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A Claim of 'Revenge'

For Jackson SFChronicle

A militant group claimed yesterday to have set fire to a Bank of America branch here early Sunday to avenge the death of San Quentin inmate George Jackson.

An unsigned photo copied note was delivered to The Chronicle yesterday by special delivery. It read in part:

"Brothers and Sisters . . . after learning that the San Quentin pigs had murdered our beloved comrade George Jackson, we set fire to the Bank of America on Cortland St. in San Francisco and burned out one of the bank walls.

"This action, limited as it was, was the first of this kind for all of us . . . Action overcomes fear."

The San Francisco Fire Department confirmed that some gasoline was splashed against the wall of the bank and set on fire at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

The fire caused only minor damage to the exterior, according to fire officials.