

Gave Panther raiders data on apartment layout: FBI agent

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An FBI agent who directed spying on Black Panthers gave the police a detailed floor plan of a West Side apartment two weeks before they raided the apartment in 1969. Panther leader Fred Hampton and Panther member Mark Clark were killed in the raid.

The floor plan pinpointed the location of Hampton's bed, as well as other furniture and fixtures of the apartment at 2337 W. Monroe. It was drawn by FBI agent Roy M. Mitchell from information supplied by informant William O'Neal, who was used by Mitchell as an informant in the Panther Party in 1968, 1969 and 1970.

The FBI turnover of the floor plan was disclosed for the first time in U.S. District Court records filed on Tuesday in a multi-million-dollar damage suit against members of the police raiding party.

The Sun-Times also has learned that the FBI floorplan was not presented to a federal grand jury and a Cook County special grand jury that investigated the raid.

The disclosure of the FBI role also casts new light on testimony by police witnesses in both grand jury investigations, and in a special coroner's inquest in January, 1970, into the deaths of Hampton and Clark.

At the inquest, some members of the police

raiding party testified that before the raid, they knew nothing about the interior of the apartment or the occupants.

A 480-page sworn deposition taken from Mitchell on April 25 and May 1 by attorneys for the families of Hampton and Clark and filed Tuesday in the case also reveals:

- Mitchell and his informant, O'Neal, met on Nov. 19, 1968, two weeks before the raid, in a bar near the Federal Building to discuss the floor plan of the apartment. Part of the information furnished by O'Neal and later noted on the plan included the location of Hampton's bed and of a telephone in Hampton's room.
- The same day, Mitchell met with a member of the Chicago Police Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) to discuss the FBI floor plan. Two days later, the agent turned over a sketch of the apartment to four members of the GIU at a lunch meeting in a Loop restaurant.
- Mitchell disputed previously released FBI records that stated that he furnished floor plan information the same day, Nov. 21, 1968, to members of the police detail assigned to former State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan's office, which made the raid.
- On Dec. 1 or Dec. 2, 1968, after the GIU dropped plans to raid the apartment, Mitchell to Asst. State's Atty. Richard J. Jalovec and Daniel Groth, leader of the police raid.
- Mitchell had disclosed to Jalovec in April,

1969 that O'Neal was an FBI informant who had infiltrated the Chicago Black Panthers and was acting as "chief of defense" for the local Panthers.

Under questioning from lawyers William Bender of New York and Flint Taylor and Jeffrey Haas of Chicago, Mitchell said he could not recall if he gave an actual drawing to Groth and Jalovec, or merely information from his drawing.