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Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS
(RESEARCH SECTION)

"The Black Panther" 7/4/70, page 17, contains a full-page article entitled "The AK-47 VS The M-16, Why the Capitalist Gun is Inferior," authored by Will B. Outlaw. The article is described as reprinted from the publication "Maverick" edition of July, 1970.

Will B. Outlaw is the pen name of Howard Bruce Franklin, cofounder and activist in the pro-Chicom San Francisco-based Revolutionary Union (RU). Franklin's use of this pen name is believed to be generally known within RU circles,

During the past several years, there has been a number of instances wherein informants reported members of the RU have attempted to discredit or defame the Progressive Labor Party (PLP). On one occasion, the PLP publication attacked the RU. Because the RU and the PLP are in obvious competition both in the domestic political areas and in seeking the support of the Chicoms, it would appear to be to the Bureau's advantage for the current dissension between the two organizations be accelerated.

Letter to SAC, San Francisco
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The Bureau suggests San Francisco, Chicago, and New York consider techniques by which antagonism between the PLP and the RU might be increased to the detriment of the ambitions and activities of both organizations. In this regard, it is suggested a series of articles might be prepared, allegedly authored by Will B. Outlaw (Franklin) attacking the PLP, and that these might be afforded widespread circulation, including to Communist China. Franklin's style of writing could be readily reproduced as he has authored a number of articles in his true name.

San Francisco, Chicago, and New York are requested to give strong consideration to this suggestion and to submit for Bureau approval any recommendations deemed appropriate.