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FYI, re today's SLA Communique # 9, the one in which Patricia Hearst says she was a willing participant and armed in the bank robbery last week, and in which Cinque charges the Zebra operation is designed to get data on the entire black male community into computers and predicts Zebra never will be caught, it appears that the cops intercepted the tape before it could be delivered to KPFA and KSAN, probably after bugging the KPFA phone the day before.

KPFA said it received two calls yesterday, from a voice sounding like that of an older woman, telling where to pick up the tape at a certain school in San Francisco. No tape was there. Today, the cops said the tape was delivered to them by an "anonymous intermediary" who ignored instructions to deliver it to the two radio stations. When KPFA asked a black cop if the police had been able to get the tape first after listening to the calls yesterday to KPFA, he replied in a startled tone, "I'm not saying nothing about that." The apparent interception also shortcircuited further SLA instructions to deliver the tape first to WAPAC, a black community organization in San Francisco which helped in the food distribution program, which they were to get it to the two radio stations. WAPAC said it knew nothing about the tape and still had heard nothing from the cops at the time KPFA called to inquire.

Doubt that any of the above will get into the establishment press, so note it here for any interest it may have for you.

Zebra, in case you've neglected him, is the code name of the black killer or killers who has slain 12 whites on the streets in SF in recent months without provocation. In the hunt for him Aljoto has ordered that all black males bearing any resemblance to the composite police picture of the alleged suspect be stopped and questioned and, of course, information compiled.

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McCord is due to appear on a local DC TV show in a few minutes so instead of starting the paper, having read your 4/24/74 on SLA, a hasty response to it.

As you suspected, it contains only what has not appeared in the local press on any electronic reporting I caught.

You imply a significance I believe can't be questioned. There is no useful purpose served by any police interception of what it will get in any event. The mere fact that the police do intrude must be taken as a sign of police intentions. What can these be other than what to the reasonable mind would guarantee making a very bad situation much, much worse?

What should be done probably won't be and I think Hearst is the last guy to think of it and the first one who should. Is there a court order for the obvious tapping of phones? If not, why not?

If there is no court order, there should be an immediate civil action.

All of this can be taken as an indication that the police are intent not upon being good cops but on inflaming this mess to its fullest potential.

Zebra has gotten considerable attention here. So has the police tactic.

Hasty thanks, HW 4/29/74