

Data Tying Weathermen, Communists May Be Revealed at FBI Abuse Trial

LOS ANGELES, July 21 (AP)—Previously undisclosed links between foreign communist powers and the terrorist Weather Underground reportedly will be introduced at next month's trial of two retired FBI officials accused of authorizing illegal break-ins, say sources quoted today in the Los Angeles Times.

The sources said the Weathermen allegedly collaborated with communist regimes in Cuba, North Korea, North Vietnam and China during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The purported evidence will be introduced by defense attorneys in an attempt to prove that former FBI officials W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller had reason to believe the break-ins were a permissible tool in tracking the terrorists.

They are accused of conspiring to violate the civil rights of relatives and associates of Weather Underground fugitives in their hunt for the radicals.

Felt rose to become the No. 2 man in the FBI under former acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray, and Miller was assistant director in charge of the bureau's domestic intelligence division.

The government charges that they authorized "bag jobs," or surreptitious entries into the establishments of third parties in their search for Weatherman fugitives in the early 1970s.

Information also is expected to be introduced at the Aug. 18 trial showing that an American group other than the Weather Underground

played a role in a plot by Al Fatah, an Arab terrorist organization, to assassinate leading American Jews, the paper reported.

But much of the so-called "new" information is said to have existed in FBI files during the years presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon were pressing subordinates to uncover the role, if any, foreign agents were playing in U. S. terrorism, the newspaper said.

The information was never forwarded to the White House.

Theories for the FBI's silence range from a supposed distrust among different sections of the agency's intelligence division to the rigidity of justice Department instructions on what would constitute proof of foreign involvement, the newspaper reported.