

FBI King

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CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said yesterday FBI documents allegedly ordering the surveillance and neutralization of Black nationalists support charges the FBI conspired to murder Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The FBI has become a monster and must be exorcized," Jackson told a news conference.

One, a directive with an October, 1967, date, Jackson said, called for surveillance of Black leaders and issued instructions for agents to "disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize the activities of Black nationalists."

He said another directive dated March 4, 1968, which called for the prevention of the "rise of a 'Messiah' who could unify and electrify the military Black nationalist movement" as a "mandate to commit murder."

The documents, reported this week by the Chicago Tribune, "constitute a body of substantial evidence to support the charge that it was the FBI who conspired to Murder Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Fred Hampton, Jackson said.

King and Malcolm X were shot to death by assassins. Hampton, a Black Panther leader, died during a police raid in Chicago.
