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FBI Watch**On Police****Group Told**

CHICAGO, June 4 (AP)—The FBI conducted widespread surveillance of a black policemen's group that has filed a discrimination suit against the Chicago Police Department, court records show.

The FBI compiled two files, approximately 500 pages in length, on the Afro-American Patrolman's League (AAPL) between July, 1968, shortly after the group was formed, and March of this year, after the current discrimination case came to trial in U.S. District Court.

The case involves alleged discrimination by the department in its hiring and promotion practices of women and minorities.

The files contained information collected by FBI agents and informants and were sent to heads of the FBI in Washington, including the late J. Edgar Hoover and Clarence M. Kelley, the current director.

The files contain hundreds of names of members of the Black Panther Party, reporters, clergy, local politicians and others. They contain reports of public meetings and news conferences, fund-raising activities and news clippings.

Renault Robinson, founder of AAPL, was also kept under surveillance, the files show.

Robinson, who released the files Tuesday, said in an interview he believed the FBI included some material in the file in an attempt to link the league with the Panthers and other radical groups.

A source close to the league said it is considering further legal action in light of the new disclosures.

Robinson said the FBI shared its information with Army intelligence and the intelligence division of the Chicago Police Department, which also kept surveillance on the league, previously released court documents showed.

"This is the first time that we have definite evidence that the FBI kept track and spied on the league and that they shared their information with the Chicago Police Department," Robinson said.

As a result of the league's discrimination suit, Chicago has already lost two quarterly payments totaling \$38 million in federal revenue sharing funds and may lose another need by attorneys for the city \$38 million.

An FBI spokesman said yesterday that the FBI had never conducted an investigation of either Robinson or his organization. The FBI files consisted of news clips and random reports from FBI informants which are routinely filed, the spokesman said.