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## SARA MOORE LINKED TO FBI, SLA

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SAN FRANCISCO, SEPT. 24 (PNS)--

Was Sara Jane Moore acting alone?

Authorities so far have discounted any conspiracy aspects to this latest assassination attempt, although they haven't explained how Moore came into possession of the .38 revolver she reportedly used on President Ford Monday, or of the .44 along with the five boxes of bullets she was questioned about by the San Francisco police and the Secret Service the previous Sunday night.

Nor have the authorities explained the origins of the tip that led police to her that night.

The 45-year-old Moore disappeared from public view shortly after a published interview appeared in the Berkeley Barb last June.

In the interview she admitted having worked for the FBI but said she had become converted to revolutionary politics in July 1974 and said she had ceased working for the FBI in August of that year.

Yet Moore continued to work as an informer until this June, according to the FBI, when she openly blew her cover in the Barb interview. The FBI said she continued to offer them unsolicited information. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agency would not deny that she had provided them with information as well.

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Moore also has several potential links with the SLA.

She reportedly has praised the SLA over the past few months to anyone who would listen. And her last known address in San Francisco had previously been occupied by a man named Paul Halverson--who appeared before the SLA federal grand jury last year to answer questions about his friendship with Camilla Hall, an SLA member.

Halverson reportedly knew Moore and recommended her to the landlord. His wife Joyce, who also was subpoenaed by the grand jury but refused to answer questions, was recently seen visiting Moore.

In addition, local radio station KPFA received a phone call from a woman identifying herself as Sally Moore announcing Patty Hearst's arrest before 2:25 last Thursday, which was the time the FBI said it made the arrest.

Station manager Larry Bensky, who had interviewed Moore one month before, insists the voice was Moore's.

Moore told Bensky she had learned of the impending arrest from a source in the San Francisco Examiner, which had, she said, prior knowledge of the arrest.

Considerable controversy swirled around Moore's relationship with the United Prisoner's Union, whose leader, Wilbert Popeye Jackson, was shot dead in San Francisco June 6 by an unknown assailant.

Moore told a free-lance journalist last July she had given information about Jackson to an SLA-connected source.

Moore had been involved with the Prisoner's Union in the summer of 1974 but was thrown out as a result of a dispute with Jackson.

Subsequently, Moore spread some damaging rumors about Jackson to other radical groups.

She hinted strongly that Jackson was prepared to cooperate with authorities about the SLA in return for a continuance of his parole and

made other charges similar to those made by the New World Liberation Front (NWLFF)--an outgrowth of the SLA--in a communique made public just days before Jackson's death.

The allegations of Jackson's cooperation with authorities have been bitterly denied by Jackson's supporters.

#### FIRST FBI LINK.

The FBI said it first employed Moore's services at the end of the People in Need (PIN) food giveaway program in March, 1974. Moore had been employed by PIN as a bookkeeper after she walked in off the street saying God had sent her to help.

However, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW)/Winter Soldier Organization (WSO)--one of the many Bay Area activist organizations she had tried to join only to be rebuffed because of her FBI links--told the Berkeley Barb in early July that Moore was, in her words, planted in the program to relate to movement people and obtain information about Patty Hearst.

VVAW spokesman Jeff Smith has confirmed that Moore admitted to the VVAW she had been planted in PIN by the FBI.

According to Ludlow Kramer, former head of PIN, Moore behaved in much the same way there as she did with the activist groups she subsequently attempted to join.

"She was very secretive and would not give us her address or phone number," Kramer says. "She was a very pushy woman and wanted to get her nose into everything."

Major questions still surround Moore.

What are her links to the remnants of the SLA and the NWLFF?

Did she really stop working with the FBI in June 1975, or was she continuing to operate as an informer until the time of her arrest?

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