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The Black Panthers Viewed by Hoover As National Threat

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—The Black Panther party represents the greatest threat among the black extremist groups to the internal security of the United States, J. Edgar Hoover said today.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation director said in an annual report that the increased activity of "violence-prone

black extremists group" had put more investigative responsibilities on the F.B.I.

"Of these," Mr. Hoover said, "the Black panther party, without question, represents the greatest threat to the internal security of the country." He continued:

"Schooled in the Marxist-Leninist ideology and the teachings of Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung, its members have perpetrated numerous assaults on police officers and have engaged in violent confrontations with police in cities throughout the country.

"Leaders and representatives

of the Black Panther party travel extensively all over the United States preaching their gospel of hate and violence not only to ghetto residents, but to students in colleges, universities and high schools as well."

Mr. Hoover announced new figures showing that student revolutions during the 1968-69 academic year caused more than \$3-million in damage to educational facilities and led to more than 4,000 arrests.

Mr. Hoover reiterated his contention that the Students for a Democratic Society was "the instigator for much of this unrest."