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Wilkins Charges Cover-up by F.B.I.

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Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, charged yesterday that the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation had conspired to cover up the bureau's involvement in a raid in 1969 on a Black Panther Party office in Chicago in which two party members were killed.

In a letter to Attorney General Edward H. Levi, Mr. Wilkins asked for an investigation of the bureau's involvement in the raid, to be conducted by a "non-Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation body."

The letter followed recent disclosures of bureau improprieties by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, but it referred specifically to information coming out of a continuing \$47.7 million civil damage suit brought by survivors of the raid on the Panther headquarters.

In the raid, in which more than 90 bullets were fired, the Illinois Panther leader, Fred Hampton, and Mark Clark, a party member, were killed. It was later learned that Mr. Hampton's bodyguard, William O'Neal Jr., had been working for the F.B.I.

N.A.A.C.P. Lawyer in Case

An N.A.A.C.P. attorney, Herbert O. Reid, is handling the case for the plaintiffs. The defendants are city, state and Federal law enforcement officials.

Mr. Wilkins in his letter wrote that Federal District Judge Samuel Perry on Jan. 27, 1976, ordered Federal officials to turn over their files on Mr. O'Neal to the N.A.A.C.P.

"I am advised that the Government lawyers told the Judge on March 13, 1976, that the order had been complied

with and the entire file produced," the letter said.

It asserted, however, that testimony five days later by a bureau agent, Roy M. Mitchell, and subsequent court disclosures "further revealed that 10 percent of the F.B.I. files had actually been turned over to our lawyers."

The Government lawyers later turned over more files to the organization's lawyers, its legal counsel, Nathaniel Jones, said yesterday.

Judge Perry denied an N.A.A.C.P. motion to declare a mistrial as a result of these disclosures, Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Wilkins's letter said that the "apparent withholding of evidence by Government officials in violation of a Federal Court order, it seems to me, is so greivous that the parties responsible should be dealt with severely."

'Shocking Affront'

He wrote that misleading the court and the N.A.A.C.P. lawyers amounted to "a shocking affront to the judicial process when committed by any party, but it is outrageous when the offending party is the Government."

The N.A.A.C.P. has maintained an interest in the case since the raid, and Mr. Wilkins and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark headed an investigation into the incident that resulted in a book, "Search and Destroy."

The investigation, Mr. Jones said, had cost the organization \$100,000 while the current trial has cost \$20,000. The legal staff is worried that other planned court battles may have to be curtailed.