

Hoover Ordered FBI to Plant Spies,  
Forge Papers Against Extremists

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The late J. Edgar Hoover issued orders calling on FBI agents across the country to expose, disrupt and "otherwise neutralize" a variety of black, white and left-wing groups from 1961 to 1970.

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These disclosures came in seven severely censored documents that the FBI released yesterday to NBC newsman Carl Stern, who had sued for release of the Hoover memos under the Freedom of Information Act.

They were the second of a series of secret memos released by the Justice Department in response to Stern's suit. The first two memos, made public last Dec. 6, disclosed Hoover counter-intelligence program (called COINTELPRO) against the New Left that went from 1968 to 1971.

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