Hoover War on New Left Bare

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offices in May, 1968, to government was Hooverese neutralize" the New Left bureau offices throughout the sued written orders to all FBI seat of government." (Seat of "expose, disrupt and otherwise for Washington, D.C.). The late J. Edgar Hoover is- dia, both locally and at the

three years later without explanation

NBC newsman Carl Stern of the New Left counter-intelligence program. Stern's suit duction of the documents approved or was even aware Court decision requiring pro- torney General Ramsey Clark to appeal a U. S. District the agency's files that then Atby acting Attorney General specific nature of those ac-Robert H. Bork after the Juswere made public yesterday tice Department decided not Hoover · memoranda

out in heavy secrecy and that new endeavor is such that unit be aimed at "disrupting the der no circumstances should closely following the activities tion program. appealing organized activity of these the existence of the program of the New Left and the key During the year prior to the decision." scnal conflicts of their leader should be missed to capitalize groups . . . No opportunity out in heavy secrecy and that upon organizational and per Hoover directed that the dis-

were described by Hoover as counter-intelligence campaign key activists." "New Left organizations and The target's of the FBI

activists must be exposed to neuvers and duplicity of these The May 10, 1968, memo instructed: "The devious ma-

| public scrutiny through the cooperation of reliable news me-

He discontinued the cam- for taking advantage "of all cumstances warrant." telligence and also inspire ac-tion in instances where ciropportunities for counter-innation with the responsibility

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said there was no evidence in Justice Department officials

ruption program be carried ing the campaign Hoover caution." out in heavy secreey and that tioned that "the nature of this He a



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He added:

activists and is highly con-cancellation relations between riment of our society. tion centers, cripple traffic criticized in

ety to obtain their demands Presid must not only be contained,

gence effort, labeled by the break-ins and intensified in-PROS," was issued on April can citizens and U.S. groups in the bureau's counter-intelli- surveillance, mail inspection ate director as "COINTEL-

28, 1971. "Effective immediately," the tions. director decreed, "all COIN-

sued for release of the Hoover Ligence program. Stern's suit memoranda under the Free-documents that related to the reau and appropriate withing the first time the Justice Department of Information Act.

TELPROS operated by this memoranda was the bureau are discontinued." He first time the Justice Departments in a office security should be afgrams against espionage, the Freedom of Information Act. In his memorandum launch- forded this sensitive opera- New Left, white hate groups, challenge Bork said, "The law the campaign Hoover cau- tion."

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the Communist Party USA, and the public policy excialist Workers Party disrup- formation Act did not warrant black extremists and the So-|pressed in the Freedom of Inthe

cerned that the anarchistic ac- Hoover and the Nixon admintivists who spout revolution dealing with internal security and tie the arms of law en memoranda of former White forcement officials to the det House domestic security adtivities of a few can paralyze istration grew severely institutions of learning, induc- strained. Hoover was privately "The organizations and ac- having been ineffective in memoranda of former White viser Tom Charles Huston for

but must be neutralized," he ver's objections he canceled Hoover's memo canceling randum authorizing electronic domestic intelligence operaformer tactics against Ameria July 15, 1970, decision memolast May that because of Hoo-President Nixon announced

Release of the two Hoover public policy ex-District Court