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TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ORGANIZERS, CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

Local police counterintelligence disruption programs have recently come to public attention in several cities including Portland, Seattle, and Houston. It is likely there will be such disclosures in more cities, possibly in some cases involving the FBI or other federal agencies.

This comes on the heels of the damaging revelation of the murderous FBI counterintelligence disruption program aimed at crushing the Black movement, and the release of the censored introduction to the FBI's SWP Disruption Program.

These events provide an opportunity for our local campaigns to initiate efforts demanding that local police files on radical, Black, and socialist organizations and activists be opened for public inspection and that police surveillance, harrassment, and infiltration cease.

Our candidates and campaigns can point out the link between the history of police assaults on Black organizations and leaders, especially the BPP, and the directives of the Hoover memorandum. This will further help put our campaigns in the forefront of the fight to expose the truth about the vicious campaign to destroy the Black movement, as well as the efforts to defend it. It can also help popularize the idea of a Black Commission of Inquiry into similar attacks on the Black movement, including the assassinations of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, and Fred Hampton.

In light of the revelations of the FBI campaign to destroy the Black movement, Black organizations and individuals may be interested in an effort to force the police to reveal its involvement in past assaults and current practices against the movement. It may be possible to involve such forces in forums, campus and community meetings, news conferences, delegations to the city council and mayor, etc.

Efforts by our campaigns in this area would also spur interest in and support for our civil liberties lawsuit because it brings the issues of the suit into sharp focus on a local level and because our suit directly challenges these police state-type practices.

Reports on any developments in local areas should be sent to the National Campaign Committee.

Comradely,

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