

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. L.M. Walters

DATE: 11/27/72

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT
EXTREMIST MATTERS
EXTREMIST INFORMANTS

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Bishop _____
 Mr. Casper _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. Dalbey _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Jenkins _____
 Mr. Marshall _____
 Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
 Mr. Parris _____
 Mr. Soyars _____
 Mr. Walters _____
 Mr. Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Kinley _____
 Mr. Armstrong _____
 Mr. Harwig _____
 Mr. Hannon _____

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DATE 12-29-83 BY SP5RTG/PMC

The purpose of this memorandum is to secure approval for the sending of the attached airtel to all offices for the implementation of an intensified effort to identify violence-prone individuals or organizations within the American Indian movement who may be planning future violent demonstrations or criminal activities.

By memorandum dated November 21, 1972, Mr. Ralph E. Erickson, Deputy Attorney General, made reference to the recent occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D. C. which resulted in substantial destruction of the interior of the building and the theft of government property and documents. He indicated that the constitutional rights to assemble and protest peacefully are recognized; however, the recent activities in Washington, D. C. have gone far beyond constitutionally protected activities. It is of particular concern to the Department that similar circumstances may arise in the future without sufficient advance information regarding the leadership, numbers to be involved, and plans -- whether violent or nonviolent. In order to lessen the possibility of a recurrence of such activities Mr. Erickson requested that the Bureau intensify its efforts to identify violent-prone individuals or organizations within the American Indian movement who may be planning future violent demonstrations or criminal activities.

In order to be in a position to keep the Attorney General and Mr. Erickson advised on a current basis in accordance with the request, the attached airtel is being directed to all

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Re: American Indian Movement

offices for the purpose of implementing an informant development program within the American Indian movement so that we will be able to furnish the requested information on a current basis.

Mr. Erickson's memorandum has been acknowledged by separate communication.

ACTION:

That the attached airtel be approved and sent.

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WSC DTP *HAS* *WAM*
See my Notes.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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- Director
- Mr. Felt, 5744
- Mr. Baker, 5734
- Mr. Bishop, 5634
- Mr. Callahan, 5525
- Mr. Cleveland, 1742
- Mr. Conrad, 7621
- Mr. Dalbey, 5642
- Mr. Gebhardt, 5706
- Mr. Jenkins
- Mr. Marshall, 7746
- Mr. Miller, 1026 9&D
- Mr. Purvis, 4130 IB
- Mr. Soyars, 3114 IB
- Mr. Walters, 5256
- Mr. Campbell
- Mr. Bassett
- Miss Tschudy
- Miss Downing
- Miss Smith
- Mrs. Mutter
- Mr. Kinley, 5633
- Mrs. Neenan, 5633
- Mrs. Metcalf, 5633
- Telephone Room
- Mr. Donahoe, 5734
- Mr. Malmfeldt, 4718
- Mr. Jones, 4264
- Reading Rm., 5533
- Mail Room, 5531
- Teletype
- Personnel Records
- Mechanical Section
- For appropriate action
- For your approval
- Initial and return
- Please call me
- For information

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Room _____

**I AM NOT
SURE WE
SHOULD GO
THIS FAR**

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W. M. Felt
Room 5744, Extension 3351

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Re: A119 - Extremist Matters

We are all OUTRAGED by the
conduct of these Indians, but:

1. If we have jurisdictional
Authority, our teletype points
with far too broad a brush.

2. Check FBI jurisdictional
Authority, obtaining Df opinion if
necessary. Our OLC may not con-
sider it necessary.

3. Then try to get more definitive
Guidelines for an investigation from
Df supported by legal authority.

4. Then tone down the rhetoric in our
teletype to set forth a straight
set of orders to do the job. They
know how to do it. J... 11-29
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FBI

Transmit in _____ Via Airtel
(Type in plaintext or code)

To: SAC, Albany

Date 11/20/72From: For the Acting Director, FBI
W. Mark Felt
Acting Associate DirectorAMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT
EXTREMIST MATTERS
EXTREMIST INFORMANTS
BUDED 12/15/72

As a result of the recent occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D. C. the Deputy Attorney General by letter dated November 21, 1972, requested the Bureau intensify its efforts in identifying violence-prone individuals or organizations within the American Indian movement who may be planning future violent demonstrations or criminal activities.

Accordingly, each SAC should have a survey conducted and following data should be furnished Headquarters:

- 1) Approximate number of Indians residing within the division;
- 2) Number of reservations including the number of Indians residing thereon;
- 3) Identity of tribes within the division;

2 - All Field Offices

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4) Identity of any known extremist organizations or extremist individuals active within the Indian community including the Bureau file number, if any.

In order to obtain the desired information, each division having American Indians located therein should institute a program to develop informants and sources able to furnish information concerning extremists or extremist organizations operating within the American Indian movement as well as advance information concerning any future demonstrations or other activity on the part of American Indians which could result in violence or criminal activities.

Each division should submit to Headquarters the identities of any current sources or informants which can be utilized in this program as well as specific details of its plan to implement this informant development program.

The Extremist Intelligence Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division has assumed supervision of the intelligence-gathering aspect of this matter. Therefore, investigations instituted with the aim of developing informants in this field are to be handled under the 170 classification and in accordance with instructions set forth in Section 130 of the Manual of Instructions. Investigations instituted on individual extremists or extremist organizations are to be handled under the 157 classification and in accordance with instructions set forth in Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions.

All investigations in conjunction with the intelligence-gathering aspect of the American Indian movement must be most discreet. Nevertheless, it is imperative and essential the Bureau learn of any indications of advance planning or organized efforts to create disturbances and civil unrest by extremist organizations or individuals within the American Indian movement.

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In this regard it is pointed out that recent press releases have indicated that only approximately one half of the American Indians living in this country reside on reservations. It is also alleged that the more militant Indians giving leadership to the current extremist activities within the American Indian movement reside in the urban areas of the country and not on reservations. Therefore, your efforts must be directed toward not only developing information of an extremist nature on Indian reservations but must also be directed toward developing information regarding those Indians living in the urban areas that are promoting extremist activities within the American Indian movement.

Your attention is also directed to teletype dated November 24, 1972, from "For the Acting Director, FBI, W. Mark Felt, Acting Associate Director," to all SACs except Anchorage, Honolulu, and San Juan captioned "WASHAIRP." You should coordinate your efforts with the investigations being conducted in accordance with the above-referred-to teletype with particular emphasis upon developing sources and informants within the American Indian movement that may become evident as a result of the investigation currently being conducted in the WASHAIRP case.

Results of this survey as well as your plans for the informant program are to be furnished to the Bureau no later than 12/15/72. In the future when submitting your Monthly Status Report Extremist Informants - Extremist Groups (White - Black) (FD-405) you should list under the miscellaneous section progress being made in developing informants in the American Indian movement. The FD-405a should list the identities of individuals who have participated in or are active in planning acts of extremist violence.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that we keep him and the Attorney General advised on a current basis of our results achieved in this regard. Therefore, it is incumbent on you to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments in this matter.

Why do we have to say this? Will a SAC of the FBI not carry out an order from the Acting Director?

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