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FBI wants Chinatown informers

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BOSTON (LNS) — The past few weeks residents of Boston's Chinatown have been reading a new notice taped to the walls of buildings near Oxford and Beech Streets, an area where many Chinese gather. The notice is on eight-and-one-half by eleven inch paper, in black Chinese characters, with a phone number in red, and contains the English letters: FBI.

A translation reads: "FBI Notice: Now that you permanently reside in the United States you not only enjoy the democratic system guaranteed by this country, but you are also called upon to shoulder the responsibility of protecting the heritage of liberty.

"You have fully experienced the bondage and suffering inflicted by a Communist regime and therefore you must be well aware of the value and importance of liberty and the terror of Communism.

"In the United States, the Communists continually engage in secretive activities, attempting to disrupt our traditional liberty. The FBI has always been on the alert and you can cooperate in this task of anti-communism by paying heed to the following things:

"(1) If you happen to know of any Communist or Maoist agents trying to spy, to disrupt, or to infiltrate, please call the local FBI branch as soon as possible. (The phone number of the FBI local branch is often listed on the first two or three pages of your phone directory.)

"(2) You must report only facts, not rumors and hearsay.

"(3) You must report only what you know and should not attempt to investigate, for investigation should be undertaken by experts. Any investigation by ordinary people is not only dangerous to the individual concerned but also will forewarn those people held suspect.

"For any information or correspondence, please notify our local branch. The phone number is 742-5533.

Hoover,
Director of FBI"

To check the authenticity of the notice, I called the number printed in

red. "FBI," said the receptionist and directed my question to a man who identified himself as agent Crawford.

"Has the FBI been posting notices in Chinatown?" I asked.

"I'm not familiar with any posters in Chinatown," agent Crawford replied cautiously. "What did they say?"

"They said to report any information about Communist agents to the FBI."

"Have you got any?" he asked quickly.

sible for Chinese affairs," he said. "We wrote it. Our agent contacted some Chinese organization and gave them a small flyer on how to cooperate with the FBI. They had it printed to a larger size."

"What was the name of the organization?" I asked.

"The benevolent something," he replied. (The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Society is a conservative group in Chinatown. Most of its members are elderly, speak only Chinese, and many have ties to the

Boston's Chinatown is not the only Chinese community where notices apparently written by the FBI have appeared. They were first reported along the streets of Chinatown in San Francisco.

Several weeks ago the Chinese language *China Tribune*, of New York City published an article about the FBI undertaking "extraordinary actions" by using "Chinese circulars to exhort all overseas Chinese and Americans of Chinese descent to watch out for Communist activities, disruption, and infiltration of Maoist agents."

Even to the editors of the *China Tribune*, who warned their readers at the end of the article not to "meddle with Communists," Hoover's intensified hunt for Communists seemed extraordinary.

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(二) 諸君務請根據所知事實報訊，切勿為道聽途說所惑擾

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"No, I just wanted to see if the notices was really from the FBI."

He asked questions until I had described the notice in detail, and then he said he would check to see if the FBI had written it. Thirty minutes later he called me.

"I checked with the agent respon-

Kuomintang party of Chian Kai-Shek.)

"Do you have anything to report?" agent Crawford asked me again, noticeably puzzled as to why I had called.

"No," I said, and thanked him for the information.