

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
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SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIDADE

FILE: 105-295956

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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (FS)
- 1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Seattle 100-33009

2/11/76

From: Director, FBI

FD-217 to SAC S/Mignosa

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)

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On 5/31/75 the State Adult Corrections Office in Olympia, Washington, was bombed. Credit was claimed by GJB. Thereafter, GJB attacks occurred against two Safeway stores and a public utility substation in the State of Washington. The claims for credit involved protests similar to those of the Chicano Liberation Front and the Emiliano Zapata Unit in that they were either done in support of farm workers who have been deprived because of Safeway, solidarity with striking Seattle electrical workers or to meet demands of inmates of a State of Washington prison.

Intensive and exhaustive investigation has failed to identify any persons directly connected with GJB bombings nor has the membership been identified. The Bureau is of opinion not only is membership of GJB responsible for violation of EID statutes but because of revolutionary activities the group is also probably in violation of other Federal statutes, specifically, Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2383, 2384, and 2385.

In line with above, the Bureau desires a report be prepared concerning this organization captioned as above. This report should reach the Bureau no later than 4/10/76 and reports should continue to be submitted every six months. It is realized individual reports have been submitted on each GJB-claimed bombing and therefore this requested report should only note date and place of bombing or other action to be followed by synopsis of communique claiming credit for action. Synopsis of communique is to contain only that information

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Re: George Jackson Brigade

tying in GJB with action and revolutionary statements made therein. Unless there is reason to the contrary, full contents of communique is not to be included.

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1 - [redacted] (Attn: [redacted])
 1 - [redacted] Room 5005
 1 - [redacted] (Attn: Mr. [redacted])
 Airtel 1 - [redacted]
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3/31/76

TO: SAC, Seattle
 FROM: Director, FBI
 GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)
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Re: Letter to the Director dated 2/30/76 captioned "George Jackson Brigade (GJB), IS," and "Mark Edwin Cook; et al; IS; ISB; SPCAA;" and Bural to Seattle 2/29/76.

This will confirm referenced call wherein you were requested to issue any available fingerprint records of Bruce Richard Seidel, John William Sherman and Edward Alben Head were located and submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with any latent prints of record concerning the bombing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office at Everett, Washington, (MEfile 276-1114) which is being investigated by your office.

- ① - George Jackson Brigade file
- 1 - Mark Edwin Cook; et al. file

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Reference teletype advised [redacted]

[redacted] a two-written communique allegedly from the GJB. The communique advised what went wrong at mentioned bank robbery; claimed credit for the escape of bank robber Sherman and criticized the death of bank robber Seidel. Sherman was shot in the jaw during the course of the bank robbery and was arrested. On 2/18/76 while receiving medical attention, he escaped from local sheriff's custody with the help of 2 unknown black males, one of whom shot and wounded a sheriff's officer. Seidel was shot and killed by police officers at the scene of the robbery. Head is currently in custody pending trial on State and Federal charges arising from the bank robbery. Head in an interview with the reporter stated the GJB is responsible for a bombing attack on 2/5/76, believed directed against the FBI Resident Agency in Tacoma, Washington. This case is being handled by postal authorities, since the Resident Agency is located in a postal facility and the postal facility also incurred damage from the bombing. Head also stated the GJB was responsible for

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Airtel to Seattle
Re: George Jackson Brigade (GJB)

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b7C { the above-mentioned bombing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mead neither denied nor admitted being a member of the GJB. The GJB, membership of which is unknown, has claimed credit for several bombings in the State of Washington since April, 1975. Referenced call was made by SA [REDACTED] to Relief Supervisor [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SEATTLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SEATTLE	DATE 4/16/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/11 - 4/16/76	CONFIDENTIAL
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB) 2		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY cmf	
CHARACTER OF CASE IS				

REFERENCE: Bureau letter, 2/11/76.

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LEAD:

SEATTLE DIVISION
At Seattle, Washington

Will follow and report activities of GJB in the Seattle area on a six month basis.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF DATE 6/25/80 BP

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APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies being sent to San Francisco, Portland, and Sacramento for information purposes.

The Seattle Division is currently utilizing seven Special Agents on a full time basis to investigate nine unsolved bombings and attempted bombings which have occurred in western Washington State during the period from May 31, 1975, through December 31, 1975. The GJB has through their communiques taken credit for several of these bombings. In conjunction with the bombing investigation, efforts will be made to further identify members of the George Jackson Brigade.

All four communiques have been submitted to the Laboratory for appropriate examination. In addition to captioned case, the communiques are carried under the following captioned Seattle files:

SE 174-1100 UNSUB; Bombing of State of Washington,
Adult Corrections Office
Capitol Center Building
Fourth and Sylvester,
Olympia, Washington
May 31, 1975
EID
OO: SEATTLE

SE 174-1127 UNSUB; Bombing of Safeway Store
1410 East John Street
Seattle, Washington
September 18, 1975
EID
OO: SEATTLE

SE 174-1175 UNSUB; aka, George Jackson Brigade,
Bombing of Seattle City Light Substation
Northeast 41st and 45th Northeast Avenue
Seattle, Washington
December 31, 1975; and
Bombing of Safeway Distribution Center,
Bellevue, Washington
December 31, 1975
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MARK EDWIN COOK; EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, aka;
BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL, aka (Deceased);
JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN - Fugitive;
Pacific National Bank of Washington,
Tukwila Branch,
13451 Interurban Avenue South
Seattle, Washington
January 23, 1976
BR; NFA; SFOAA
OO: SEATTLE

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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(Characterization of
BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL)

Sources mentioned in details of report who were
contacted during March and April, 1976, are:

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Dates of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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Bombings mentioned in the newspaper article dated
March 30, 1976, of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" in Tacoma
and Everett, Washington, pertain to the following:

SE 174-1113

UNSUB; BOMBING OF U.S. POST OFFICE,
CUSTOMS HOUSE AND COURT HOUSE,
1102 A STREET, TACOMA, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 5, 1975,
EID
OO: SEATTLE

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SE 174-1114

UNSUB; BOMBING OF U.S. FEDERAL
BUILDING, 3006 COLBY AVENUE
EVERETT, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 6, 1975
EID
OO: SEATTLE

Copies furnished U.S. Secret Service, 525th MIG,
OSI, and NISO at their request so they can be kept advised
of terrorists activities in the State of Washington.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Seattle
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Report of: [REDACTED] **Office:** Seattle, Washington

Date: April 16, 1976

Field Office File #: SE 100-33069 **Bureau File #:**

Title: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY

Synopsis:

The George Jackson Brigade (GJB) is an organization that recently has taken credit, via communiques, for three bombings and two attempted bombings in western Washington which occurred during the period 5/31/75 through 12/31/75. Communiques regarding credit for these events were made available from the period 6/2/75 through 3/29/76. Communiques indicate GJB is essentially a revolutionary group who are directing their bombs and rhetoric toward correctional institutions, corporations (Safeway Markets), public utilities (Seattle City Light) and were recently involved in a local bank robbery on 1/23/76, in which an alleged member of the GJB was killed at the scene. Two of the three remaining subjects of this bank robbery were captured at the scene, one escaping custody on 3/10/76, in which a local sheriff's officer was wounded. Other remaining subject still in custody has made a statement to local press attributing some local bombings to GJB, but denies membership himself.

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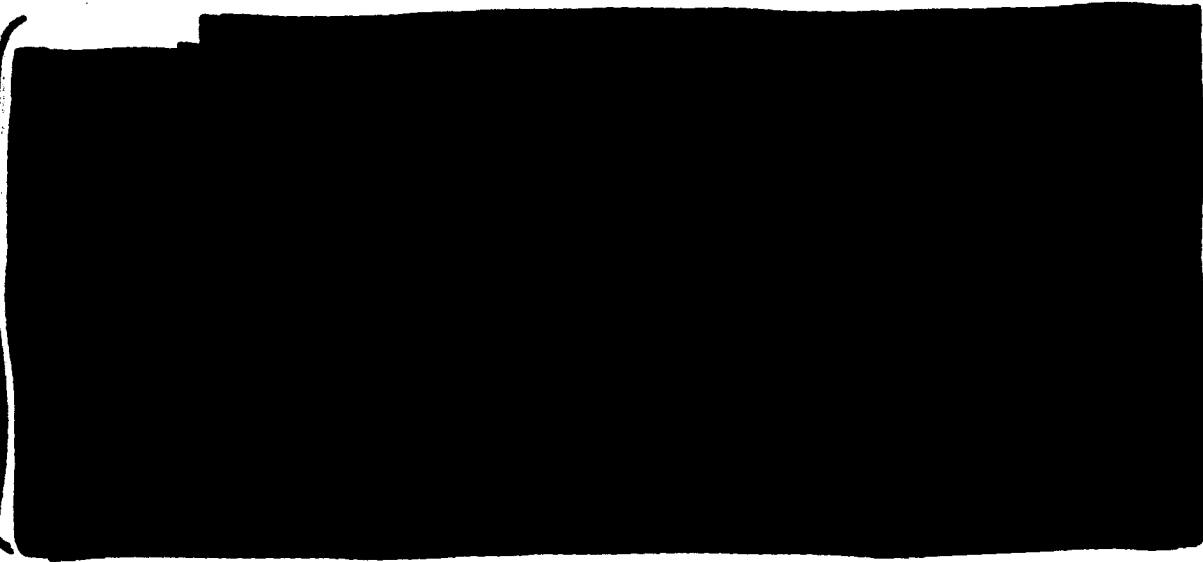
DETAILS:

A full investigation is being conducted of the George Jackson Brigade (GJB) as it is or may be engaged in activities which involves or will involve the use of force or violence and which involves or will involve a violation of the federal law for the purpose of overthrowing the U.S. Government or government of the State of Washington and substantially impairing interstate commerce.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past and are otherwise noted.

The GJB has publicly issued communiques taking credit for several local bombings and attempted bombings. Following is a brief summary of the four communiques as well as a bank robbery which took place on January 23, 1976, allegedly involving members of the GJB:

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AND FIREARMS (BATF)



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[redacted] a communique entitled "Communique from the George Jackson Brigade - Thursday September 18, 1975" was furnished this office [redacted]

This communique related that the George Jackson Brigade were responsible for placing a bomb at a Safeway Market at 15th and John, Seattle, Washington, on September 18, 1975. They were protesting the "criminal exploitation" by Safeway of farm workers, store clerks, and the general public. This bombing was also in revenge for the attempted bombing of the same market on September 15, 1975, in which the bomb prematurely exploded killing one of their "comrades" and was also in retaliation for the capture of four SLA members in San Francisco. In closing they suggested a "Victorious struggle against Safeway -- even if it takes reducing those two stores to burned-out ruins -- would be a major step in the direction toward people's power". The communique was signed The George Jackson Brigade and was followed by a rambling poem eulogizing fallen comrades.

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[redacted] a communique dated "New Year 1976" and entitled "Communique from the George Jackson Brigade" was [redacted]

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was made available to this office. In this communique the George Jackson Brigade claimed credit for a recent (December 31, 1975) bombing of a City Light substation in Laurelhurst, a wealthy suburb of Seattle, and two pipe bomb explosions at the Safeway Distribution Center in Bellevue, Washington, on the same date. Again th emphasis of the communique was a general harange on Safeway and referred to Safeway and City Light as "our own class enemies". Communique was signed "Love and Struggle, Happy New Year! The George Jackson Brigade".

On January 23, 1976, the Pacific National Bank of Washington, Tukwila Branch, 13451 Interurban Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, was robbed by four individuals. Tukwila is a small community approximately 15 miles south of Seattle. The Tukwila Police Department interceded during the time of the bank robbery which resulted in the death of one of the robbery suspects, BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL.

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The following two subjects were arrested at the } WASH
scene: JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, born August 28, 1942; and
EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, born November 6, 1941.

On March 10, 1976, SHERMAN escaped from custody and was assisted in this escape by two male Negroes, identity unknown. A King County Sheriff's deputy was seriously wounded during the escape. On March 10, 1976, the fourth member of the bank robbery, MARK EDWIN COOK, born October 26, 1936, was arrested by Bureau agents and Seattle Police Department. SHERMAN's whereabouts are currently unknown. WASH.

On April 12, 1976, MEAD was found guilty on state charges of assaulting police officers. The bank robbery trial involving MEAD and COOK will take place on April 19, 1976.

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a communique from the George Jackson Brigade entitled "International Women's Day Communique, George Jackson Brigade".

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[REDACTED] In this communique, the George Jackson Brigade claimed credit for the rescue of JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN who had been captured during an "unsuccessful attempt to expropriate \$43,000 from the Tukwila Branch of the Pacific National Bank of Washington". The communique suggested other members of the bank robbery were members of the George Jackson Brigade. Communique went on to comment on "tactical criticisms" of the unsuccessful bank robbery, the "murder of their comrade" (BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL), and the necessity to shoot the sheriff's deputy during the rescue of SHERMAN because "he failed to cooperate as fully as possible". SEIDEL is then further eulogized, the Grand Jury system criticized, and the communique concluded by sending "greetings and love to our comrade ED MEAD still in custody". Communique was signed "Love and Struggle, George Jackson Brigade, March 1976", and a poem follows.

In a newspaper article dated March 30, 1976, in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer", a Seattle newspaper published daily, MEAD remarked to a reporter that the George Jackson Brigade is responsible for the August 5 bomb attack on FBI offices in Tacoma and the bombing August 6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Everett. He further stated "There are a lot of actions that were never claimed by the Brigade". MEAD's statement, if true, would raise to six the number of bombings by the Brigade starting May 31, 1975, in Olympia to the New Years Eve destruction of a City Light substation.

In a newspaper article dated April 7, 1976, in the "Seattle Times", a Seattle newspaper published daily, MEAD, at his trial remarked "What we were doing we had an absolute right to do in order to further political goals" in remarking on the bank robbery. MEAD described himself as a communist whose philosophy is "extracted from the teachings of all revolutionary leaders". MEAD further said that "I'm going to put the issue of revolution on the agenda. It is government that needs to be tried, not me." MEAD said he believes "That this government must be brought down, and change can't happen peacefully . . . its going to take a revolution by the masses of people".

Sources acquainted with various militant and revolutionary type activities in the Seattle area were contacted routinely during March and April, 1976, and advised they were not acquainted with the George Jackson Brigade or any of its members outside of individuals whose names are in the local newspaper as having made statements to the press.

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Attached to this report are copies of each of the four communiques received from the George Jackson Brigade as mentioned above.

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

On October 1, 1975, the Revolutionary Union (RU) publicly announced the formation of the Revolutionary Communist Party of USA (RCP). The RU, a militant semi-covert Marxist-Leninist revolutionary organization ideologically oriented towards the People's Republic of China and the teachings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung, had as one of its main objectives, the founding of the RCP, and with the announcement of the formation of the RCP, the RU, as an organization, dissolved.

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The RCP has published a booklet entitled "Programme and Constitution of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA." This booklet states "The Programme is both a declaration of war on the ruling class and a battle plan for the working class of this country. The central task of the Revolutionary Communist Party today, as the Party of the U.S. working class, is to build the struggle, class consciousness and revolutionary unity of the working class, and develop its leadership on a broad united front against the U.S. imperialists This means the masses of workers must rise in arms, forcibly smash and dismantle the armed forces and political apparatus of the bourgeoisie and create in their place the organs of power of the armed working class."

The Constitution of the RCP states "The Revolutionary Communist Party takes Marxism-Leninism, MAO Tse-tung thought as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking. The basic programme of the Revolutionary Communist Party is the complete overthrow of the bourgeoisie, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat in place of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and the triumph of socialism over capitalism. The ultimate aim of the Party is the realization of communism."

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Thursday September 18, 1975

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE:

At 9:15 this evening we placed a call to the Safeway store at 15th & E. John and clearly told the employee who answered that "high explosives were planted in the store and would go off in 15 minutes — evacuate the store!" Simultaneously, we called the newscast of KING-TV and articulated the same message.

At 9:30 P.M. the bomb exploded inside Safeway. There had been no effort to heed our warning and no evacuation even in process. Our warning procedure was based on our own experiences and similar experiences of guerrillas in other parts of the country where injuries have also occurred. We clearly realize that our attacks must be discriminate and both serve and educate the everyday person. We also realize that as the contradictions heighten it becomes harder and harder to be ~~passive~~ a passive and innocent bystander in a war zone.

Our attack on the Capitol Hill Safeway had two purposes: First and foremost it was an act of love and solidarity toward a courageous comrade who risked and gave his life in the furtherance of his political convictions. Second, the bombing was in retaliation for the capture of four members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

We will not belabor the many ways in which Safeway criminally exploits farmworkers and its clerks, rips off the public through price fixing, and sells food ~~poisoned~~ poisoned by preservatives. Safeway is not only an agribusiness, but its tentacles reach out through the entire world and suck the spirit and blood of poor and oppressed peoples. These crimes are all well documented and have been the subject of numerous educationals, marches, demonstrations, boycotts, strikes, and even anti-trust suits.

Four days ago Po died while arming a bomb he had just planted behind this same Safeway. ~~He~~ He died because his oppression, today not just someday, was so real that he found it necessary to risk death in order to free himself.

We grieve over the murder of this comrade; just as we have grieved over the ~~my~~ murders and capture of George and Jonathan Jackson, the SLA, three dead weatherpeople, and countless other fallen warriors. But grief is not enough. We must transform our grief into righteous anger and our anger into directed action.

It is clearly within the power of the left to force Safeway out of the Capitol Hill Community. All that is required is the will to do so. Using a combination of both peaceful and violent tactics, people could educate and build toward a winning strategy. Progressive forces would have to reach out beyond themselves; talking to people at bus stops, going door to door asking people about their daily lives and their problems. A program should be developed and implemented around their grievances. People should be educated about Safeway and the need for selected violence.

It is time that people start thinking in terms of gaining control over their communities. A victorious struggle against Safeway — even if it takes reducing those two stores to burned-out ruins — would be a major step in the direction toward people's power.

Safeway Off Capitol Hill!

The George Jackson Brigade

WE CRY AND WE FIGHT

We have a right to cry for our dead,
for every life is unnamably precious
and the death of even one woman or one man
who loved the human race
is an intolerable loss.

Only the ~~few~~ frozen robot rulers of Amerikkka
have no tears for human suffering.
Only the fascists watch gleefully when people die.

For us, the life of each comrade is everything,
and is always remembered.

Someone somewhere thinks today of every fallen comrade:
of each of the thousands killed in 1927 at Shanghai,
of the vanguard at ~~Island~~ Moncada,
of the Vietnamese sapper blown up inside Dien Hoa.

Someone somewhere cries today for every fallen comrade:
for Che and Tania,
for Malcolm, George, and Jonathan,
Fred Hampton, Sam Melville,
Diana, Ted and Terry,
Sandra Pratt, Zoyd Shakur, Tynon Myers.

The memory of our immortal sisters and brothers
helps us to find our tears and rage.

Today our weeping and our anger are for Fatima, ~~Stacy~~ Cinque, Mizmoon,
Cecilia, Willie, and Celina, gone into History with the others.

Our grief is real, and it makes us stronger and more human.

Our rage is real, and it makes us righteous and powerful.

We cry, but keep on moving, building, loving!

We cry in the night and go see Buchell in the morning!

We cry one day and defy the grand jury the next!

In the dark of the night we put our arms around our friends to comfort them,
and in the dark of night we sympathize with them!

We turn our grief for the dead into love for the ~~the~~ living
and write a letter to Assata! (346 W. 20th St., N.Y.)

We cry for our comrades, and we step into their places!

WE CRY AND WE FIGHT!!

NEW YEAR 1976

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

At 12 midnight December 31, 1975, we exploded two bombs at Safeway's main office for the Seattle area in Bellevue, Wa. Simultaneously, in support of the City Light workers and their long and courageous strike, we bombed the main transformer supplying power to the very rich Laurelhurst Neighborhood.

CITY LIGHT, LAURELHURST.

We of the George Jackson Brigade are not City Light workers, but we do live and work in Seattle and City Light is our enemy too. For the past two years we have watched City Light workers stand up and fight for their rights. This has been in the face of a massive campaign by the ruling class to force poor and working people to shoulder the burden of this economic crisis. So we have chosen to bring in the New Year with respect and solidarity for the brave example the City Light workers have set by sabotaging the power source for Laurelhurst.

We urge the City Light workers to rely on the people; to tap, expand and direct the widespread support you have as a means to win your strike and to further the complex process of revolution and liberation for all oppressed people. And we urge all workers, poor, oppressed and progressive people in Seattle openly and materially demonstrate their support for City Light workers.

SAFEMAY OFFICES AND DEPOT, BELLEVUE.

"They call us bandits, yet every time most Black (and poor and working) people pick up our paychecks we are being robbed. Every time we walk into a store in our neighborhood we are being held up. And every time we pay our rent, the landlord sticks a gun in our ribs."

Assata Shakur,
Black Liberation Army Sister

Safeway is one of the largest corporations in the world. It is the world's largest food chain and a powerful agribusiness and imperialist. Safeway has effectively monopolized all facets of the food processing, distribution, and retailing industry on the west coast. As a large international landowner, it is the

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recipient of large federal subsidies and actively forced the small farmer from his land and livelihood. As a large grocer, Safeway has consistently and violently oppressed the farmworkers and fought their struggle for a union. Safeway makes its superprofits by charging poor and working people outrageously inflated prices for nutritionally deficient and chemically poisoned food.

So it is not surprising that Safeway has been the target of massive resistance by the people including pickets, boycotts, educational, demonstrations and anti-trust suits. And it is not surprising that Safeway has been the target of bombings and armed actions up and down the west coast throughout 1975.

Early this summer, at the 15th and John Safeway in Seattle a pin clothes mercenary shot an "alleged" shoplifter. In September our comrade Po in an independant action, died while arming a bomb behind that store. A few days later, and only a few hours after the capture of the SLA, we exploded a bomb inside that store in an attempt to complete the job Po began. Safeway disregarded our warning, and people inside the store shopping were injured.

This action was wrong because we brought violence and terror to a poor neighborhood; a neighborhood already racked with the violence of hunger and the terror of the police.

We have tried to make this New Year's attack a reflection of the lessons we learned this past year. We are not terrorists. Safeway and City Light are our own class enemies and the class enemies of all who have felt hunger in their bellies or who have been cold in the winter because they couldn't pay their electric bill. We have no qualms about bringing discriminate violence to the rich.

"For us there is always armed struggle. There are two kinds of armed struggle; the armed struggle in which the people fight empty handed, unarmed, while the imperialists or colonialists are armed and kill our people; and the armed struggle in which we prove we are not crazy by taking up arms to fight back against the criminal arms of the imperialists."

Amilcar Cabral
Guinea

LOVE AND STRUGGLE
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COMMUNIQUE

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

On March 10th, members of the George Jackson Brigade rescued our comrade John W. Sherman from police custody. John had been captured during our unsuccessful attempt to expropriate \$43,000.00 from the Tukwila branch of the Pacific National Bank of Washington. A brutal attack by Tukwila police and King County sheriffs left our comrade Bruce Seidel dead, Sherman shot in the jaw, and Sherman and comrade Ed Mead in custody. All other participating units of the Brigade escaped after firing on police from the rear in an attempt to assist our three comrades trapped in the bank.

There can be no revolution without money - for weapons, explosives, survival, organizing, printing, etc. The people are poor. We will make the ruling class pay for its own destruction by expropriating our funds from them and their banks.

We have so far identified the following tactical criticisms of the Tukwila action: 1) We were unprepared for the level of violence that the pigs were willing to bring down on us and the innocent people in the bank. We should have had better combat training. 2) We waited too long to open fire on the pigs. We should have fired without hesitation on the first pig to arrive. Failure to do this allowed the police to murder our comrade while he was trying to surrender, and endangered everyone in the bank. 3) A silent alarm was tripped when we removed all of the money from a teller's drawer. When the phone began to ring to authenticate the alarm, our comrades should have split immediately with whatever they had in their hands. Instead, they stayed to clean out the safe. 4) Our comrades across the street should have had more firepower than they did. We had an enormous tactical advantage which we were unable to exploit because it took so long to bring the superior firepower that we did have into action. 5) Our getaway route was excellent. Comrades were able to remain in the area, firing on the pigs until the three comrades inside the bank were taken into custody, and still get away clean. Over all, this action failed because we were not prepared to meet police terrorism with a sufficient level of revolutionary violence.

In the course of the escape raid it became necessary to shoot the police officer guarding Sherman. We did not shoot officer Johnson in retaliation for Bruce's murder. In fact, it was our intention to avoid shooting him. He was shot because he failed to cooperate as fully as possible with the comrade who was assigned to him. One of the many lessons we learned from Tukwila is that we cannot afford to give the police any slack when confronting them. While we don't particularly want to shoot police, we don't particularly

care either. We will shoot without hesitation any police officer who endangers us. Also, we fully intend to get justice for Bruce's murder, but we prefer to retaliate against the murders themselves: officers Abbot and Matthews.

Bruce saw himself as an inevitable product of the mass movement. Years of struggle for progressive change taught him that poor and working people will not listen to communists who are unwilling and unprepared to back their demands with revolutionary violence. Bruce understood the need for a movement with real (not symbolic) teeth, and he set about changing this understanding into a reality. His contribution to this process is beyond measure. Had he survived beyond his mid-twenties, he would have changed far more than the shape of Northwest politics.

Bruce recognized and implemented the need to expropriate banks as a means of furthering specific political goals. He also understood the possible risk of capture or death involved in such an undertaking. Unlike so many of his racist counterparts, Bruce did not believe the lives of U.S. communists to be somehow more precious than those of comrades throughout the world who are fighting and dying in the international class war against imperialism.

The death of our comrade weighs like a mountain on our shoulders. We loved Bruce in life and we love him in death. His passing leaves us with more than grief and sorrow; it has kindled a rage that will not be abated until his killers and the class they serve are destroyed along with the misery and suffering they bring to all humanity.

We are learning to avoid the self-appointed "left"; to go directly to the people and to rely on them for our strength. The people in our community have made enormous sacrifices and have given us shelter and sustenance and safety from the pigs. Because of this, the escape raid is a complete success. The victory belongs to the people.

We're also learning to rely on ourselves. Using urban guerilla ingenuity, members of the George Jackson Brigade removed the torsion arch bars from comrade Sherman's mouth.

Our comrade is free, the pigs have been badly beaten and they're throwing a temper tantrum. They are using their Grand Jury to try to terrorize the people by issuing subpoenas to numerous progressive people and hauling them before their star chamber. Now they have started taking hostages from among progressive above ground fighters. But they will soon learn that the people don't terrorize so easily. And they would do well to remember that what goes around - comes around.

We send our greetings and love to our comrade Ed Mead still in custody and to all freedom fighters above ground, underground and locked down. Take heart Ed, we miss you and we continue fighting. Later.

We urge all progressive people in Seattle to organize and fight the Grand Jury. Struggle for correct politics. Don't talk to the FBI. Don't testify. Don't collaborate. Support the hostages.

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATE THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN STRUGGLE

Love and Struggle,

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE
March, 1976

In order to authenticate this communique, we are sending a bullet recently fired from a gun used across the street from the bank to the Post-Intelligencer (Seattle). We are also sending one of the torsion arch bars from comrade Sherman's mouth to KZAM, a Bellevue radio station.

We're not all white and we're not all men
said a white male member
of our collective
to a liberal masked media man

Why struggle with
arms, tools, commie Q's?
dykes niggers cons
when you could slip away with
left support action
or vague mass movement construction

I can love
I can slip into class, bitch privilege
love don't mean unity with another
privilege doesn't change alienation
both mean slipping into darkness
alienation is masses of couples buying
coca cola and grapes at safeway
and owning own stereos t.v.'s and cribs

Just like slumlords pimps I.T.T
organized us
We will dis organize
learn struggle and skills
move ment action new ways

Not the vague vanguard
We are a collection
of oppressed people turning
inside out with action
this united few breaks
barriers of
race class sex
workers and lurpen
all going together
combatting dull sameness
corporations, government
and the established rule of
straight white cocks

I cannot be one
acting alone with my
little toe outside the line
its both feet
whole body
ain't no turning back now
no more mass meetings stale mating action

Loving learning laboring
with a few comrades
oh won't you harbor me?
joining you sistah brother
is freedom, Sue, Assata
George, Jill, Martin
new family being sane
small, not like charlie's
leador ship

We are cozy cuddly
armed and dangerous
and we will
raze the fucking prisons
to the ground

Love and Struggle
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COMMUNIQUE ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY COMMUNIQUE-GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE". THE COMMUNIQUE WAS A THREE PAGE NARRATIVE REGARDING (1) WHAT WENT WRONG AT CAPTIONED BANK ROBBERY; (2) CLAIMING CREDIT FOR ESCAPE OF JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN ON MARCH 10, 1976; AND

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(3) EULOGIZED THE DEATH OF BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL. NARRATIVE ENDED WITH STATEMENT "LOVE AND STRUGGLE, GEORGE JACKSON GRIGADE MARCH, 1976".

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN IS SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED BANK ROBBERY WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE SCENE AND WHO WAS SHOT IN THE JAW DURING COURSE OF ROBBERY. ON MARCH 10, 1976, WHILE RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION HE ESCAPED FROM KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S CUSTODY WITH THE HELP OF TWO BLACK MALES ONE OF WHOM SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED SHERIFF'S OFFICER. BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL, THE SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED BANK ROBBERY, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY TUKWILA POLICE DEPARTMENT AT SCENE OF ROBBERY.

ALSO ENCLOSED IN THE LETTER WAS A 38 OR 9 MM BULLETT ALLEGEDLY FIRED FROM ONE OF THE GUNS USED IN THE BR. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ADVISED THAT A STEEL ARCH JAW BRACE WORN BY SHERMAN AT TIME OF ESCAPE WAS TO BE MAILED TO KZAM RADIO IN BELLEVUE, A SUBURB OF SEATTLE. THE REMAINDER OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ESSENTIALLY REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC AND RAMBLING POEM OF SIMILAR NATURE WAS ALSO ENCLOSED. JAW BRACE RECEIVED 3-30-76. CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF ABOVE.

ON MARCH 29, 1976, WRIGHT SPOKE WITH EDWARD ALLEN MEAD AT KING COUNTY JAIL, SEATTLE, WHERE HE IS BEING HELD AWAITING TRAIL ON STATE AND FEDERAL CHARGES ARISING FROM CAPTIONED ROBBERY. AFTER BEING

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SHOWN A COPY OF ABOVE DESCRIBED GEORGE JACKSON COMMUNIQUE, MEAD MADE A STATEMENT TO WRIGHT THAT THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AUGUST 5, 1975, BOMBING ATTACK ON THE FBI RA IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON (SEFILE 174-1113), BEING INVESTIGATED BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES, AND THE AUGUST 6, 1975, BOMBING OF THE BIA OFFICE IN EVERETT, (SE FILE 174-1114) BEING INVESTIGATED BY SEATTLE FBI. MEAD NEITHER DENIED OR ADMITTED HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE. HE ADVISED COMMUNIQUE WAS PROBABLY ENTITLED INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY COMMUNIQUE "TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE BRIGADE, THE LEADING ROLE OF WOMEN".

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b7D > [REDACTED] BULLET WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LABORATORY WHICH HAS DONE THE BALLISTICS EXAMINATION REGARDING THE BULLET TAKEN FROM SHERMAN'S JAW FOLLOWING HIS ARREST FOR CAPTIONED BANK ROBBERY. COMMUNIQUE BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER UNDER SEATTLE FILE 91-4769 TO FBI IDENT DIVISION FOR APPROPRIATE LATENT EXAMINATION. INTENSE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE SHERMAN AND IDENTIFY MEMBERS OF THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE. INVESTIGATION INCLUDING CONFERENCES WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, USA, ATF AND POSTAL LEADERS TO ENSURE ALL ASPECTS OF CASE FULLY DEVELOPED.

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6/11/76

The Attorney General
Attention: Office of Policy and Planning
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GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

FROM : *JW* SAC, SEATTLE (100-33069) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)
~~EIB~~ SM-GJB
OO: SEATTLE

DATE: 6/8/76

Re Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 4/16/76 and Bureau airtel to Albany dated 5/21/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM suitable for appropriate dissemination to the Department.

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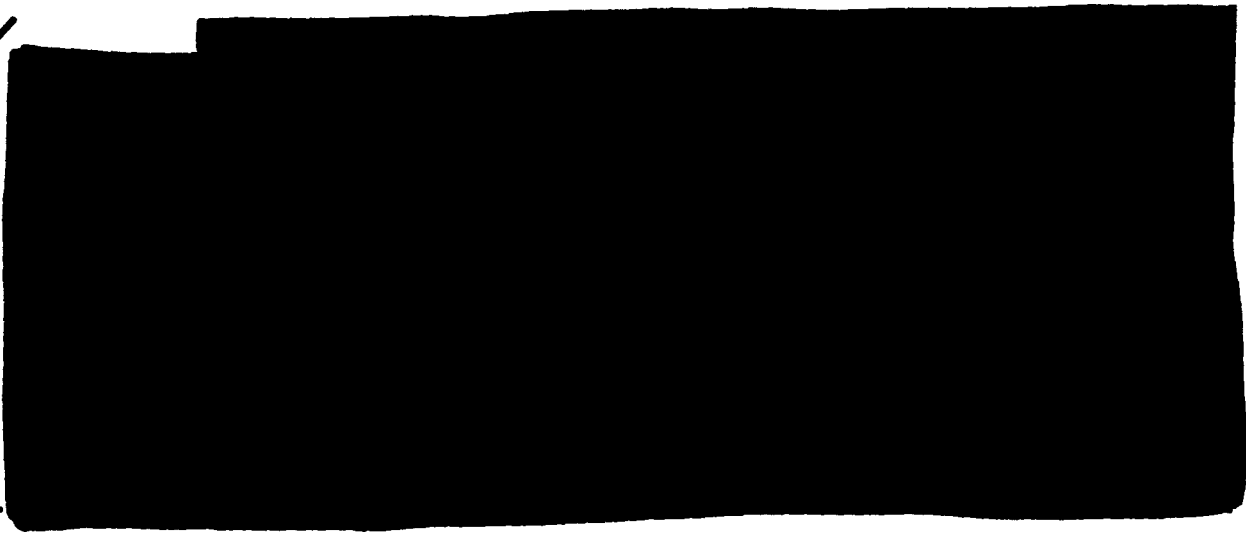
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RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)

This full investigation is based on information giving reason to believe the ~~GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)~~ is or may be engaged in activities which involves or will involve the use of force or violence or which violates or will involve violation of the federal law for the purpose of overthrowing the United States Government or the government of the State of Washington and substantially impairing interstate commerce.

The basis of the investigation stems from specific remarks and admissions of actions made through communiques by the GJB taking credit for certain bombings within Western Washington State involving Safeway Grocery Stores and buildings, a city power substation, involvement in a local bank robbery, and the assault on a law enforcement officer in order to free an arrested member of the above mentioned bank robbery. Following is a brief summary of communiques received to date and facts relative to the bank robbery allegedly perpetrated by the GJB:

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67D { [redacted] a communique entitled "Comminque from the George Jackson Brigade - Thursday September 18, 1975" was furnished this office [redacted]

[redacted] This communique related that the George Jackson Brigade were responsible for placing a bomb at a Safeway Market at 15th & John, Seattle, Washington, on September 18, 1975. They were protesting the "criminal exploitation" by Safeway of farm workers, store clerks, and the general public. This bombing was also in revenge for the attempted bombing of the same market on September 15, 1975, in which the bomb prematurely exploded killing one of their "comrades" and was also in retaliation for the capture of four SLA members in San Francisco. In closing they suggested a "Victorious struggle against Safeway-- even if it takes reducing those two stores to burned-out ruins-- would be a major step in the direction toward people's power". The communique was signed The George Jackson Brigade and was followed by a rambling poem eulogizing fallen comrades.

67D { [redacted] a communique dated "New Year 1976" and entitled "Comminque from the George Jackson Brigade" was [redacted]

was made available to this office. In this communique the George Jackson Brigade claimed credit for a recent (12/31/75) bombing of a City Light substation in the Laurelhurst, a wealthy suburb of Seattle, and two pipe bomb explosions at the Safeway Distribution Center in Bellevue, Washington, on the same date. Again the emphasis of the communique was a general harange on Safeway and referred to Safeway and City Light as "our own class enemies". Communique was signed "Love and Struggle, Happy New Year! The George Jackson Brigade".

On 1/23/76, the Pacific National Bank of Washington, Tukwila Branch, 13451 Interurban Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, was robbed by four individuals. Tukwila is a small community approximately 15 miles south of Seattle. The Tukwila Police Department interceded during the time of the bank robbery which resulted in the death of one of the robbery suspects, BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL.

The following two subjects were arrested at the scene: JOHN WILLIAM-SHERMAN, born 8/28/42; and EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, born 11/6/41.

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On 3/10/76, SHERMAN escaped from custody and was assisted in this escape by two male Negroes, identity unknown. A King County Sheriff's deputy was seriously wounded during the escape. On 3/10/76, the fourth member of the bank robbery, MARK EDWIN COOK, born 10/26/36, was arrested by Bureau Agents and Seattle Police Department. SHERMAN's whereabouts are currently unknown.

On 4/12/76, MEAD was found guilty on state charges of assaulting police officers. The bank robbery trial involving MEAD and COOK will take place 4/19/76.

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a communique from the GJB entitled "International Women's Day Communique, George Jackson Brigade". [REDACTED]

In this communique, the GJB claimed credit for the rescue of JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN who had been captured during an "unsuccessful attempt to expropriate \$43,000 from the Tukwila Branch of the Pacific National Bank of Washington". The communique suggested other members of the bank robbery were members of the GJB. Communique went on to comment on "tactical criticisms" of the unsuccessful bank robbery, the "murder of their comrade" (BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL), and the necessity to shoot the sheriff's deputy during the rescue of SHERMAN because "he failed to cooperate as fully as possible". SEIDEL is then further eulogized, the Grand Jury system criticized, and the communique concluded by sending "greetings and love to our comrade ED MEAD still in custody". Communique was signed "Love and Struggle, George Jackson Brigade, March 1976", and a poem follows.

EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, born 11/6/41 has made numerous statements to the local Seattle newspapers regarding his involvement and membership of the GJB. Following is a summary of these remarks:

In a newspaper article dated 3/30/76, in the "Seattle Post Intelligencer", a Seattle newspaper published daily, MEAD remarked to a reporter that the George Jackson Brigade is responsible for the August 5 bomb attack on FBI Offices in Tacoma and the bombing August 6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Everett. He further stated "There are a lot of actions that were never claimed by the Brigade". MEAD's statement, if

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true, would raise to six the number of bombings by the Brigade starting May 31, 1975, in Olympia to the New Years Eve destruction of a City Light substation.

In a newspaper article dated 4/7/76, in the "Seattle Times", a Seattle newspaper published daily, MEAD, at his trial remarked "what we were doing we had an absolute right to do in order to further political goals" in remarking on the bank robbery. MEAD described himself as a communist whose philosophy is "extracted from the teachings of all revolutionary leaders". MEAD further said that "I'm going to put the issue of revolution on the agenda. It is government that needs to be tried, not me." MEAD said he believes "That this government must be brought down, and change can't happen peacefully...its going to take a revolution by the masses of people".

In a newspaper article dated 4/21/76 in the "Seattle Times", MEAD acknowledges his membership in the GJB stated in a recent interview with a Seattle reporter "We believe that this government must be brought down, and change can't happen peacefully...it is going to take a revolution by the masses of common people". MEAD described the Tukwila bank robbery as a "military operation" which involved an elaborate diversion plan with fake bombs, three getaway cars, radio communications and heavily armed "comrades". The Brigade is named after a California prisoner and writer killed during an escape attempt in 1971 sent in a communique last month that the robbery was to acquire money "for weapons, explosives and survival". The Brigade has also taken responsibility for SHERMAN's escape in which an accomplice seriously wounded a county policeman escorting SHERMAN to a hospital for a wound received during the robbery.

In a newspaper article dated 4/22/76 in the "Seattle Times" it was reported that EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, 34, proclaimed member of the GJB was sentenced today in the Superior Court two consecutive life terms for shooting at police during an attempted Tukwila bank robbery on 1/23/76.

In a newspaper article dated 5/19/76 in the "Seattle Post Intelligencer" it was reported that a Federal Grand Jury investigating the revolutionary GJB brought new charges against two of its avowed members and MARK EDWIN COOK in a wide range conspiracy indictment. The Jury said the conspiracy not only included a January 23 bank robbery attempt in Tukwila, Washington and a bloody jail escape on March 10 but also involved the plot to rob another bank and planned to free any captured members from McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary or Walla Walla State Prison, the indictment said. The Grand Jury indictment charged COOK,

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MEAD, JOHN SHERMAN, BRUCE SEIDEL and others who conspired to rob banks to finance the purchase of guns and explosives, and made plans to free anyone who might be captured in the process.

The threat by the GJB is apparent, not only from the rhetoric found in its communiques but through actions involving local bombings and bank robberies in order to "expropriate" funds to further the political goals which clearly reflect acts of violence to reach these goals. Exact membership and leadership has not as yet been determined and sources acquainted with various militant and revolutionary type activities in the Seattle area which have recently been contacted have advised they are not acquainted with the GJB or any of its members outside of those individuals whose names are in the local newspapers as having made statements to the press. Current investigation by the Bureau is focused primarily on the apprehension of JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and the establishment of sources who can further identify members and/or future activities of the GJB. It should be noted that the six bombings mentioned by the GJB in their communiques took place between a six month period from 5/31/75 through 12/31/76 whereas no additional unsolved bombing either "claimed" or otherwise have occurred since that time. Nevertheless, in view of the GJB's past activities and until SHERMAN is apprehended and brought to trial it is recommended that a full investigation of the GJB be continued until it can be sufficiently determined if it is a fully developed revolutionary organization built on the violent overthrow of the government.

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The Attorney General
Attention: Office of Policy and Planning
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Director, FBI

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation concerning captioned matter in accordance with the current guidelines for domestic security investigations.

Reference: Bureau letter 6/11/76. ^{SER. 4}

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-29596-²⁹⁵⁹⁵⁶)

DATE: 8/20/76

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-33069) (C)

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)

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Re Seattle letter to Bureau, 6/8/76; Bureau airtel to Seattle, 7/14/76; and Seattle letter to Bureau, 7/30/76.

Recent investigation regarding the George Jackson Brigade (GJB) has failed to establish any increase in its membership or complexity in its operation or announcements by the Brigade to suggest in any manner that it is a bonafide group carrying on an organized program of violence for the purpose of overthrowing the U.S. Government, the government of the State of Washington, or substantially impairing interstate commerce.

The most prominent and apparently only members of the GJB are or were BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL, EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, MARK EDWIN COOK and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN.

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As earlier reported, the above four subjects, SEIDEL, MEAD, COOK, and SHERMAN, were participants in a bank robbery in Tukwila, Washington, on January 23, 1976, in which SEIDEL was killed at the scene in a shoot out with Tukwila Police Department officers. MEAD and SHERMAN were arrested at the scene. On March 10, 1976, SHERMAN escaped from custody and was assisted by two male Negroes, one later identified by an officer at the scene of the escape as MARK COOK. COOK arrested May 11, 1976, by Bureau agents.

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On June 25, 1976, COOK was found guilty on the bank robbery charge and on August 6, 1976, was sentenced to 25 and 5 years on a two count indictment, the sentence to run consecutively.

On July 7, 1976, MEAD was found guilty on the bank robbery charge, and on August 6, 1976, was sentenced to 25 and 5 years on a two count indictment, also to run consecutively.

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN remains a fugitive and investigation regarding his location and apprehension is being worked out of Seattle file 91-4769 (Bufile 91-60165).

In the past the Brigade has issued several communiques, previously reported, attesting to several bombings in the State of Washington from May, 1975, through December 31, 1975. These bombings are being investigated out of Seattle file 174-1127 (Bufile 174-6402). There have been no additional bombings in Western Washington since December 31, 1975, and there were no local instances of a bombing matter pertaining to the bicentennial celebration during July, 1976.

In view of ongoing investigation regarding JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, a fugitive, and local bombings, Seattle Division is closing its file on the GJB in that investigation has revealed little to suggest that the GJB was anything aside from a mini-organization involving a local bank robbery gang whose membership espoused typical New Left rhetoric which came to the attention of news media only after gang members had bungled a local bank robbery leaving one member dead, two in custody, and one on the run.

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RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE
INTERNAL SECURITY
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REMARKS: Attached furnished for information.

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Letter from: Michelle Whitnack

Caught in the Grand Jury Whirl

Dear Sisters,

The fine folks of Leftist Lezzies here suggested that I write an article on our little wars here with the government. Being, however, sick unto death of writing articles, I hope you'll humor my waning sanity and accept a letter instead.

I am a woman being held in Seattle/King County Jail to "coerce" me to testify before a federal grand jury conducting a witchhunt for the George Jackson Brigade. I've been here seven weeks today; I expect to be released when the grand jury ends - fifteen months from tomorrow.

So far about a dozen of us have been subpoenaed in this investigation, for having friends or politics which displease the government. (I was subpoenaed for being a friend of Po Ford, who died trying to bomb a Safeway store here - he never was associated with the GJB - and for having been active in prison work and a one-time member of the Left Bank Books Collective.) The government seems to have backed down on seven; I'm in jail; and four are still pending.

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"Women's Press"

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We, as "Witnesses," are charged with no "crime" and therefore are entitled to none of the rights accorded to a criminal defendant: we have no right to remain silent, to have counsel, to avoid self-incrimination, to a trial before imprisonment.. the list goes on. Not that I consider myself to be getting really worse treatment than anyone else who comes before the "criminal justice" system: in my case, they just aren't prettying it up with an indictment.

...Not that they aren't trying: after I was jailed, an effort got underway by the prosecutor's office to frame me for a GJB bombing (the Laurelhurst City Light substation on New Year's Eve). I was dragged by five marshals to a lineup, where a "witness" identified me as "the woman who climbed up a tree" by the substation the afternoon before.

No one, including the press, was too convinced: the "witness" had admittedly been shown photos of me before the lineup (as was done with Mark Cook, a black prison activist likewise framed for nonexistent GJB involvement): folks who checked the site say that a) there's no reason to climb a tree to case the substation, and b) the only tree that would hold my weight has no branches for ten feet up; at 5'6" and 195 pounds, I'm not the most athletic, proficient

tree-climber you'll ever meet; Ed Mead, a GJB member captured in February, has stated that there were no women - much less anyone of my description - involved in that particular action; my position of critical support for the GJB has included some pretty scathing public criticism in the past, before they cleaned up their act with regard to people's safety; the prosecutor's motives (to scare me to testify, to make me a "warning to other witnesses, and to justify jailing me without charge or trial to the press and public) were all too obvious even to the straight media; and last (and, considering, probably least where the courts are concerned), I just plain didn't do it. I am not, nor have I ever been, a member of the GJB; nor have I helped or participated in any of their actions. And I couldn't lead the government to them if I wanted to; anyway, I'd rot in jail the rest of my life before helping put anyone in prison.

Though I'm the only one jailed here so far, I consider myself in many ways the most fortunate of the "witnesses." Four years of prison work made jail a much less shadowy threat to me, and easier to deal with; and when I start feeling sorry for myself, I'm sustained by the courage of folks I love

...serving indeterminate (life) sentences in California, and can remind myself that my little seventeen months ain't nothin. I've learned that I can cope with a spectre - the grand jury - that's haunted me for years, without breaking down. I've seen better than anyone how incredibly people - especially folks from the womens' movement, in which I was never very heavily involved - have come through when the going got rough. Through the grand jury wars, I've met two people who have helped me hold together as I could never begin to express: John Ziegler, the first lawyer I've ever admitted I love, and Laurie Raymond. Just to have met those two makes the whole nightmare worthwhile - and that's not lightly said from my present perch.

In fact, Laurie is so devoted a sister that she's in here to keep me company right now - and brought two friends with her! Jo Maynes, Alice Ray-Keil and Laurie were arrested for a Pacific Life Community action against Trident Nuclear Submarine Base (cutting fences), and are serving 30-day sentences. Jo, Laurie and other PLC mem-

bers also have a trial pending another similar action.

...And Laurie also goes to trial November 8 for "assaulting a federal marshal" (as I was handcuffed to be jailed for refusing to cooperate with the grand jury). She faces up to three years and a \$5,000 fine.

Well, the Seattle left community can hardly be accused of shirking our duty to contribute to the current prison population explosion.

Of course, life goes on in jail. Since I've been here, I've offered the tiny nudge required to start a tremendous campaign for medical care here in the Women's Jail. Leftist Lez-zies picked up the ball outside and coordinated a short-notice demonstration of 150 people on Saturday (9/4). People are really getting behind our situation and the jail administration is clutching desperately for excuses - or, in some cases, saying up front that prisoners (especially us "hysterical" women) don't deserve good medical care. We will see some changes!

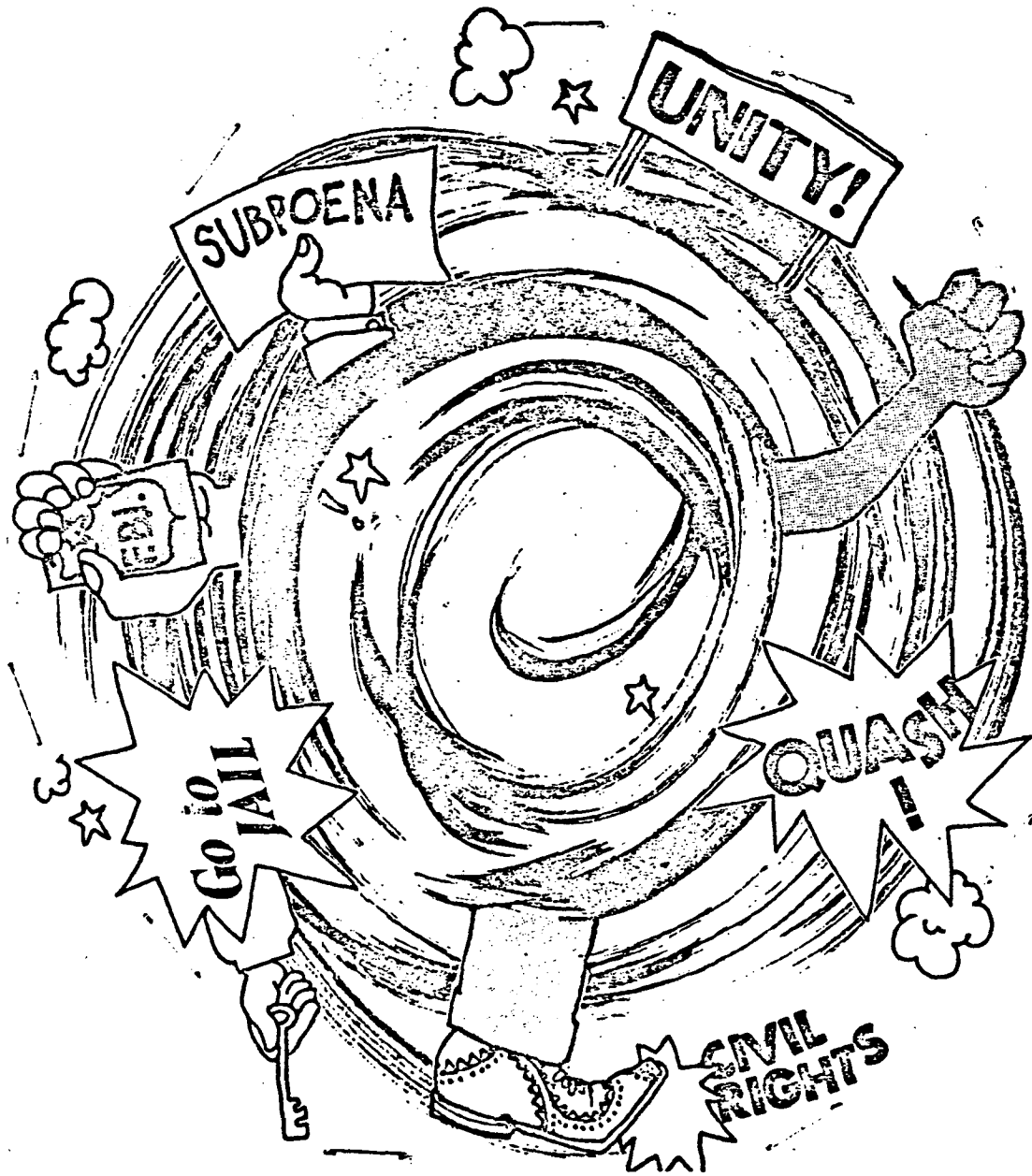
Meanwhile, outside, work is progressing on the big old house (Sheep Ranch) that Laurie and I had just bought before I was jailed. (Objectively, this may have been a foolish move; but we were made an offer we couldn't refuse. Besides, I think we felt a need to assert our right to have lives, in spite of the government, and create a home as some base of stability for ourselves and the two children, Lily and Dan...and at the time we didn't know Laurie would pick up an assault charge. Oh well...) We feel optimistic about our chances of not losing the house. And Lily and Dan are with good people. The community has really come through tremendously with help.

So we're holding up. We do, however, desperately need help in the money (for support of Sheep Ranch and the children as well as for our legal defenses) and publicity departments. (Contributions or whatever can be sent to: Deep Freeze, PO box 12847, Seattle, WA 98111) We've also considered the idea of autonomous defense committees in different cities. If anyone has energy and interest in such an endeavor, drop me a line and let's get stuff moving! (c/o Womens' Jail, Public Safety Bldg., Seattle, WA 98104) Mailing lists would be real helpful, as would "piggyback" offers with papers...

Thanks for bearing with me in my (as usual) lengthy blatherins!

Love and Struggle

Michelle Whitnack



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Preliminary investigation has been initiated on the following organization individual and a search of FBIHQ files is requested:

Name/Aliases: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE
Birth date:
Birthplace:
Residence:
Employment:
Description:
Other:
Sex:
Race:
Basic Allegation:
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Since September, 1975, an organization identified as the George Jackson Brigade (GJB) has claimed responsibility for numerous bombings and bank robberies in the State of Washington; approximately six bank robberies in the State of Oregon; and members of the brigade were involved in a

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- Insufficient information on which to base search
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- No basis to investigate; close case

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bank robbery at Tukwila, Washington, and a subsequent successful escape of one of the robbers, captured after the robbery, in which gunfire was exchanged and an officer was wounded.

In view of the GJB's obvious propensity for force violence, and its blatant violation of Federal law, it is recommended Portland conduct investigation in an effort to determine GJB sympathizers and contacts in the Portland Division.

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UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK 2245 N.E. BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD REDMOND, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977. EID, OO: SEATTLE.

UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTING BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 315 116TH AVENUE N.E., BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977. EID, OO: SEATTLE.

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ON MAY 13, 1977, SEATTLE DIVISION INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] } b7D

[REDACTED] AND PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS MADE WHICH INCLUDE PHOTOS OF JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, KNOWN MEMBER OF THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE AND CURRENTLY FEDERAL BANK ROBBERY FUGITIVE IN WASHINGTON AND IDENTIFIED IN SIX BANK ROBBERIES IN THE STATE OF OREGON.

PHOTO SPREAD ALSO INCLUDED RITA DARLENE BROWN AND THERESE ANN COUPEZ, KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF SHERMAN WHO HAVE AIDED HIM IN BANK ROBBERIES.

[REDACTED] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE IN PHOTO DISPLAY. - b7D

INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE SAME COUPLE RENTED BOTH SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES ON MAY 9, 1977, AND THAT FEMALE MADE ENTRY TO EACH BOX ON MAY 12, 1977. THE COUPLE UTILIZED THE NAMES KARL J. NEWLAND AND CAROL A. NEWLAND.

KARL NEWLAND DESCRIBED AS WM, 6'0", 170 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OF AGE. CAROL NEWLAND DESCRIBED AS WF, 5'6", 120 - 130 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, APPROXIMATELY 27 YEARS OF AGE. SEATTLE NOTES THAT JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN HAS UTILIZED ALIAS OF KARL JOSEPH NEWLAND.

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SEATTLE DIVISION HAS SECURED CRIME SCENE AT RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, REDMOND, AND HAS OBTAINED ALL DOCUMENTS THAT WERE HANDLED BY THE NEWLANDS. SEATTLE HAS OBTAINED ALL DOCUMENT AND BOMB COMPONENTS FROM RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, BELLEVUE, FROM THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH REDMOND AND BELLEVUE POLICE.

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[REDACTED] COPIES OF THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE COMMUNIQUE.

THE PHONE BOOTHS WHERE THE COMMUNIQUE WERE LOCATED HAVE BEEN PROCESSED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ALL COMPANIES MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE THAT THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE ARE AGAINST HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND INCLUDE WEYERHAUSER COMPANY, PACIFIC CAR AND FOUNDRY, SAFECO INSURANCE, BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY AND SEATTLE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. ALL THESE COMPANIES ARE LOCATED IN KING COUNTY WASHINGTON.

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ALL MAJOR BANKS IN WASHINGTON STATE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED REGARDING JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, HIS ASSOCIATES AND THEIR KNOWN ALIASES. EACH BANK CHECKED EXISTING COURTS FOR THESE NAMES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A FLYER WITH PHOTOS OF SHERMAN AND ASSOCIATES HAS BEEN PREPARED AND BEING CIRCULATED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BANKING ASSOCIATES TO ALL WASHINGTON BANKS.

ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH THE FLYER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. ALL WEST COAST OFFICES NOTIFIED BY TELETYPE MAY 15, 1977.

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