

FBI Anonymous Mailings Described

MINNEAPOLIS—As part of the FBI's "disruption of the New Left counterintelligence program," the Minneapolis FBI office sent anonymous mailings to University of Minnesota regents in 1969, FBI files made available here show.

The stated objective, which failed, was to build pressure for cancellation of a permit the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) had received for their Dec. 27-30, 1969, national convention in the university's student union building.

In a related move, the FBI office sent an anonymous letter to the mayor of suburban Fridley "to encourage . . . his attack on New Left forces on the campus," specifically to discourage "radical speakers and programs . . . at taxpayers' expense."

An FBI spokesman said here today that any comments on the documents would have to come from Washington. The documents, publicized in Minneapolis by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) are among those released by U.S. District Court order in New York in a suit alleging illegal surveillance. It was brought by the SWP and its trotskyite partner, the YSA, against the FBI, CIA and other governmental agencies.

The FBI spokesman said in Washington the bureau would have no comment on the documents "because we are in litigation."