

Eight incidents in six months

FBI received stolen papers after thefts

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WASHINGTON — Until at least May of last year, the FBI continued to receive and file financial reports and other sensitive materials stolen from the offices of the Socialist Workers Party, according to bureau documents made public on Saturday.

The documents, obtained by the party through a civil lawsuit against the Government, said the items were removed or recovered from the party's headquarters on at least eight occasions in the first half of 1975.

None of the documents make explicit who stole the documents, nor do they contain any mention of forced entries in connection with the thefts.

An FBI spokesman, asked whether the material was stolen by bureau agents or paid informers and how it was obtained, said after checking that he would not elaborate.

One FBI source familiar with such reports said, however, that he believed any use of an informer in carrying out

the thefts would have been noted by the reporting agent, as would any legally mitigating details, such as specifying that the documents had been found in trash or on the street.

One party official said on Saturday that the stolen documents specified in the reports, which included budget summaries and various financial analysis and projections, were carefully guarded by the SWP

and never thrown out or "left lying around."

The apparent thefts, and especially their timing, take on added importance in light of a current investigation by the Department of Justice of burglaries of left-wing political organizations carried out by FBI agents in the past five years.

FBI documents previously made public show that the SWP was burglarized on nearly 100 occasions from 1960 to 1966, the year in which Clarence Kelley, the FBI director, has said that the use of illegal burglaries to obtain evidence was halted.

However recent searches of the bureau's files around the country, carried out largely after the House and Senate intelligence investigating committees completed their work earlier this spring, reportedly have turned up evidence of a number of burglaries of unidentified political organizations by FBI agents well after 1966.

The bureau documents

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said to have ended

made public on Saturday by the SWP contain the first indication that thefts, in addition to burglaries, were carried

out under the auspices of the FBI, or that such activities were being carried out as recently as a year ago.