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SFChronicle Huey Newton Committee Asks Probe

An organization calling itself the Committee for Justice for Huey P. Newton and the Black Panther Party has asked for congressional investigation of alleged federal harassment of Newton, the party and other civil rights groups.

The request was contained in a letter to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (Dem-Mich.) chairman of the House Select Committee to Investigate the U.S. Intelligence Community.

The letter was signed by Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, a Stanford University theologian and a sponsor of and spokesman for the committee for justice.

The Nedzi committee was urged to check on activities against the Black Panther Party and other "minority political associations" by the FBI, CIA and IRS.

David G. DuBois, editor of the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service, said the committee for justice was formed last year about the time Newton, the party leader, disappeared and forfeited \$42,000 bail in an Oakland shooting case.

DuBois said the Black Panther Party still considers Newton its leader and theoretician and that the party helped launch the committee for justice and has a great interest in it.