

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/28/68

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21213) P

SUBJECT:

~~COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM~~
~~INTERNAL SECURITY~~
~~DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT~~

ReBulet to Albany, 5/10/68.

New Left activity in the St. Louis Division is concentrated in the headquarters city. Principal organizations involved in this movement are as follows:

(ACTION); Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes

Students for Democratic Society (SDS);

St. Louis Draft Resistance (SLDR);

The Committee to Support Draft Resistance (CSDR).

ACTION is basically a racial type organization. It consists of a small group of individuals who split from the St. Louis Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) several years ago in belief that CORE was not sufficiently militant. Its activities are irregular, depending almost entirely on its chairman [REDACTED]. Communist Party efforts to cultivate him have so far appeared unsuccessful; however, some influence is exerted through ORVILLE LEACH, veteran Communist Party member, who is chairman of the Community Relations Committee of ACTION.

An immediate Counterintelligence Program concerning the latter three organizations would be restricted because these organizations are all campus-type organizations and Washington University and St. Louis University will close for summer vacations in the first week of June. These organizations will be virtually out of existence until the schools reopen in September.

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Re St. Louis letter to the Bureau dated 5/28/68
and Bureau letter dated 5/23/68.

Reference St. Louis letter listed four organizations involved in New Left activity in St. Louis. It is believed that the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) should be eliminated because this organization, which is a splinter group from CORE, is actually primarily interested in racial type matters and is not subversively orientated.

The St. Louis Draft Resistance and the Committee to Support Draft Resistance have had no formal organization and for that reason St. Louis has no information to report that would fall within the three categories under which the Bureau desires information and as set out in reference Bureau letter.

The only organization in St. Louis on which there is information would be the Students For a Democratic Society (SDS). SDS was active at Washington University in St. Louis and had attempted organization of chapters at Southeast Missouri College at Cape Girardeau, Missouri and at St. Louis University in St. Louis. Its efforts in these latter two schools was not successful and it never became a going operation in either of them. These three schools are now closed for the summer and all activity in so far as SDS has ceased to exist. This is further borne out by an editorial appearing in the [redacted] issue of "Student Life", Washington University official student publication in which it is stated that [redacted]

and other leaders of the "New Left" are leaving the campus in June. This article points out that it is not known what the next year would bring at Washington University with a complete change of leadership.

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Mr. [redacted] and confidential source, advised that all student activity and

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