

Letter to Legat, Ottawa
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND
SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Bureau has carefully analyzed this proposal and believes it is possible Franklin could be duped through this technique. Because of his fanatical pro-Chicom philosophy, it is deemed he could be caused to immediately defect or offer his services as a result of successful implementation of the technique, although appropriate follow-up action could contribute to his cooperation in the future.

If Franklin were successfully duped, there are many obvious ways, in addition to those mentioned in reSFlet, that we could capitalize upon his gullibility to our intelligence and counterintelligence interests. Some of these are:

1. The information the alleged Chicom elicited from Franklin could be used to compromise or discredit both in the eyes of the Chicoms and among domestic revolutionaries.
2. The alleged Chicom might be able to convince Franklin to furnish information relating to the RU and other militants on a continuing basis, thus providing us with excellent current intelligence.
3. Details as to Franklin's gullibility and results of his critical investigation of could be confidentially made available to who already has a knowledge of RU activities, exposure could indicate his source was an RU or competing Progressive Labor Party member. This exposure could very likely cause both Franklin and to be expelled from the RU and finally neutralize the organization in the domestic left movement.

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Legat, Ottawa

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Director, FBI

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(RESEARCH SECTION)

Enclosed for Legat are two Xerox copies of SFlet 8/11/70 outlining in general terms a possible disruptive technique to be applied against pro-Chicom Revolutionary Union (RU) leader Howard Bruce Franklin with the objective of neutralizing the RU.

In brief, San Francisco's proposal calls for an alleged Chicom to telephone Franklin in California from Montreal to arrange for a later personal clandestine meeting in Vancouver. At the Vancouver meeting the Chicom would express distrust of Franklin and ask Franklin to secretly investigate and furnish the results to an Ottawa post office box, and imply future Chicom funding of the RU.