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TV Newsmen Wins Access To FBI File

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A television newsmen for the National Broadcasting Co. yesterday won access to FBI documents concerning a counter-intelligence program it conducted against left-wing organizations in the late 1960s.

U. S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker ordered the documents turned over to newsmen Carl Stern under the Freedom of Information Act.

Stern had requested FBI documents concerning the establishment and maintenance of the "Cointelpro-New Left" program by the agency, the termination of the program and any changes in the program while it existed.

The government had fought disclosure of the documents, claiming that the material included instructions related to bureau investigative operations and as such represents internal procedures, the disclosure of which would thereafter seriously threaten "the effectiveness of the operation of the FBI . . . to the detriment of the efficient operation of the organization."

Judge Parker ruled, however, after inspecting the documents in his chambers, that the government has not demonstrated that the requested documents, which are couched in broad generalities, relate to any on-going investigation or that disclosure would jeopardize any future law enforcement proceedings."