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U.S. Told to Give Data to Panthers

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (UPI) — A federal court judge has ordered the government to turn over records of investigations of the Black Panther Party to plaintiffs' attorneys in a \$47.7 million damage suit.

The suit was brought by surviving members of the 1969 raid in which party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were killed.

The attorneys representing the plaintiffs requested the information on the grounds that it would prove the raid was "born in the offices of the FBI." Government attorneys said the documents were irrelevant.

The documents included memos from former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on "long-range counterintelligence goals to prevent the coalition of black nationalist groups" and on "coordination of intelligence programs against black nationalist hate groups."

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Perry ordered the government to turn over the documents.

The defendants in the suit are the FBI, the Chicago Police Department, which conducted the raid, and former State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, who sought the warrant authorizing the raid.