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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND
SUBJECT: HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN
SM - VO
(OO: San Francisco)

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/11/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, and for San Francisco three copies, of an LHM covering subject's speech at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, on 4/11/73.

Source referred to in LHM is



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon

April 30, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title

HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN

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Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned
as above, at Portland, Oregon

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN

On April 11, 1973, a source advised Bruce Franklin spoke to approximately 100 persons on the campus of the University of Oregon on the evening of April 11, 1973. Franklin's speech centered around the philosophy of the Venceremos Organization and several aspects of the current revolutionary movement, including prison reform, the American Indian Movement (AIM), economic repression, racism, and the prisoners of war. Franklin urged those attending the speech to support the AIM in their struggle at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. FRANKLIN was believed to be staying at the residence of _____ while in Eugene, Oregon.

The AIM is a nationwide organization founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1968. Membership is open to both Indians and non-Indians 18 years of age. AIM's professed goals are to improve the conditions of the American Indian, to provide better jobs and housing; and to educate industry and communities on Indian culture and problems. AIM has chapters across the U.S. The principal leaders are _____

The April 12, 1973, issue of the Oregon Daily Emerald reported Franklin had spoken to approximately 100 persons on the evening of April 11, 1973, at the University of Oregon. Franklin referred to the United States as an empire in the stage of collapse. He gave the increase in drug use, the rising crime rate, the rising infant mortality rate, and the decline in life expectancy as evidence of the decline of the United States.

The April 13, 1973, issue of the Eugene Register Guard daily newspaper published in Eugene, Oregon, reported Franklin's speech at the University of Oregon on the evening of April 11, 1973. Franklin argued the only alternative to the continuing decay of the American society is revolution. Questioned on this point, Franklin urged members of the audience to try to make changes within the system and see if it works. But, he added, "I don't think it is possible for such changes to be made 'peacefully and calmly'."

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Speaking of the VO, Franklin said the organization has "quillived its usefulness" and it is now vital to develop a national revolutionary party throughout the United States. He admitted this won't be easy, since revolutionaries in this country are not united in a common goal.

As for his personal circumstances, Franklin said later that he has "looked everyplace" for teaching positions since his dismissal from Stanford, but with no success. His case is being appealed in the courts by the American Civil Liberties Union.