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FBI Memos Revealed

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Hoover's Campaign on 'New Left'**Washington**

The FBI marshaled a three-year nationwide counter-intelligence program "to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize" what the late J. Edgar Hoover called the New Left movement, according to internal agency memos made public yesterday.

Hoover directed all FBI offices on May 10, 1968, to launch an attack against groups and individuals "who spout revolution and unlaw-

fully challenge society to obtain their demands." Hoover ended that project and several other counter-intelligence programs without explanation in a directive to FBI offices on April 28, 1971.

In the three-page memo establishing the program and the brief notice ending it, Hoover never defined or identified specific organizations or individuals subject to the spying program.

The FBI released copies of

the memos after Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork decided not to appeal a federal court order requiring the memos to be given to NBC television newsman Carl Stern, who had filed suit to obtain them under the Freedom of Information Act.

In the 1968 memo, Hoover instructed FBI offices to open an active file on the "New Left movement and its key activists."

He wrote, "The purpose of

this program is to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize the activities of the various New Left organizations, their leadership and adherence. It is imperative that the activities of these groups be followed on a continuous basis so we may take advantage of all opportunities for counter-intelligence and also inspire action in instances where circumstances warrant."

He said the FBI "must frustrate every effort of these groups and individuals

to consolidate their forces or to recruit new or useful adherence."

Hoover told the agents that "consideration should be given to disrupting the organized activity of these groups . . ." How this would be done was not made clear in the memo.

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