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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

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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. FID. OO: SEATTLE.

UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTING BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 815 116TH AVENUE N.E., BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977. FID. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY 13, 1977.

DUE TO QUALITY OF COPY, THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE IS BEING SENT BY TELETYPE RATHER THAN FACSIMILE.

THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

MAYDAY COMMUNIQUE

~~7 JUN 23 1977~~

TODAY THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE BOMBED TWO BELLEVUE BRANCHES OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK IN SUPPORT OF THE PRISONERS' STRUGGLE AT

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WALLA WALLA STATE PRISON. WE CHOSE PANIER NATIONAL BANK AS A TARGET BECAUSE OF ITS LINKS TO THE SEATTLE TIMES, A BOURGEOIS DAILY NEWSPAPER. THE SEATTLE TIMES HAS LED THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN SEATTLE AGAINST THE PRISONERS.

#### WALLA WALLA

THE PAST YEAR HAS SEEN THE STRENGTHENING OF PRISONER STRUGGLES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. THERE HAVE BEEN HUNGER STRIKES, WORK STRIKES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND UPRISINGS AT PURDY, MCNEIL ISLAND, AND WALLA WALLA. FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, THE PRISONERS AT WALLA WALLA HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THESE STRUGGLES.

IN OCTOBER AND IN DECEMBER, 1976, PRISONERS IN THE SEGREGATION UNITS (THE HOLE), STAGED A HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST GUARDS TAMPERING WITH THEIR FOOD AND THE OVERALL BRUTALITY OF THE HOLE. IN JANUARY, THE WALLA WALLA BROTHERS ISSUED DEMANDS FROM THE HOLE WHICH INCLUDED: SHUTTING DOWN THE INFAMOUS BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAMS; FIRING THREE BRUTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT (PSYCHIATRIC TORTURE UNIT); COLLECTIVIZATION OF THE THERAPY PROGRAMS; AND DUE PROCESS IN THE HOLE. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD THE RESIDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL (RGC) TRIED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION AROUND GRIEVANCES. THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT STEAD-

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FASTLY IGNORED THESE EFFORTS.

AND THINGS CONTINUED TO GET WORSE IN THE HOLE.

ON APRIL 5, A CIGARETTE LIGHTER BOMB BLEW UP IN THE HAND OF A PARTICULARLY HATED WALLA WALLA SEGREGATION GUARD. THIS HAPPENED WHILE HE WAS ESCORTING A PRISONER FROM THE PRISON TO WALLA WALLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE. (ALTHOUGH POLICE THERE IMMEDIATELY CLAIMED "GOOD LEADS" AND A "SUSPECT" INSIDE THE PRISON, THEY HAVEN'T SO FAR CHARGED ANYBODY. PERHAPS THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT SCAPEGOAT.)

USING THIS INCIDENT AS AN EXCUSE, THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION, LED BY R.J. RHAY, IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON ALL PRISONER RESISTANCE AND ORGANIZATION. STARTING WITH THE HOLE, THEY HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY RANSACKED AND LOOTED ALL CELLS AND MEETING AREAS.

ON APRIL 10, WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION WAS STILL BUSY WITH THE HOLE, PRISONERS IN THE GENERAL POPULATION RESPONDED TO THIS ATTACK WITH A WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED RAID ON THE PRISON STORE. ABOUT 300 PRISONERS PARTICIPATED IN THIS RAID USING FIRES AS DIVERSIONS.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RAID, ALL MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONERS WENT TO THEIR CELLS AND LOCKED UP, STARTING A STRIKE. A FEW DAYS LATER, PRISONER REPRESENTATIVES ISSUED A LIST OF 14 "GRIEVANCES" AND A DEMAND TO MEET WITH DSHS OFFICIALS AND OUTSIDE OBSERVERS.

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THIS LIST INCLUDED PROTESTS AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, THE LACK OF MEANINGFUL WORK INSIDE THE PRISON, AND POOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

BY APRIL 27, A "BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION" APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR D.L. RAY HAD MET TWICE WITH THE PCC OVER THESE GRIEVANCES. THIS COMMISSION WAS LED BY MARLAN MCNUTT, A PERSON THE PRISONERS HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED NOT TO SEE. (THIS APPOINTMENT WAS BILLED IN THE SEATTLE PRESS AS AN "ACT OF DEFIANCE" BY THE GOVERNOR.)

ON MAY 7, AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS, MCNUTT ORDERED THE FOLLOWING "CHANGES" AT WALLA WALLA:

- TRANSFER OF "MENTAL PATIENTS" TO EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL
- ACCELERATE WORK RELEASE OPPORTUNITIES
- IMPROVE DENTAL CARE; HIRE A SECOND DENTIST FOR 1200 MEN
- REGULAR SANITARY INSPECTIONS
- BE EASIER ON VISITOR SEARCHES (BUT ALLOW ORIFICE SEARCHES FOR "REASONABLE CAUSE")

--TRANSFER ASSOCIATE WARDEN PAUL HARVEY (SUPPOSEDLY "COINCIDENTAL" THE SAME TIME, HE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

THESE "CHANGES" ARE ABSURD. THEY ACTUALLY CONSIST OF THREE ATTACKS AND FOUR EMPTY PROMISES.

--THE INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF "MENTAL PATIENTS" TO EASTERN STATE IS A FASCIST ATTACK ON PRISONER RESISTANCE. INVOLUNTARY TRANS-

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FEE OF ANY KIND ALLOWS THE ADMINISTRATION TO SHIP OUT "TROUBLE-MAKERS" AND BREAK UP PRISONER ORGANIZATION. IN DECEMBER, 1974, WALLA WALLA PRISONERS SEIZED PARTS OF THE PRISON AND TOOK HOSTAGES AFTER NEGOTIATIONS FAILED TO RESOLVE THEIR DEMANDS AGAINST BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION AND INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER. TWENTY YEARS AGO, EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL WAS NOTORIOUS AS A TORTURE FACTORY USED TO BREAK PRISONER RESISTANCE. THEY SHALL NOT GET AWAY WITH IT AGAIN.

--DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT WALLA WALLA AUTHORIZES THE BLATANT RACISM THAT IS THE DAILY PRACTICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND GUARDS THERE.

--HARVEY IS BEING FOISTED OFF ON SHELTON WHERE HE CAN DO HIS DIRTY WORK ON YOUNGER, LESS EXPERIENCED PRISONERS.

--AS FOR SANITARY INSPECTIONS, BETTER DENTAL CARE, BETTER VISITING CONDITIONS, ETC., WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE. WE'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN WE SEE IT.

THE SEATTLE TIMES

THE PRESS PLAYS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRISONER STRUGGLES. PRISONERS ARE ISOLATED FROM SOCIETY AND HAVE NO PRINTING PRESSES OR MONEY OR OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO TELL THEIR STORY TO THE PEOPLE. IF PEOPLE KNEW WHAT REALLY GOES ON IN PRISON AND UNDERSTOOD WHAT THEIR TRUE EFFECTS ON SOCIETY ARE, THEY WOULD

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SHUT THEM DOWN TOMORROW AND SEND THE PARASITES WHO RUN THEM TO WORK.

(REAL WORK, USEFUL WORK, HARD LABOR, MAYBE?) THE ROLE OF THE PRESS IS TO KEEP US FROM KNOWING BY TELLING US ONLY WHAT THE RULERS OF THE PRISONS WANT US TO KNOW. PERIOD. WHEN THE LEVEL OF STRUGGLE INSIDE THE PRISON FORCES THEM TO ADMIT THAT STRUGGLE IS GOING ON, THEY MAKE IT APPEAR TO BE SPONTANEOUS, ISOLATED INCIDENTS. CLEARLY, THE PRESENT STRIKE AT WALLA WALLA IS PART OF ONGOING AND PROGRESSIVE MASS STRUGGLE THERE.

ALL OF THIS IS TRUE OF ALL OF THE BOURGEOIS PRESS IN SEATTLE. THE SEATTLE TIMES HOWEVER, HAS LED THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. THE TIMES IS NOT, AS ITS BOSSES AND EDITORIAL WRITERS WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE, AN INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE OBSERVER AND REPORTER OF FACT. IT IS A WEAPON USED BY THE RULING CLASS TO LIE TO US.

THROUGHOUT THE STRUGGLE THE TIMES HAS CONSISTENTLY PRINTED AND SUPPORTED WHATEVER THE PRISON BOSSES HAD TO SAY ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. IT HAS PRINTED LONG DIATRIBES BY PARANOID GUARDS WHO ARE FEARFUL OF RETALIATION FOR THEIR CRIMES. IT HAS TOLD US THAT PRISONERS HAV

REAL GRIEVANCES: THAT THE PROBLEM IS REALLY JUST "OVERCROWDING": AND THAT PRISONERS ARE JUST ANIMALS ANYWAY, DUPED INTO STRUGGLE BY A FEW TROUBLEMAKERS. BY NOT PRINTING THE REAL GRIEVANCES, THE TIMES HAS

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REFUSED TO EVEN PRETEND TO BE OBJECTIVE.

THE SEATTLE TIMES IS TIED WITH A THOUSAND THREADS TO THE BIG CAPITALISTS WHO RUN THIS COUNTRY. THEY ARE OWNED, LIKE MOST BOURGEOIS NEWSPAPERS IN THIS COUNTRY, BY ONE HUGE CONGLOMERATE; IN THIS CASE KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS, INC. WILLIAM PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE TIMES, IS A DIRECTOR OF RANIER NATIONAL BANK (RNB) AND OTHER LARGE CORPORATIONS. THROUGH THESE COMPANIES, HE IS TIED TO SEA-FIRST, SAFECO, BOEING, WEYERHAUSER, PACCAR, ETC., ETC. THE OWNERS AND BOSSES OF THESE COMPANIES ARE THE REAL CRIMINALS-THE REAL ENEMIES OF SOCIETY. CAPITALISM AND CAPITALISTS CAUSE CRIME AND PRISON. WE ATTACKED RNB BECAUSE WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK OUT AND ATTACK THIS REAL ENEMY, BEHIND ALL HIS FRONTS AND FLUNKIES.

WE DEMAND THAT THE SEATTLE TIMES PRINT THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE RGC GRIEVANCES AND ANY RGC RESPONSES TO THE LATEST "CHANGES". WE DEMAND THAT THE SEATTLE TIMES PRINT THE TEXT OF THIS COMMUNIQUE AND ANY FUTURE COMMUNIQUE THE GJR ISSUES. WE ALSO DEMAND THAT THE SEATTLE TIMES INTERVIEW PRISONERS IN STRUGGLE IN THE HOLE AT WALLA WALLA AND PRINT THOSE INTERVIEWS.

WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE TIMES WILL, BECAUSE OF THIS ACTION, AGREE TO ANY OF THESE DEMANDS. BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACK THE

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TIMES AND ITS BOSSES UNTIL THEY DO GIVE IN. HOWEVER LONG THAT MAY TAKE.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE UNDERSTAND THAT, FLUNKIES THOUGH THEY ARE, DSHS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS, THE GOVERNOR, REACTIONARY WARDEN B.J. SHAY, AND THE GUARDS AND STAFF AT WALLA WALLA ARE THE GENERAL STAFF AND FRONT LINE TROOPS OF THE RULING CLASS. THEY DIRECT

AND CARRY OUT THE BOURGEOISIE'S ATTEMPTS TO CRUSH PRISONER RESISTANCE

THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS, AND WILL SOMEDAY MEET THE PEOPLES' JUSTICE.

THE BRIGADE

"THERE ARE TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT REVOLUTION: WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR ASSES KICKED, AND WE ARE GOING TO WIN."

SO, THE GJB IS BACK. WE GOT OUR ASSES KICKED REAL BAD AT TUMWILA A YEAR AGO, AND WE'VE SPENT THIS LAST YEAR LICKING OUR WOUNDS AND LEARNING OUR TRADE. WE'VE ACCUMULATED

A LOT OF EQUIPMENT AND AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE. WE'VE DONE 6 TELLER ROBBERIES IN OREGON BANKS FOR MORE THAN \$25,000. WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT. IN THE COURSE OF THIS, WE'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE POLICE, THE FRONT LINE TROOPS OF CAPITALISM.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE ARMED AND WILL DEFEND OURSELVES IF ATTACKED, WE ARE NOT CRAZY. WE DO NOT, AS THE FBI HAS CLAIMED, "BELIEVE



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IN SHOOTING IT OUT WITH AN ARMY OF POLICE". WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE VASTLY OUTGUNNED AND OUT NUMBERED AND, IF WE ARE TRAPPED, WE WILL MAKE A POSITIVE EFFORT TO SURRENDER. BUT WE HAVE CORRECTED THE ERROR THAT WE CRITICIZED AT TUKWILA. WE HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMBAT TRAINING AND WILL NEVER AGAIN BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED BY THE VIOLENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICER. IF CAPTURED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT WHEREVER WE END UP.

OVERALL, WE LIVE PRETTY MUCH LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. WE HAVE LANDLORD HASSLES, THE CAR NEEDS REPAIR, THE WIRING IN OUR HOME IS BAD. WE ARE STUNNED (LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE) BY THE PRICES WHEN WE BUY GROCERIES.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON POLITICAL STUDY AND STRUGGLE TO CLARIFY WHAT WE THINK ABOUT REVOLUTION IN THIS COUNTRY. AS INDIVIDUALS, WE HAVE MANY DISAGREEMENTS. WE WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY IN THE FUTURE ABOUT POLITICAL STRUGGLE WITHIN THE BRIGADE. WE NEED CRITICISM AND ANALYSIS OF OUR WORDS AND OUR ACTIONS.

WE BELIEVE THAT CAPITALISM IS THE SOURCE OF ALL OPPRESSION AT THIS TIME, AND THAT REVOLUTION REQUIRES THAT IT BE OVERTHROWN BY FORCE OF ARMS BY THE MASSES OF POOR AND WORKING PEOPLE IN THIS

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COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM, NATIONAL OPPRESSION, AND SEXISM IN ALL ITS FORMS ARE PART OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM. WE ARE FIRMLY UNITED ON THESE POINTS.

...IF PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF DEFENDING THEM (PRISONERS) THROUGH FORCE OF ARMS, THEN IT IS BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE DO NOT YET REALIZE THAT THEY ARE IN AN IMMEDIATE DANGER OF BEING THROWN INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS THEMSELVES, TORTURED, OR SHOT DOWN IN THE STREETS FOR EXPRESSING THEIR BELIEFS."

COMMUNIQUE 10, SLA

REMEMBER THE COMPTON MASSACRE (MAY 17, 1974)

IN THE SPIRIT OF MAYDAY!

LOVE AND STRUGGLE,

THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

MAY 12, 1977

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

**b7C**-UNSUB, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 213<sup>1/2</sup>-116TH AVENUE NE, BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977; EID; OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY 13, 1977.

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EFFORTS BEING MADE AT PRESENT BY SEATTLE DIVISION TO HAVE ALL MAJOR WASHINGTON BANKS REVIEW THEIR FILES REGARDING THE OPENING OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. AS WELL AS MONITORING THE OPENING OF BOXES FOR THE COMING TWO WEEKS. THE NAMES WILL BE SEARCHED FOR ALIASES USED BY JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN AND ASSOCIATES.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION LEADS BEING SET OUT AT WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, TO HAVE VISITORS RECORDS CHECKED FOR EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, AN INMATE AND FORMER PARTNER OF SHERMAN IN THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE BANK ROBBERY OF THE PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK, TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 23, 1976, SE FILE 91-4769, BU FILE 91-62165. ALSO LEAD BEING SET OUT TO CHECK VISITORS LIST FOR MARK COOK, CONVICTED BANK ROBBER CURRENTLY BEING HOUSED AT KING COUNTY JAIL, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. COOK WAS ALSO SHERMAN'S PARTNER

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IN AFOREMENTIONED BANK ROBBERY.

THE BOMBING INVESTIGATION IS BEING COORDINATED WITH AGENTS WORKING THE CURRENT FUGITIVE CASE ON SHERMAN. IT APPEARS AT PRESENT THAT THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE IS COM- PRISED OF SHERMAN, RITA DARLENE BROWN AND THERESE ANN COUPEZ. A BANK ROBBERY WARRANT IS OUTSTANDING FOR BROWN, BUT NOT COUPEZ. INVESTIGATION INTO BANK ROBBERY MATTERS INDICATES THAT COUPEZ MAY HAVE DRIVEN THE GET-AWAY CAR FOR SHERMAN AND BROWN IN SEVERAL BANK ROBBERIES IN OREGON.

CONTACT IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH EACH COMPANY MENTIONED IN THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE COMMUNIQUE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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E F T O

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, EID, OO: SAN FRANCISCO

ON AUGUST 15, 1977, [REDACTED]

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HAS BEEN PROVIDING VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]

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AUGUST 21, 1977, IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE JACKSON'S  
DEATH.

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ANY FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF  
THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOURCE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

DATE: 8/18/77 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : *JG/gh* SAC, PORTLAND (100-14917) (P)

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SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)  
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Re Portland letter to Seattle, captioned as above and outlining emphasis of investigation in Portland Division, dated 6/30/77. *I.O.*

For information of Seattle, by routing slip dated 8/5/77, with attached FD 489, FBIHQ approved a preliminary investigation of the GJB. The results of investigation of GJB associates to date are as follows:

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- 2 - Seattle (100-33069) (RM) *91-60165*
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE *6/28/82*

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Investigation continuing at Portland, Oregon.

REQUEST OF FBIHQ

It is requested that FBIHQ advise Portland and Seattle if authorization is to commence on 8/5/77 or 7/6/77, the date Portland's FD-489 was submitted.

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RE:

**GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)**  
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- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reurlet 8/18/77.**

**Effective date of initiation of preliminary investigation in this matter is 7/6/77.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-14917) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *JG/1/87*  
 GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)  
 DS; EID; BR  
 (OO:Seattle)

DATE: 10/6/77

Re Portland letter to FBIHQ and Seattle, <sup>Serial</sup> 8/18/77.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies each of the Oregon driver's license (ODL) renewal applications for

For the information of Seattle, in a routing slip, dated 9/15/77, FBIHQ advised that the initiation date for captioned investigation was 7/6/77.

For the information of FBIHQ and Seattle, Portland is placing this matter in an RUC status, and will handle all remaining domestic security investigation leads from the Portland bombing matter entitled "UNSUB, aka George Jackson Brigade, Bombing of the Rainier National Bank, Redmond, Washington; and Attempted Bombing of Rainier National Bank, Bellevue, Washington, 5/12/77" (PDfile 174-787).

On 8/15/77, the Department of Motor Vehcles (DMV) Salem, Oregon, advised that

On 9/15/77, DMV provided copies of ODL renewal applications. Thirty-eight renewal applications were obtained, and 15 were eliminated

- ②-Bureau (RM)
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11/1/77

To: SACs, Portland (100-14917)  
Seattle (100-33069)

1 - Mr. Mignosa  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

From: Director, FBI

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)

DS

BUDED: 11/18/77

RePDlets 8/18/77 and 10/6/77.

By letter dated 8/20/76, Seattle closed its Domestic Security investigation of the George Jackson Brigade (GJB) stating that investigation conducted 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 bona fide group carrying on an organized program of violence for the purpose of overthrowing the United States Government.

PDlet of 10/6/77, indicates Portland's investigation of the GJB will be handled out of the Portland Bombing Matters investigation entitled "UNSUB, aka George Jackson Brigade, Bombing of the Rainier National Bank, Redmond, Washington" and "Attempted Bombing of Rainier National Bank, Bellevue, Washington, 5/12/77."

Since August, 1976, the GJB has claimed credit for several bombings. Additionally, Portland has developed information, as reported in referenced 8/18/77 letter [REDACTED]

This fact is further borne out by information contained in Seattle's teletype of May 13, 1977, where the GJB, Mayday communique, indicates that capitalism is the source of all oppression at this time, and that revolution requires that it be overthrown by force of arms by the masses of poor and working people in this country.

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**Airtel to SACs, Portland & Seattle**  
**RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)**

Because of the information developed since August, 1976, indicating that the GJB is a political, revolutionary organization whose purpose is to overthrow the Government of the United States, and has involved itself in a number of bombings in apparent support of its revolutionary objectives, Seattle, as office of origin, should prepare a communication suitable for dissemination under the Domestic Security character, notifying the Department of Justice of institution of a full investigation, as required by the Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic Security investigations. Include recommendations for further Domestic Security investigation of the GJB, and its members. The Domestic Security investigation should be coordinated very closely with the Bank Robbery & Bombing Matters investigations.

Portland should prepare a communication, suitable for dissemination utilizing the Domestic Security character, reporting activities of the GJB within the Portland Division. Additionally, FBIHQ does not concur with Portland's suggestion to report results of the Domestic Security investigation under the Bank Robbery & Bombing Matters characters. Also, Portland should include recommendations for further investigation of the GJB within its division.

Seattle and Portland should submit the requested communications to reach FBIHQ by 11/18/77.

**NOTE:** A preliminary investigation of the GJB was initiated by the Portland Division on July 6, 1977. Investigation conducted by Portland indicates that the GJB is becoming politically oriented and has developed into a violent revolutionary organization whose aim is to overthrow the Government of the United States. Therefore, additional investigation should be conducted by Seattle, which is office of origin, and by Portland, which division has a significant amount of GJB activity. Buded is necessary to avoid any further delay in reporting GJB activities.

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SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB);  
DOMESTIC SECURITY  
(OO: Seattle)

Re Bureau airtel, dated 11/1/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, and for Seattle is one copy, of an LHM regarding this matter.

For information of the Bureau, Seattle Agents arrested RITA DARLENE BROWN on 11/4/77, and served search warrants on a residence and storage facility in Seattle, which resulted in the discovery of the George Jackson Brigade base of operations.

Investigation in Oregon has revealed no terrorist activity by the George Jackson Brigade per se; however, the George Jackson Brigade has been involved in bank robberies, check schemes, false identity schemes and the purchase of weapons, utilizing false identities, which activities have been used to support or finance their operations.

BROWN is expected to be removed from Seattle to face federal charges in Portland, Oregon, in the near future.

The criminal and fugitive investigations regarding JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and investigation regarding the use of false identities, which were located in Seattle, are being handled out of the Portland bank robbery and bombing files.

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Portland will follow and report activities of the George Jackson Brigade pursuant to the Attorney General's guidelines.

Information copy being provided to Seattle as office of origin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Portland, Oregon

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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November 18, 1977

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

The George Jackson Brigade, a Seattle-based revolutionary group, has publicly claimed credit for six bank robberies in the State of Oregon and numerous bombings in the State of Washington.

John William Sherman, an admitted member of the George Jackson Brigade, was indicted and charged with the June 8, 1976 robbery of the Western Bank, Empire Branch, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Rita Darlene Brown, a companion of Sherman's, was indicted for the July 13, 1976 robbery of the South Ashland Branch of the Crater National Bank and the August 2, 1976 robbery of the Rogue Valley Branch of The Oregon Bank in Medford, Oregon. Brown has also been indicted for robberies of the First State Bank of Oregon, Sunset Branch, Portland, Oregon, on October 28, 1976; the Raleigh Hills Branch of the U. S. National Bank of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, on January 4, 1977; and the U. S. National Bank of Oregon, Wilsonville Branch, on February 7, 1977.

Sherman, Brown and Therese Ann Soupez of the George Jackson Brigade resided in Coos Bay, Oregon, subsequent to Sherman's escape from the custody of King County, Washington Sheriff's Office deputies on March 10, 1976, until June, 1976. Additionally, the three have resided in Medford, Oregon, White City, Oregon, and Portland, Oregon. Their last known residence in Oregon was 1125 N.E. Morton, where they resided for two weeks in August of 1976.

Utilizing false identification (deceased infant identities) they have obtained social security cards, Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) cards, and Oregon driver's licenses and established bank accounts upon which numerous non-sufficient fund checks were written in Oregon.

Brown and Sherman have both been indicted in U. S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, on two counts each of violation of federal firearms violations.

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GEORGE JACKSON BRIGAGE

During a search of the George Jackson Brigade headquarters in Seattle on November 5, 1977, numerous birth certificates were located, which were in the names of individuals who were born and died in Oregon.

No other individuals are known to have been affiliated with the George Jackson Brigade or have aided Sherman, Brown and Therese Ann Coupez in their activities when they were in Oregon.

Therese Ann Coupez has publicly been identified as a member of the George Jackson Brigade.

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

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Reference: Attorney General letter dated 7/15/77.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

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

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
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OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau, 11/10/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Portland, one copy, of an LHM captioned as above, suitable for dissemination.

The enclosed LHM constitutes a summary of information concerning the origin, members and activities of the George Jackson Brigade.

A copy of this communication and LHM have been sent by photocopy to the Bureau (Attn: *[Redacted]* Room 4084, JEH) on 1/4/78.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Seattle, Washington

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RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

GEORGE JACKSON, a member of a group of dissident prisoners termed the "Soledad Brothers" at Soledad State Prison, California, in 1970, was a prolific writer, who stated that the U.S. Government is "fascist" and should be resisted by "people's urban-guerrilla activity". JACKSON was incarcerated at San Quentin Prison, California, when during a violent riot and attempted prison break, he ran into the prison yard and was shot and killed by a guard, on August 11, 1971.

Development of the George Jackson Brigade (GJB)

In October, 1972, an organization was formed at Washington State Reformatory (WSR), Monroe, Washington, as an outgrowth of Adult Basic Education, Seattle Opportunities Center, Seattle, and Work Release Programs at the WSR. The organization, called "Awareness Project" published a newspaper called "Sunfighter". The staff of that newspaper included various persons, including JOHN SHERMAN, EDWARD ALLEN MEAD and BRUCE SEIDEL. Two references were listed as RITA BROWN and THERESE COUPEZ. COUPEZ was also listed as an "outside sponsor".

During 1973, certain volunteers from the Awareness Project, led by JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN of the Washington State Prisoner's Labor Union Support Committee, Seattle, Washington, attempted to form a prisoner's union within the WSR at Monroe, Washington. Denied this by prison authorities, the group of volunteers then attempted to promote a sitdown program and encouraged prisoners to commit acts of sabotage within the prison, but without success. EDWARD ALLEN MEAD was also a member of that group. Proved ineffective, and growing radical, the Awareness Project volunteer lost support and began to fade out about 1974. The "Sunfighter" newspaper continued as a radical prisoner-protest publication, whose staff in 1974, included MARK EDWIN COOK.

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During 1974, an organization called "Convention Movement" headed by MARK EDWIN COOK, a prisoner on work release from the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington, emerged in Seattle. This group formed to protest treatment of prisoners in Washington, and promoted a prisoner's union, offering the "Convention Movement" members as mediators between the state government and state prisoners, in disputes over demand for prison reform. On various occasions, COOK led loud and disorderly protest groups into the offices of the Washington State Adult Corrections Authority at Olympia, to make demands related to the "Convention Movement" program. COOK was also a leader in the highly militant "Black Panther" chapter formed inside the walls of the WSP at Walla Walla.

About Summer of 1974, MARK COOK became an active volunteer with a program known as "The Family Group", an organization formed by a former inmate at WSP to provide a program of self-help to increase wages for prisoners at the WSP. This program lasted about seven months and was dissolved.

The "Sunfighter" newspaper continued publication through 1974 and into 1975.

About the latter part of 1975, an underground group emerged from the above semi-legitimate prison reform groups, calling itself the "George Jackson Brigade". The group, founded on a communist philosophy, was apparently dedicated to the commission of acts of urban guerilla warfare, including acts of violence to further the realization of the imagined ideals of the organization.

Members of the George Jackson Brigade

From information resulting from members who have been arrested, or from records discovered in a search of a house previously occupied by members of the GJB, the following persons were determined to be members of the George Jackson Brigade:

~~JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, aka Karl Joseph Newland, Barry Albert Grimes, Jay R. Newmarch, Paul Davis, William Harris, George Lindsay; white, male, American, born August 28, 1942, 5'10"-11", 170 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build (Fugitive).~~

~~THERESE ANN COUPEZ, aka Carol Alice Newland, Katherine E. Wilson; white, female, American, born November 30, 1952, 5'6", 120 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, usually wears glasses, slender build (Fugitive).~~

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**b7C-** RITA DARLENE BROWN, aka Anna Joyce Blakely, Carole Alice Newland, Nikki Marie Simpson; white, female, American, born October 14, 1947, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, 5'6", 150 pounds, hazel eyes, brown hair, stocky build; [REDACTED] (Captured, awaiting trial).

BRUCE RICHARD SIEDEL, white, male, American, born April 17, 1949, at Chicago, Illinois, 5'6", 150 pounds, hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build (Deceased - Died of wounds from police bullets received at bank robbery January 23, 1976).

**b7C-** MARK EDWIN COOK, Male, Negro, American, born October 26, 1936, at Seattle, Washington, 5'10", 170 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, medium build, [REDACTED] (Captured and convicted of bank robbery and assaulting an officer).

EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, male, white, American, born November 6, 1941, at Compton, California, 6', 160 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair, slender build (Captured and convicted of bank robbery).

Since the capture of RITA DARLENE BROWN, the only known active members of the GJB are JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and THERESE ANN COUPEZ. One other female is referred to in notes kept by the GJB, as apparently residing with SHERMAN, COUPEZ and BROWN within the past year. Her identity is not known and it is not known whether that person has engaged in any criminal activities or criminal conspiracies with the GJB.

Several writings found as a result of a search of a house previously occupied by GJB members indicate that certain "meetings" were held between members of the GJB and apparent "above ground" support persons in August, 1977. The identities of the persons are unknown, and it is unknown whether those persons engaged in any criminal activities or conspiracies with the GJB.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE GJB

In their "communiques" the members of the GJB justify their various acts of violence by stating they are done to further the ends of a revolution of the "masses" to overthrow the present governmental and international business structures and establish a system of communism. Robberies of banks and liquor stores, they explain, are merely "expropriations" of money from "the ruling class" to finance the "revolutionary activities" of the GJB.

The communiques and notations written by the GJB indicate a strict dedication to the precepts and disciplines included in the writings of KARL MARX. The writer for the GJB claims

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adherence to Marxist-Leninism, and to the example of South American communist guerilla leader Che Guevara. According to the GJB communiques and writings, the GJB sees the international business monopolies of the world, holding the world's masses, particularly those in the "third world" (including Africans, Asians, Latinos and in a large sense, women in general) in a vice of oppression. The GJB, by committing violent acts and publishing communiques, apparently envisions itself as a kind of fulcrum upon which a great communist inspired uprising can be successfully mounted, as promised in the writings of KARL MARX, and the masses will thereby be freed to live in peace, without want.

Unlike other recent student-revolutionary groups, the GJB does not envision itself as an "elite" faction that will provide a leadership faction for an ultimate revolutionary government, and criticizes those groups who would place themselves in such a role. Rather, the GJB sees itself more as a catalyst to make the masses aware of their oppressed state, and inspire them to create their own general uprising to overthrow their "oppressors".

ACTIVITIES OF THE GJB: A CHRONOLOGY

All of the following events were claimed by and/or have been directly attributed to the GJB:

May 31, 1975, a bomb exploded in the offices of the Adult Corrections Department, Capitol Center Building, Fourth and Sylvester Streets, Olympia, Washington.

August 5, 1975, a bomb exploded in a men's washroom adjacent to the resident agency offices of the FBI in the U.S. Post Office, Customs House and Court House, 1102-A Street, Tacoma, Washington.

September 15, 1975, a bomb exploded inside a Safeway Grocery Store, 1410 East John Street, Seattle, Washington. (This explosion, which injured several customers of the store, was reportedly in support of a young self-styled communist, RALPH PATRICK FORD, who blew himself up three days previously, while attempting to place a bomb at the same location.)

December 31, 1975, a bomb exploded at an electrical power substation of Seattle City Light, Northeast 41st and 45th Northeast Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

December 31, 1975, a bomb exploded at the Safeway grocery stores Distribution Center, Bellevue, Washington.

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January 23, 1976, an armed robbery of the Pacific National Bank of Washington, Tukwila Branch, 13451 Interurban Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, occurred. The robbers were thwarted in their attempt by the prompt response of Tukwila Police. The robbers refused to surrender and began to shoot at the police officers with handguns. One of the robbers, BRUCE RICHARD SEIDEL, was killed by police bullets. Two more, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and EDWARD ALLEN MEAD, were captured by the police. Another suspect, seated in the get-away car across the street from the bank, fired several shots at the police, missed, and struck JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN in the jaw with one of his bullets. The suspect drove away from the bank, and escaped. He was later identified as MARK EDWIN COOK.

March 10, 1976, while awaiting trial, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN was being escorted to the Harborview Hospital at Seattle, by an armed Sheriff's Officer, for treatment of SHERMAN's bullet wound, when a man stepped up and shot the officer down, enabling JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN to escape. The man was later identified as MARK EDWIN COOK. COOK was subsequently arrested and was convicted of bank robbery and shooting a police officer.

July 13, 1976, the Crater National Bank, South Ashland Bank, South Ashland Office, 1632 Ashland, Ashland, Oregon, was robbed by a lone gunman, later identified as RITA DARLENE BROWN.

August 2, 1976, the Oregon Bank, Rogue River Valley Branch, 1025 Cort Street, Medford, Oregon, was robbed by a lone gunman, later identified as RITA DARLENE BROWN.

October 28, 1976, the First State Bank of Oregon, Sunset Office, 805 NW Murry Road, Portland, Oregon, was robbed by two armed persons, later identified as RITA DARLENE BROWN and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN.

January 4, 1977, the U.S. National Bank of Oregon, Raleigh Hills Branch, 4870 SW 76th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was robbed by a lone gunman, later identified as RITA DARLENE BROWN.

February 7, 1977, the U.S. National Bank of Oregon, Wilsonville Branch, 30120 SW Boone's Ferry Road, Wilsonville, Oregon, was robbed by a lone gunman, later identified as RITA DARLENE BROWN.

May 12, 1977, a bomb exploded in a safe deposit box, inside the Rainier National Bank, 2245 NE Bellevue-Redmond Road, Redmond, Washington.

May 12, 1977, an attempt was made to bomb the Rainier National Bank, 815 - 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington.

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May 21, 1977, the Washington State Liquor Store, 5608 119th SE, Bellevue, Washington, was robbed by a lone gunman.

June 20, 1977, the Rainier National Bank, Factoria Branch, 3724 - 128th SE, Bellevue, Washington, was robbed.

July 4, 1977, an unexploded bomb was discovered at a sub-station of Puget Power and Light Company, 16th and Cherry Streets, Olympia, Washington, and was rendered inactive by a police bomb disposal squad.

September 8, 1977, the Old National Bank, Juanita Branch, 13233 - 100th NE, Kirkland, Washington, was robbed.

September 19, 1977, the Peoples National Bank, Skyway Branch, 12610 - 76th South, Seattle, Washington, was robbed.

October 6, 1977, there was an attempt made to bomb the Westlund Buick Company, 9600 First NE, Seattle, Washington.

October 13, 1977, a bomb exploded at the S.L. Savidge Auto Dealership, 825 Lenora, Seattle, Washington.

October 15, 1977, a bomb exploded at the B.B.C. Dodge Company, 14650 First Avenue South, Burien, Washington.

November 1, 1977, a bomb exploded at the Phil Smart Mercedes automobile dealership, 10515 Main Street, Bellevue, Washington.

November 2, 1977, there was an attempt to bomb the offices of Diebold Company, 1520 Fourth South, Seattle, Washington.

November 4, 1977, acting on information of a suspicious person seen in several north Seattle banks, the FBI arrested RITA DARLENE BROWN in Seattle, Washington. She was traced to a residence being used by the GJB members at 13746 Roosevelt Way North, Seattle, Washington, and that house was searched the following day. The search revealed a short wave radio which members of GJB had used to monitor and keep logs concerning police calls, and a large quantity of equipment and written material.

December 23, 1977, a bomb exploded in an electrical transformer in South Center, Tukwila, Washington.

December 24, 1977, a bomb exploded inside a railroad freight car containing new automobiles, in a railroad yard, Kent, Washington.

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Current Status

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and THERESE ANN COUPEZ have both been declared fugitives, and are presently being sought by the FBI.

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The Attorney General  
Attention: Office of Policy and Planning  
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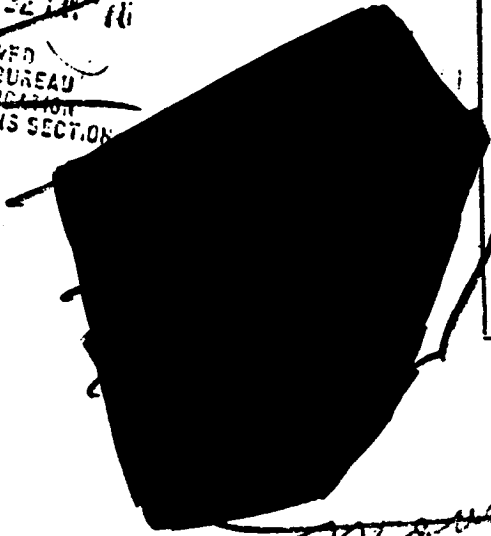
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~~ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT  
 FINGERPRINT SECTION; DOCUMENTS SECTION~~

~~RITA DARLENE BROWN, AKA: ET AL; FIRST STATE BANK OF OREGON,  
 SUNSET OFFICE, 865 N. W. MURRAY ROAD, PORTLAND, OREGON,  
 OCTOBER 23, 1976; BR (A), OO: PORTLAND.~~

~~JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, AKA - FUGITIVE (A); ET AL; PACIFIC  
 NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, TUKWILA BRANCH, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,  
 JANUARY 23, 1976; BR (A), OO: SEATTLE.~~

~~RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 5, 1978~~  
*member of the George Jackson Brigade,*  
 ON JANUARY 11, 1978, RITA DARLENE BROWN, APPEARED IN USDC,

PORTLAND, OREGON, AND WITHDREW PREVIOUS NOT GUILTY PLEA, PLED  
 GUILTY TO ROBBERY OF U. S. NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON, WILSONVILLE

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BRANCH, FEBRUARY 7, 1976, VIOLATION T. 13, USC, SECTION 2113 (A),  
AND ALSO ENTERED GUILTY PLEA TO INFORMATION CHARGING USE OF  
FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF FELONY IN CONNECTION WITH U. S. NATIONAL  
BANK OF OREGON ROBBERY, VIOLATION T. 13, USC, SECTION 924 (C).

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION ORDERED, SENTENCING SET FOR  
USDC FEBRUARY 21, 1978.

~~FOR INFORMATION OF SEATTLE DIVISION, AT CONCLUSION OF  
GUILTY PLEA, BROWN READ POLITICAL STATEMENT ADMITTING SHE WAS  
MEMBER OF GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE.~~

~~IN VIEW OF GUILTY PLEA, LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINERS~~

~~AND~~

~~DOCUMENT EXAMINER ARE NOT TO APPEAR~~

~~AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL.~~

~~SEATTLE DIVISION NOTE THAT IN VIEW OF GUILTY PLEA, NO  
SEATTLE AGENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN USDC. SEATTLE  
DIVISION CONSIDER FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING POLITICAL  
ADMISSIONS TO AUSA. PORTLAND DIVISION IS OBTAINING TRANSCRIPT  
OF PROCEEDING.~~

~~ARMED AND DANGEROUS, ESCAPE RISK.~~

*THE GJB, WHICH WAS FORMED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1975, IS  
AN UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION FOUNDED ON A COMMUNIST  
PHILOSOPHY, AND DEDICATED TO THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF  
URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE, INCLUDING ACTS OF VIOLENCE, TO  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

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

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
DS  
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle AT & LHM to Bureau, 1/4/78, and Bureau TT to Portland and Seattle, 11/1/77.

Re Bureau AT requested Portland and Seattle to submit LHMs to include further Domestic Security investigation concerning the George Jackson Brigade (GJB) and its members.

Re Seattle LHM included information summarizing the history and development, members and philosophy of the GJB. Currently, the GJB is the object of an intensive investigation at Seattle under caption: "JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, aka-FUGITIVE (A), FUBANK #662; et al, NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, TUKWILA BRANCH, 13451 Interurban Ave., Seattle, Wash., 1/23/76; BR:(A); HARBORING, OO: SEATTLE"(SE: 91-4769/BU: 91-60165).

As the above-referenced bank robbery investigation at Seattle includes indepth investigation of all known members and their associates, the instant captioned file is being opened on a "Pending Inactive" status, for the purpose of submitting summary information in a communication suitable for dissemination on a 45-day interim basis.

Although referenced Bureau AT mentions the apparent revolutionary communist character of the GJB members, and there is no doubt that the GJB has adopted a Marxist-Leninist philosophy

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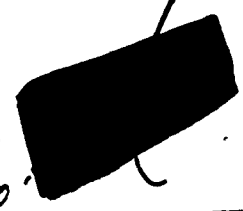
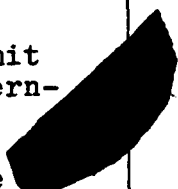
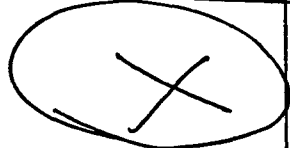
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under which they commit various acts of violence, including bombings and bank robberies, there seems to be no indication that the organization itself has caught on with any popularity as far as new membership or separate chapters are concerned. Seattle currently believes that the GJB has utilized certain "above-ground" support persons, who are known resident individuals who support almost any kind of revolutionary ideas and tend to infiltrate well-meaning protests of all kinds. There is no indication, however, outside of speculation, that those persons have actually entered into the commission of violent acts, directly. The above referenced bank robbery investigation includes numerous references to those "support" persons suspected, and are being included in that investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND

RITA DARLENE BROWN, aka;  
 et al.;  
 First State Bank of Oregon  
 Sunset Office  
 805 NW Murray Road  
 Portland, Oregon  
 10/28/76  
 BR (A)  
 (OO: Portland)  
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JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, aka -  
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 et al.;  
 Pacific National Bank of Washington  
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Re Seattle airtel to Bureau, 1/4/78, and Portland teletype to Bureau and Seattle, 1/11/78.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh Division are two copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning the George Jackson Brigade.

For information of Pittsburgh, on 1/11/78, RITA DANLENE BROWN appeared in U. S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, pled guilty to robbery of U. S. National Bank of Oregon, Wilsonville Branch, 2/7/76, in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 2113(a), and also entered guilty plea to information charging use of firearm in commission of felony in U. S. National Bank of Oregon robbery, in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 924(c). Pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing set for U. S. District Court, Portland, 2/21/78.

Immediately following guilty plea BROWN was transported by U. S. Marshal's Office, Portland, and was lodged in Alderson Women's Federal Penitentiary, West Virginia, where she will remain until time of sentencing, set for 2/21/78.

Pittsburgh is being furnished background information regarding Brigade activities because of events connected with escape of SHERMAN while in custody, and because of bombing activities connected with prison reform.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE RISK.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

DATE: 2/1/78

FROM : *AGB/ncw* SAC, PORTLAND (100-14917) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB);  
DOMESTIC SECURITY  
(OO:Seattle)

Re Portland airtel to the Bureau, dated 11/18/77. <sup>SER 114</sup>

For the information of the Bureau, on 1/11/78, RITA DARLENE BROWN appeared in U.S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, and pled guilty to robbery of the U.S. National Bank of Oregon, Wilsonville Branch, 2/7/76, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2113 (a), and also entered a guilty plea to an information charging her with the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the U.S. National Bank of Oregon robbery in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 924 (c). Pre-sentence investigation was ordered, and sentencing was set for U.S. District Court, Portland, on 2/21/78.

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Immediately following the guilty plea, BROWN was transported by the U.S. Marshal's Office, Portland, and was lodged in the Alderson Women's Federal Penitentiary, West Virginia, where she will remain until the time of sentencing, set for 2/21/78.

Inasmuch as no activity on the part of the GJB has been noted in Oregon since referenced airtel, this matter is being RUC'd.

CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE RISK.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295956)

FROM : *ASB/KB* SAC, PORTLAND (100-14917) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE (GJB)  
DOMESTIC SECURITY  
(OO:Seattle)

DATE: 3/1/78

Re Bureau routing slip, dated 2/14/78, to Seattle and Portland, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. Information copy being provided to Seattle as office of origin.

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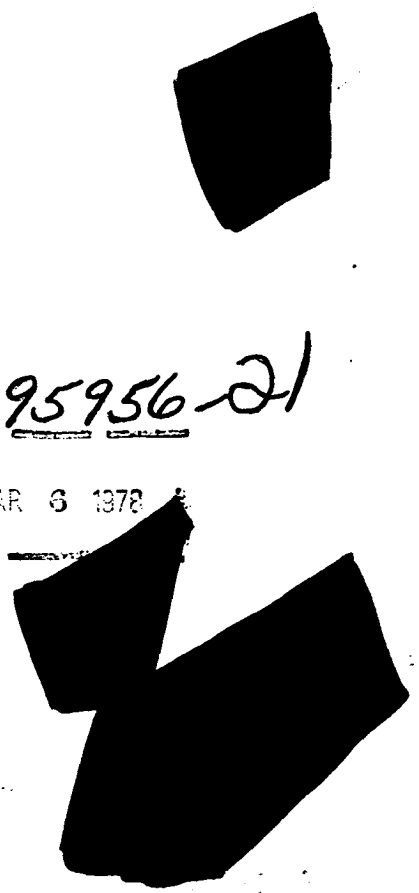
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Portland, Oregon

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

March 1, 1978

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

Rita Darlene Brown, a publicly identified member of the George Jackson Brigade, appeared in U.S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, on January 11, 1978, and pled guilty to the robbery of the U.S. National Bank of Oregon, Wilsonville Branch, on February 7, 1976, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2113 (a); and also entered a guilty plea to an information charging her with the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the U.S. National Bank of Oregon robbery in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 924 (c).

George Jackson, a member of a group of dissident prisoners termed the "Soledad Brothers" at Soledad State Prison, California, in 1970, was a prolific writer, who stated that the U.S. Government is "fascist" and should be resisted by "people's urban-guerrilla activity". Jackson was incarcerated at San Quentin Prison, California, when, during a violent riot and attempted prison break, he ran into the prison yard and was shot and killed by a guard on August 11, 1971.

Immediately following the guilty plea, Brown was transported by the U.S. Marshal's Office, Portland, Oregon, and was lodged in the Alderson Women's Federal Penitentiary, West Virginia.

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GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

On February 21, 1978, Brown appeared in U.S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, and was sentenced to 20 years in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for her participation in the robbery of the U.S. National Bank of Oregon, and sentenced to five years for the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the U.S. National Bank of Oregon robbery, both sentences to run consecutively. Brown was sent to Pleasanton Federal Correctional Institution, California.

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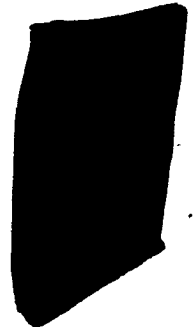
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~~GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, DS, OO: SEATTLE, SEFILE 100-33069,~~

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~~RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 19, 1978, CAPTIONED AS  
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~~BT BE GJB DOMESTIC SECURITY MATTER. THIS CASE DOES NOT FIT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GUIDELINES REGARDING DOMESTIC SECURITY AT THIS TIME AND THEREFORE WILL REMAIN IN A CLOSED STATUS.~~

~~REGARDING THE GJB DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THIS ORGANIZATION ALSO DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR A DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-295946)

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

SUBJECT: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
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Re Seattle airtel and LHM, dated January 4, 1978, and Portland letter and LHM, dated March 1, 1978.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM captioned as above, suitable for dissemination. The enclosed LHM constitutes an update of information concerning the George Jackson Brigade (GJB).

Investigation to date concerning the GJB has failed to identify any additional members other than those currently incarcerated. Since March 21, 1978, the date of the arrest of remaining known members of the GJB, there have been no acts of violence that have been linked to the GJB.

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Seattle does not possess any information on supportives or other individuals originally involved with the GJB that fall within the guide lines of the Attorney General. Since a tentative trial date is scheduled for June 17, 1978, Seattle is placing this matter in a closed status. The criminal proceedings of all those currently incarcerated will be appropriately reported under a criminal classification. Upon conclusion of the trial, Seattle will submit an LHM under this classification, furnishing the results of the trial. Seattle will reopen this matter upon receipt of positive pertinent information that falls within the Attorney General guide lines.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 19, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

Reference is made to previous communications captioned as above dated January 4, 1978 from Seattle, Washington, and a communication from Portland, Oregon, captioned as above, dated March 1, 1978.

George Jackson, a member of a group of dissident prisoners termed the "Soledad Brothers" at Soledad State Prison, California, in 1970, was a prolific writer, who stated the U. S. Government is "fascist" and should be resisted by "peoples urban-guerrilla activity". Jackson was incarcerated at San Quentin Prison, California, when during a violent riot and attempted prison break, he ran into the prison yard and was shot and killed by a guard on August 11, 1971.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE GJB:

Since the preparation of the above referenced communications, the following events have been either claimed or have been linked by investigation by and/or to directly the GJB:

December 8, 1977, the Puget Sound National Bank, Northeast Tacoma Branch, 6220 - 29th N.E., Tacoma, Washington, was robbed by two individuals.

January 10, 1978, the Great Northern Savings and Loan, Westgate Branch, 5738 North 26th Street, Tacoma, Washington, was robbed by two individuals.

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ENCLOSURE

RE: GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

February 23, 1978, the Union Bank, 99th and Pacific, Tacoma, Washington, was robbed by one individual.

March 1, 1978, the Puget Sound National Bank, 40th and Bridgeport, Tacoma, Washington, was robbed by one individual.

March 21, 1978, John William Sherman, Therese Ann Coupez and a white female who identified herself as Jori Uhuru, were arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Tacoma, Washington.

John William Sherman and Therese Ann Coupez had previously been publicly identified as members of the George Jackson Brigade.

Jori Uhuru was subsequently identified through fingerprints as being Janine Darcy Bertram, born November 25, 1950 at Tacoma, Washington. Investigation to date has reflected [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has determined that Bertram has been involved in varying degrees with the GJB for approximately the past two years.

March 23, 1978, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an authorized search of a residence at 3601 East Grandview, Tacoma, Washington, which search provided extensive evidence linking Sherman, Coupez and Bertram to the GJB.

March 28, 1978, a Federal Grand Jury at Seattle, Washington returned indictments charging John William Sherman with violation of Bank Robbery statute and Firearms violations of a Federal nature. A second indictment was returned against Sherman, Coupez and Bertram furnishing nine counts charging the three with Bank Robberies, Possession



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of Unregistered Explosive Devices and Illegal Firearms  
violations.

A tentative trial date for these three individuals  
has been scheduled for June 17, 1978.

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

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ATTN: [REDACTED]

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE  
DOMESTIC SECURITY

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

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Reference: FBI LETTER 1/10/78 <sup>SER.17</sup>

Enclosures:

- A memorandum to notify you of
  - An extended preliminary investigation
  - A limited investigation
  - A full investigation

- A 90-day progress report
- An annual report
- Other

NOTIFICATION OF DISCONTINUANCE OF A FULL DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION

Request of Department:

- It is requested that you determine in writing whether continued full investigation is warranted.

- Other

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RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 19, 1973, CAPTIONED AS  
ABOVE-DOMESTIC SECURITY MATTER AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU,  
APRIL 25, 1978, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE 175 MATTER.

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SEATTLE SECRET SERVICE WILL CONTINUE EXTRA SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPOKANE VISIT. SEATTLE FBI CONTINUING LIAISON WITH U.S.S.S., BATF, AND SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

RE GJB DOMESTIC SECURITY MATTER. THIS CASE DOES NOT FIT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GUIDELINES REGARDING DOMESTIC SECURITY AT THIS TIME AND THEREFORE WILL REMAIN IN A CLOSED STATUS.

REGARDING THE GJB DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THIS ORGANIZATION ALSO DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR A DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION.

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