



An ultra-conservative Indianapolis lawyer then 30 years old drafted the papers for Nixon's gestapo. He sought <sup>to</sup> justify this scheme and his own and Nixon's part in it to Washington Post reporter William Caliborne in an interview published June 3, 1973.

The essence of Huston's defense is that the Constitution must be raped to preserve its purity, that freedom must be destroyed to maintain freedom. As he spelled it out, the widest-spread violation of the law was planned, with virtually no limits. It was aborted as an executive-brankh joint operation by J. Edgar Hoover's opposition, said by Huston as by others to ~~have been because~~ have been because Hoover "didn't want anybody... evaluating the way J. Edgar Hoover ran the FBI."

To those who know or studied Hoover, this is credible and true. But it is not the controlling factor in this case. Nor is it Hoover's opposition to illegal acts, all of which he had already practised. The real reason is most likely that what was visualized, aside from the elevation of illegal and Un-Constitutional acts to needs and proprieties, was always the exclusive ~~function~~ realm of the FBI.

The domestic-intelligence board was to have consisted of the FBI, the CIA, The Defense Intelligence Agency, The National Security Agency and the three military-intelligence services.

Without the authoritarian ambitions, without the subversive compontents added by Nixon, all the functions of this new board were already being performed, and by these very agencies as each function was part of its appropriate duties. In each case each had the obligation of sending to the FBI all that the FBI needed for its internal responsibilities.

The role of the CIA, for example, was to investigate <sup>the supposed</sup> ~~foreign links~~ connections of groups the Nixonians didn't like, particularly the Weathermen and the Black Panthers. From my own experience I know, as logic alone shows, that this is a normal, every-day CIA job. The country analyst who didn't report the slightest indication of any relationship between any domestic and foreign groups would soon find himself in deep trouble. No special directive had to be issued for the CIA to do everything possible

to both learn and report everything possible about this. From the secret operations of the spooks in all other countries to the combing of the press at CIA headquarters, ~~xx~~ it is beyond question that this was already being done.

The fact is that Nixon, who knows better than what proof establishes<sup>e</sup>, was dissatisfied because his paranoid and political beliefs were disproved by fact. The CIA reported repeatedly that the Weathermen, Nixon-believed Maoist, and the Black Panthers, Nixon believed Algerian financed and directed, were not dominated or financed from abroad. When Helms' fact disproved Nixon's fancies, Helms was in trouble.

Huston's self- and Nixon justification included this claim about the FBI:

"Those guys are not going to go clowning around. They're not going to do anything that can't be justified on a reasonable basis."

If FBI participation in the domestic-spy operation Nixon wanted would have made it this good, this safe, how do these words establish any need for any change from the regular FBI work, long Hoover's most single interest? If it is true, as it is not, that "they're not going to do anything that can't be justified", how can there have been a need for any change except one that can't be "be justified"?

Criminal acts became proper acts because they would be "limited" or not "wide-spread", as the gestapo saw them. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ From the beliefs sincerely held by all those involved, there would, in practice, have been no limitation because in their paranoia everyone was suspect, even the Democratic National Committee, its candidate and its leadership, pre-eminently the man who had been a cabinet officer in two different administrations, Larry O'Brien. If this paranoid view included him, who did it not include as an enemy of the state?

The planned crimes included much more than wire-tapping and bugging. Mail interception and copying were specifically included. (It should be understood that these crimes were already the practice, but on a ~~xxx~~ more limited scale than planned. The FBI even had agents who were its burglars. I know one.)

However, if we examine the supposed limits on this <sup>planned</sup> planned, official violation of law and Constitution in even the description of its alleged limitations by its

defenders, it is apparent there was, in reality, no practical limit. With the sincere belief of these gestapo men that the Black Panthers were an Algerian creature and that any investigation of the Panthers was an investigation of foreign espionage or plotted revolution, everyone in any way connected with the Panthers became ~~xxxxxxx~~ an automatic subject for domestic investigation - for wire-tapping, bugging, mail-interception, burglarizing - the works. Conspicuous among these who helped the Panthers financially are the famous conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein, and a large group of prominent and wealthy, anti-revolutionary people he assembled for a fund-raising party.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ In those days, a major Panther operation was free breakfasts for poor ghetto children.

What really set this gestapo plan in motion seems to have been anti-war sentiment and demonstrations. Not that the authoritarian concepts of the men in power would not have found another justification in their own minds.

Huston singled out a 1970 explosion in Greenwich Village, New York City, at a minuteman house as one of the tragedies that "deeply moved" him. It was, indeed, a tragedy and the kind of tragedy that should have moved anyone, regardless of political belief. What is more moving to me, however, is the evidence from my earlier investigations that this was really caused by a man working for the FBI. Should not anyone be moved if the FBI causes death, serious injury and extensive property destruction and damage?

It as seems probable at this writing, the cause was an FBI man, can the FBI be entrusted with its gestapo function planned by Nixon when this is what it could bring about without sanction for open violation of all law and individual rights?

Huston, like almost all other participants, is a lawyer. So, he knew "you had to infringe on constitutional rights." His regret was that under existing law (which could have been changed) "you forfeit the right to prosecute."

When there was really nobody to prosecute to begin with, the secret intentions of the sick, authoritarian minds who created this fascist monster are as clear as the ~~absence~~ absence of any expectable restraint on or limitation of their criminal, subversive acts would have been.