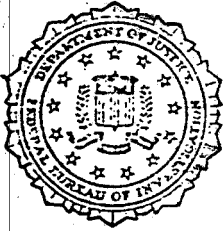


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Mr. Carl L. Stern
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Dear Carl:

With reference to your letter of September 6th, your request for details concerning the "Cointelpro - New Left" program is now under scrutiny by the Justice Department. You should be hearing further from them in the near future.

This matter involved a highly sensitive operation. It has now been discontinued but I do not feel that details concerning it should be released since such disclosure would definitely be harmful to the Bureau's operations and to the national security. However, this is a decision which will have to be made by the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Pat", written over the word "Sincerely,".

EXHIBIT F