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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

(U) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

(U) FROM : *MS* SAC, DETROIT [redacted]

(U) SUBJECT: *M* [redacted] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Re Detroit letter to Bureau, 1/22/70; Bureau letter to Detroit, 2/3/70 and Detroit letter to Bureau, 2/12/70.

(U) Class. & Ext. By: *SP1-GAL/AMK*
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
Date of Review: *3/11/90*
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In the case entitled [redacted], SSA", Bureau file 25-573147, Detroit file 25-34724, the following circumstances are set forth:

[redacted], a conscientious objector, was recently indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Detroit, and following return of a True Bill, as is established procedure in a CO type case, the U.S. Attorney at Detroit wrote [redacted] a letter instructing him

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to appear in U.S. District Court for arraignment on 2/18/70. Late in the afternoon on 2/16/70, a delegation in behalf of [redacted] appeared at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Detroit, and announced [redacted] would not appear as directed but would await his arrest by Federal officials. On 2/17/70, the morning edition of the "Detroit Free Press" carried a prominently displayed news release quoting [redacted] as stating "They're going to have to come right into the meeting house to arrest me". It is noted subject resides in a commune run by a Quaker group at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and that this residence is within a block of the headquarters of the White Panther Party, an extremely radical group. It is further noted that in April, 1969, [redacted] was one of 15 persons arrested by Bureau Agents in Philadelphia at the time another Bureau fugitive was being arrested. Fifteen individuals had chained themselves to each other prior to the arrival of Bureau Agents and this of course added to the problems of the arrest. As can be readily seen it was apparent that subject wanted to "stage" his arrest possibly to obtain as much publicity for himself and his group as possible, and conceivably make the arrest as difficult as possible. (U)

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With this in mind, subject's arrest was accomplished on 2/17/70, a day prior to his scheduled arraignment. It is noted that informant's services were utilized on this date. He was furnished a newspaper photograph of subject and instructed to visit the commune in an effort to locate [redacted] Informant spent a great part of the day at the location awaiting [redacted] arrival and in the late afternoon was able to advise Bureau Agents of subject's exact location at the commune. The arrest followed shortly thereafter without incident. (U)

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It is pointed out, had not subject's exact location been known, no attempt would have been made to arrest him on 2/17/70, and it can be stated with certainty that had it been necessary to wait until at least 2/18/70 to arrest subject, considerable difficulty would have been experienced since the matter was obviously receiving wide coverage by news media as subject indicated that "he would await his arrest". Due to the exact information furnished by informant, the matter was handled with a minimum amount of Agent personnel and had it been (U)


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necessary to arrest subject on a subsequent date, a maximum amount of Agent personnel would have been necessary to arrest subject at the Quaker meeting house. It is further noted that Ann Arbor has been the scene of almost daily demonstrations and confrontations on the part of University of Michigan students, and on 2/18/70, near riotous conditions prevailed in the immediate vicinity of the commune. 

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