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Orleans 'Extremists' Charted in

Columnist Jack Anderson said today that the U.S. Secret Service office in New Orleans has filed secret reports on four extremist groups here believed to be in possession of weapons while advocating terror tactics.

Anderson, claiming his information comes from computer printouts obtained from Secret Service headquarters in Washington, based on reports filed by the New Orleans office, made the allegation in a column scheduled for publication tomorrow in *The States-Item*.

According to Anderson, one group, the Republic of New Africa, allegedly having eight hard-core members, is described in Secret Service files as implicated in "assassination plots against local officials and reportedly mentioned the President in their discussions."

According to Anderson, the four groups labeled as potentially dangerous extremists in the Secret Service, with addresses as listed in Secret Service files, are the Republic of New Africa, located at 3437 Fern St.; the New Orleans Urban Guerrilla Group, 1024 Jackson Ave.; the Black Panther Party, previously known as the National Committee to Combat Facism, 2416 S. Rocheblave and 1326 Magazine, and the Maitreyan Temple, 627 Ursuline.

However, the building at 1326 Magazine has been razed and no longer exists, a check today revealed.

Also, the Maitreyan Temple at 627 Ursulines now is occupied by a group known as *The Process*.

A doorway between 3435 Fern and 3439 Fern, which appeared to be 3437 Fern, reportedly the home of the Republic of New Africa, was not identi-

fied as such, another check revealed.

NEITHER THE Secret Service nor New Orleans police would comment on Anderson's report. At the Secret Service office here, agent Charles Potts referred the matter to the Secret Service Public Affairs Office headed by Jack Warner. In Washington, Warner said, "We have no comment."

Police Supt. Clarence B. Giarrusso also could not be reached for comment.

Anderson's column was written as a follow-up to the gun battle at the Downtown Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge where sniper Mark Essex was killed after he, possibly with the help of accomplices, gunned down six persons and wounded 13.

According to Anderson, "Essex . . . reportedly mingled with extremists

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who have sought to stir up a black hotbed in New Orleans." Anderson does not link Essex to a specific group.

ANDERSON SAYS the "White House has been warned that the sniper attack on police and firemen in New Orleans last weekend could precipitate a similar incident in Washington during President Nixon's inaugural."

According to Anderson, here are what recently-filed "intelligence summaries" from the Secret Service office say, based on excerpts from computer printouts obtained from Secret Service headquarters:

"—Republic of New Africa, headquartered at 3437 Fern, known as the Richard Henry faction, founded nationally by black supremacist Robert Williams who has made political pilgrimages to Cuba and China, seeks the es-

tablishment of a separate black nation in the U.S., New Orleans location is national headquarters, has eight hard-core members in New Orleans who have participated in target practice-explosives training, cached weapons and explosives, are involved in sabotage and guerrilla warfare activities, have advocated an apparent use of armed robbery-extortion as means of raising money, are implicated in assassination plot against local officials and reportedly mentioned the President in their discussions.

—"New Orleans Urban Guerilla Group, headquartered at 1024 Jackson avenue, founded in 1971, presently has seven active members, advocated overthrow of the U.S. government, has

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Fascism, recently changed its name to the Black Panther Party, headquartered at 2416 S. Rocheblave and 1326 Magazine Street, headed by Victor Houston and Clarence Jones, has become established in the New Orleans area with strong leadership, members are known to have purchased rifles and ammunition within past several months, sources report these (two) locations have been fortified."

—"Maitreyan Temple, a pseudo-religious black group, headquartered at 627 Ursuline, led by Kumi Maitreya, AKA (also known as) Genevieve Hooper, allegedly planned demonstration during visit of Vice President Agnew on March 8, 1971, currently has access to 200 pounds of C-4 (plastic) explosives."

ACCORDING TO Anderson, the Secret Service office in New Orleans also filed reports on a number of other groups, including a white extremist organization called the White Youth Alliance, headed by a New Orleans resident, David Duke.

Other New Orleans groups covered in the report, but not noted as black militants are the Nation of Islam, a Black Muslim group; the New Orleans Women's Center; the Gay Women's Liberation Movement and the United Sisters, a group of Yippies, and the Venceremos Brigade, a leftist Cuban group, according to Anderson.

Anderson said the Secret Service reports claim the Yippies are armed and the Venceremos Brigade has practiced combat techniques and is armed heavily.