
A Report on CIA Spying On 'Black Militants'

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The Central Intelligence Agency infiltrated black groups, the Resurrection City encampment here and the District of Columbia public school system in the late 1960s despite its own findings that "black militant" groups at the time posed no physical threat to the agency.

Documents released by the CIA, under the Freedom of Information Act, indicate that in March of 1969 the CIA had an informant planted within the district public school system who was warning of growing militancy among blacks in the city schools.

During the same period, CIA informants reported to the agency's Langley, Va., headquarters from the Resurrection City encampment here in 1968 and took photos of a speaker at a Malcolm X Day rally in

the district. The CIA also maintained an almost minute-by-minute log of street activity in the riot areas in the district during the 1968 disturbances following the death of Martin Luther King, according to the newly disclosed CIA documents.

One analysis released by the CIA in January of 1969 cites source material gathered from local, state and federal governmental agencies as well as news reports to conclude that they "do not indicate that CIA and/or its personnel and installations are considered at this time to be a primary or sole target by any of the numerous black militant organizations or by individual black activists."

Nevertheless, the CIA cited potential threats to its property and employees as the reason for broad surveillance and infiltration in the late 1960s of black groups.
