dec 1971 when I returned to L.A. the
L.A. chapter had been practically destroyed
The L.A. 14, most of whom I had known
or closely associated with, were either
in jail, had been brought off, or had
given up in disgust.

Grand of my children's dad, Albert
Morgan Parker associated with Edward Quinn
to try to get the party. They both worked
with David Meisler, who is a book
artist in San Francisco, but formerly
lived in L.A.

Albert Parker had talked to Elaine
extensively during her visits to L.A.

Just last year when they were trying
to re-open the headquarters there.

I have not seen her, nor have I
had any dealings with the party since
1971.

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She seemed to be very out of touch when we had to rally or stand up against injustice in the neighborhood. She always used her singing to be out of the way when anything was going on.

She did talk about Kungat lot and whether he would be set free. He spent most of his time with people who did commercials, and people who could help her out.

The last one that I remember was "Save the Home" an album. After the baby was born a month or two later around Easter of 1970 I think, she too went wide in her mind. It seemed funny though it was terribly ironic and disgusting for most. She only hung around the men in the party, because none of the women liked or respected her, and she just had to live with her.

Due to the conspiracy charges the party was up against, and my lawyer in a common law under-act (16) and having been indirectly involved in the shoot-out of central along with threats from my dad for allowing partners to hide in his house (against cover from headquarters (41-29))

it was advised by leaders, Seymour and Lewis that I go back home and stay low until the heat was off (around June)

I went to New Orleans around July. James Bond was also there, and had been to the Secret Project, which another chapter was located.