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Give Panther raid data to Senate panel--judge

By Betty Washington

A federal court judge has ordered that FBI surveillance documents and grand jury records related to the 1969 killing of two Black Panther leaders be turned over to a Senate committee investigating intelligence abuses.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Sam Perry told Assistant U.S. Atty. Arnold Kanter at a hearing Wednesday that "it would be a colossal mistake" to stand in the way of the Senate investigation.

Kanter, representing the FBI in the Black Panther civil case, had objected to releasing the records on the basis that his clients in the civil rights trial might be denied a fair trial.

KANTER IS representing Marlin Johnson, former special agent in charge of the Chicago FBI office, two FBI agents and FBI informer William O'Neal Jr. Other defendants in the suit include former State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahn and seven Chicgo policemen.

Plaintiffs in the case are the families of slain Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, as well as several surviyors of the Dec. 4, 1969, raid.

The families seek \$38.2 million in civil damages and claim that Hampton and Clark were murdered by the raiding party.

DENNIS CUNNINGHAM, one of several lawyers repre-

senting the plaintiffs, argued that all documents related to FBI and CIA intelligence activities in connection with the Black Panthers should be made available for his clients'

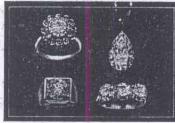
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Asst. U.S. Atty. Alexandra Kwoka contended that the CIA documents should not be produced because that agency is not a party to the suit.

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