

House Inquiry Urged on Black Panthers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (UPI) — A House committee was asked today to investigate the 1969 killing of Fred Hampton, a Chicago Black Panther Party leader, on the ground that he had been set up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through an informer and "murdered" in a raid carried out by a special force of the Chicago police.

Morton H. Halperin, a former staff member of the National Security Council, now director of projects in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, requested action in a letter to Richard Sprague, chief counsel and staff director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Mr. Halperin said that F.B.I. complicity was established by new documents and information that came to light in the \$47.5 million civil damage suit against the Federal, state and local authorities now under way in Chicago. The suit was filed by relatives of Mr. Hampton and Mark Clark, another Black Panther member killed in the raid on their apartment.

Mr. Halperin also cited a graphic article on the raid in the current issue of one of the project's publications written by Susan Cantor. "There are three conclusions," he said.

The first was that the F.B.I. had an operation against Mr. Hampton in its Cointelpro program, "the one objective of which was to get Hampton killed," he said.

The agency, in addition, covered up the case and documents that, among other things, showed that after the killings J. Edgar Hoover, then F.B.I. director, had approved a bonus payment to the informer providing the layout of the apartment and advising the 5 A.M. timing to surprise the occupants in their sleep, Mr. Halperin said.

Finally, he said, "The evidence strongly suggests the F.B.I. encouraged the police to carry out the raid with the object to kill Hampton."

The Chicago police have said that the raid was carried out to confiscate weapons held by the Panthers and that the police fired in response to shots from the occupants.