Ex-FBI aide explains

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A former Chicago FBI official has testified that a letter he mailed to Black P. Stone Nation leader Jeff Fort was not intended to cause violence between Fort and the Black Panther Party.

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Joseph Stanley, former head of counterintelligence in the FBI office here, admitted that he mailed "the anonymous letter to Fort.

The letter charged that Panther leaders were making disparaging remarks about Fort and "had a hit out on him," according to testimony before U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Sam Perry.

Stanley said he did not think the letter would produce any reprisals other than a warning from Fort to the Panthers to stay out of P. Stone Nation "territory."

STANLEY'S TESTIMONY came Wednesday during the trial of a \$47.7 million damage suit.

The suit charges 28 former and present law enforcement officials with conspiring in the killing of Panther leaders Mark Clark and Fred Hampton in a Dec. 4, 1969, raid on a West Side Panther apartment.