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Director of Information
Chicago Police Department
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to obtain what information is available on the raid on the Black Panthers on December 14.

If there are any releases or public statements by various officials, copies of charges or indictments, lists of names of both police and Panthers involved, pictures - anything that would help me in writing about it, subsequent events and what preceded it, I would like very much to have them, please.

Also, if there are any official documents that you can properly let me have, such as rap sheets, unclassified investigative reports, background material on figures on both sides, these, too, I would like.

If there is a list of the weapons seized and pictures of them, I would like these also, especially if the weapons have been traced to thefts. The same for ammunition.

This seems to have been a special police unit making the raid. If this is the case, I recognize there may be some things you may feel you cannot properly let me have. However, if this is such a unit, I'd like to know what you can tell me about its special training and functions, etc., and anything of particular interest about its members, such as high points in their police careers.

If you have ever compiled a list of police charges or actions against the Black Panthers, I would like to have this also.

Thank you for any help you may give me.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg