

**Provoked violence**

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# Reveal FBI role in black unrest

By Associated Press

An FBI memo credited secret operations against black militant organizations for 1969's "High degree of unrest" within the San Diego black community, according to published reports.

That summer, four persons were killed and four wounded in fighting between two militant groups. An FBI official says the bureau was not aiming for violence.

The Sept. 18, 1969, memo to then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from the bureau's San Diego office described how agents tried to foment dissension between the Black Panther Party and a group known as US, the San Diego Union and the Los Angeles Times said Sunday.

"Shootings, beatings and a high degree of unrest continue to prevail in the ghetto area of southeast San Diego," the memo said. "Although no specific counterintelligence action can be credited with contributing to this over-all situation, it is felt that a substantial

amount of the unrest is directly attributable to this program."

JAMES B. ADAMS, associate director of the FBI, told the Times that the bureau was "not trying to get people to kill each other, but to disrupt these groups, reduce their effectiveness."

"I don't know of any action that was designed to produce violence. This violence was taking place before we got in the act."

The plan was aimed at creating dissension and preventing the Panthers and US from joining forces, Adams said. He admitted that only a "very thin line" separated the activity from the actual promotion of violence.

THE FBI ACTION was outlined in a three-page memo, part of a 1,200-page report recently turned over to the intelligence, the newspapers reported.

The two organizations, the Union said, were classified as

militant "hate groups" by FBI counterintelligence agents.

It said FBI agents and informers distributed phony posters, allegedly done by US, depicting the Black Panthers leadership as corrupt.

AFTER ONE Black Panther member was shot to death, the Union said a memo was sent to Washington from the San Diego FBI office, saying, "In view of the recent death of Black Panther Party member Clifford Bell, a new cartoon is being considered in the hopes it will assist in the continuance of the rift between the Panthers and US."

The Times said Hoover approved the posters and termed them "clever cartoons which belittle the Panthers and should further differences among BPP leaders and members."

Black Panther spokesman David G. DuBois said at the party's Oakland headquarters Sunday that the Panthers had "consistently maintained that the FBI was involved during that period."