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Guide to the

**Black Panther Party FBI file**

1967-1969

Sc MG 81

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## Summary

**Creator:** Black Panther Party

**Title:** Black Panther Party FBI file

**Date:** 1967-1969

**Source:** Received from Paul L. Loewenwarter - CBS News in 1983.

**Abstract:** The collection consists of photocopies of printed material obtained by CBS News through the Freedom of Information Act from the Federal Bureau of Investigation File on the Black Panther Party.

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## Creator History

The Black Panther Party was founded in Oakland, California in 1966 by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. The philosophy of the Black Panthers, known as their ten-point program, combined Marxist socialism and black nationalism with demands for land, housing, education, justice and peace. By 1969 the Black Panthers had become known nationally.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of photocopies of printed material obtained by CBS News through the Freedom of Information Act from the FBI File on the Black Panther Party. The folder headings and content are identical to those of the original CBS envelopes which have been discarded.

The Black Panther Party. FBI File Collection contains files about organizing black student unions, transcripts for two movies produced by the Black Panther Party, a coloring book with captions, party propaganda, news clippings about the party, printed material on explosives, and booklets on riots distributed in ghetto areas. Additionally, there are speeches by Eldridge Cleaver and Stokely Carmichael, news clippings and other printed matter about the breakfast for children program and liberation schools, and black nationalist anti-Semitism. An organizational chart and rules of the Party can also be found. A file of speeches by William C. Sullivan, FBI director about revolutionary extremism, communism and African Americans, and civil disorder and academic communities completes this collection.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American college students -- Political activity  
African Americans -- Political activity  
African Americans -- Relations with Jews  
Antisemitism -- United States  
Black power -- United States  
Political parties -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Speeches (documents)

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Race relations

### **Names**

Carmichael, Stokely, 1941-1998  
Cleaver, Eldridge, 1935-1998  
Sullivan, William C.  
Black Panther Party  
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 "Student Union Organizing" 1969
- b. 1 f. 2 "Movies: 'Off the Pigs': 'May Day 3'" - Transcripts 1969
- b. 1 f. 3 "Coloring Book"
- b. 1 f. 4 Party Propaganda - Mao Tse Tung Proverbs
- b. 1 f. 5 Newspaper Clippings Regarding Black Panther 1967-1969
- b. 1 f. 6 Printed Materials 1967-1969
- b. 1 f. 7 "Breakfast for Children/Liberation Schools" 1969
- b. 1 f. 8 "Black Nationalist Anti-Semitism" 1969
- b. 1 f. 9 "Extremist Statements and Speeches" 1968-1969
- b. 1 f. 10 "Anti-Semitism" 1968-1969
- b. 1 f. 11 Organizational Chart - Rules; Armaments 1968
- b. 1 f. 12 William C. Sullivan - F.B.I. Director Writings and Speeches 1968-1969