

SAC, San Francisco

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Director, FBI

HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN
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(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

As you are aware, the subject publicly stated at 1/69 sessions of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D. C., that he was a "radical and revolutionary," "a communist, a revolutionary and a Marxist-Leninist," while openly expressing his support for Mao Tse-tung and the Cultural Revolution in Communist China. "The Black Panther," 4/27/68, identifies him as affiliated with the Revolutionary Union (RU) in an advertisement supporting the Black Panther Party (BPP) while describing the RU as a "revolutionary organization ... based on the principles developed by Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao," which is "an attempt to integrate the thought of Mao Tse-tung, with the concrete struggles against U.S. imperialism."

Additionally, Franklin's revolutionary objectives are described in an article by Ed Montgomery in the San Francisco "Examiner and Chronicle," 3/23/69; he admitted Peninsula Red Guard affiliation at the 1/69 Washington, D. C. meeting and Red Guard activities are described in detail in the Berkeley "Barb," 5/31/68; he is identified in the Fall, 1968 Bulletin of the Mid Peninsula Free University as teaching a class in "Marxism-Leninism and the American Revolution;" and his arrests at, participation in and leadership of demonstrations are well documented in the public press.

It could probably be conservatively stated that Franklin, in his position of Associate Professor of English at Stanford University, represents one of the most militant radical extremists on American campuses, and his background has been well documented publicly.

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Letter to SAC, San Francisco
RE: HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN

The Bureau proposes a pamphlet or brochure be prepared, appropriately captioned, setting forth in detail Franklin's position at Stanford and his extensive public record of current affiliation and participation in subversive causes and activities. Thereafter, this pamphlet would be anonymously posted to all members of the Board of Trustees of Stanford, to selected alumnus and other appropriate individuals including the Governor, senators and congressmen of California. Also, the Bureau very likely could find other use for a document of this nature as it would be illustrative of the type of revolutionary responsible for the current turmoil on the nation's campuses.

Enclosed for your review are four documents, prepared for similar counterintelligence endeavors, which may be of assistance to you in preparing the format for the proposed pamphlet. Based upon your rough draft proposal, the services of the Exhibits Section will be considered for final preparation of the pamphlet. Afford this matter expeditious attention.