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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
SUBJECT: HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN, aka
IS - REVOLUTIONARY UNION

Rerep of SA _____, dated 1/2/69, at
San Francisco.

Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 12/31/68 captioned "COINTELPRO, IS - NEW LEFT" pointed out that the captioned individual was to participate in a forum during mid January, 1969, and requested San Francisco to furnish material in the way of public source data, reflecting statements attributed to FRANKLIN.

A Xerox copy of San Francisco's ^{letter} report is attached here to for completion of the Bureau files on HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN. This request was from the Internal Security Section at the Bureau and project appears to be assigned to _____

Inasmuch as the forum mentioned may result in FRANKLIN's admissions to being affiliated with the Peninsula Red Guard and perhaps other subversive groups, the Bureau is requested to furnish San Francisco with any pertinent information developed through this forum.

DIRECTOR, FBI
PERSONAL ATTENTION:

1/3/69

INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

COINTELPRO
IS - NEW LEFT

Re Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 12/31/68.

A current report on HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN being submitted this date for assistance in the matter discussed in referenced airtel. In the way of public source material appearing pertinent, there are attached nine xerox copies of the following newspaper articles which reflect statements attributed to FRANKLIN and information concerning his behavior at demonstrations. These articles may be of assistance in preparation for the forum mentioned in referenced communication:

"San Francisco Chronicle"
Issue 11/3/65, captioned
"Stanford's Rival Viet Blood Drives"

"San Jose Mercury"
Issue 3/22/66, captioned
"Ejection Ends His Protest of Napalm Plant"

"Redwood City Tribune"
Issue 3/22/66, captioned
"Napalm Plant Okayed During Red-Hot Session"

"The Stanford Daily"
Issue 1/11/68, captioned
"Franklin: Maoism Offers Pure Marx"

"The Burlingame Advance Star"
Issue 4/28/68, captioned
"Marching Isn't Doing the Job?"

"San Francisco Chronicle"
Issue 5/3/68, captioned
"Why Students Are Defiant"

"San Francisco Chronicle"
Issue 8/31/68, captioned
"High-Rise Sit-in Over A Lease"

"Palo Alto Times"
Issue 11/9/68, captioned
"Stanford English Prof Arrested"

"San Francisco Chronicle"
Issue 11/12/68, captioned
"Stanford Arrest and A Protest"

It is noted that the morgue of the "Palo Alto Times" newspaper was checked on 1/2/69, and no additional data considered pertinent was noted.

San Francisco files reflect that the Fall, 1968, bulletin put out by the Mid-Peninsula Free University reflects that the MFU is a non-profit corporation organized to implement a vision of cultural revolution in which a new society will develop with the shell of the old. The MFU has a commitment to total reconstruction at all levels, its goal being the emergence of a new politics, new economic, new religion, new education and a new vision of humanity based on libertarian, democratic and communitarian ideas. This bulletin further stated that the MFU opposes laws against use, possession and sale of marijuana, supports non-violence resistance to the draft and to the war in Vietnam as well as supporting the ten point program of the Black Panther Party.

On Page 38 of this bulletin there is a listing for a class on Marxism-Leninism and the American Revolution taught by BRUCE FRANKLIN. It is reflected that this course is a seminar for those who want to help make the American revolution and those who wish to explore the belief of MAO Tse-tung that "if there is to be a revolution, there must be a revolutionary party...A party built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style." It was indicated that selected works of LENIN and MAO Tse-tung would be utilized in the course.

In addition to the public source material noted above in which FRANKLIN is specifically mentioned and/or quoted, there is also attached an article from the "Berkeley Barb", issue of 5/31/68, which reflects information concerning the existence of the Peninsula Red Guard at Stanford University. Caution should be exercised inasmuch as there is no public source material linking FRANKLIN with the Peninsula Red Guard. However, this particular article could be used effectively to steer FRANKLIN into answering questions such as does such an organization exist at Stanford, and, if so, what are its aims and purposes.

There is also attached a xerox copy of an article appearing in Barron's, the National Business and Financial Weekly, dated 9/16/68,

This report appears to parallel the Party line of the New Left and student activists. Although BRUCE FRANKLIN is not specifically mentioned in this material, it is felt that he would follow this particular line in a debate and statements by FRANKLIN could be pinned down to a similar or identical line as that advocates in this article.

This is being submitted for the Bureau's review in connection with the particular situation set forth in the referenced communication.