

Documentation Of Joint FBI-UAW Cointelpro

In Nov. 1975 the United Auto Workers (UAW) initiated a trademark and prima facie tort suit against the National Caucus of Labor Committees, the U.S. Labor Party and associated individuals and organizations. The UAW claimed that the NCLC-USLP twice-weekly newspaper, New Solidarity, was in unfair competition with their in-house paper UAW Solidarity and infringed on their trademark, which they were granted after the suit was initiated. The UAW also claimed that the defendants in the suit had damaged the reputations of the union leadership by stories printed in New Solidarity. The union asked \$30 million in damages and demanded that every copy of New Solidarity ever printed be destroyed.

The UAW's extraordinary demands for relief are the first indication this is no normal trademark infringement suit. FBI documents released under the Freedom of In-

formation Act to the NCLC make it clear that the UAW in fact had been collaborating with the FBI and the Department of Justice and the Department of Labor in gathering information on the NCLC and USLP, whom they all regarded as a major political enemy, and in planning a Cointelpro operation to destroy the organizations.

A full hearing into the UAW's illegal and unethical "dirty tricks" collaboration with the FBI will be held before Judge Lawrence W. Pierce, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, August 4.

The attached documentation shows that not only has the FBI collaborated closely with the UAW in this suit, but that the UAW was intending to use as its star witness against the USLP, one Gregory Rose - an admitted FBI informant, a petty criminal and purse-snatcher, and a former member of the USLP.

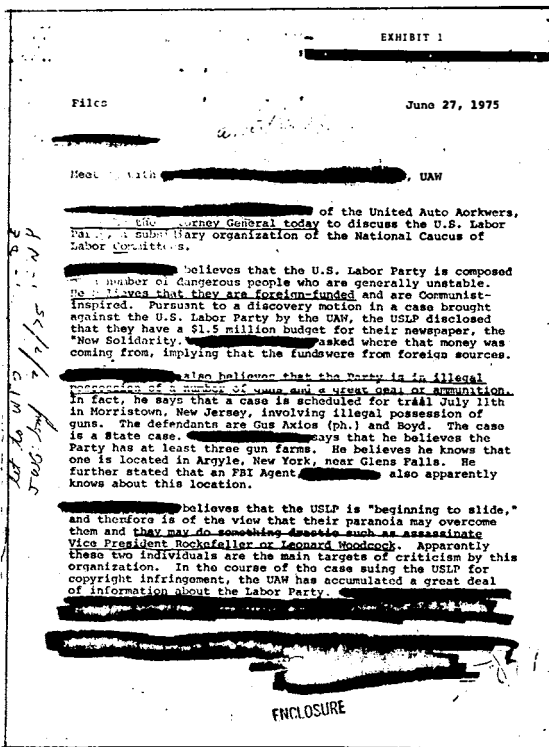


Exhibit 1: FBI memorandum concerning a June 27, 1975 meeting between Stephen Schlossberg, General Counsel of the UAW, and Attorney General Edward Levi, saying that the UAW has accumulated "a great deal of information about the Labor Party."

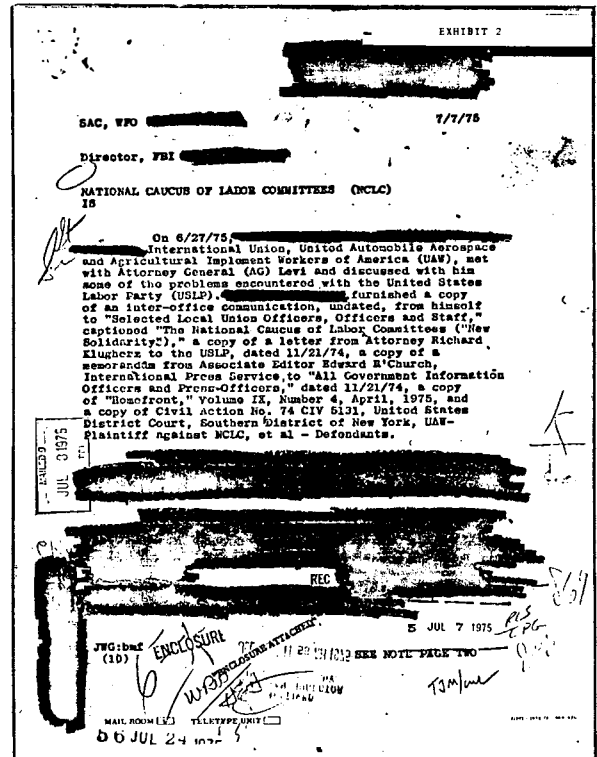


Exhibit 2: FBI memorandum from FBI Director Clarence Kelley to the FBI's Washington, D.C. field office, referring to the above meeting. Confirming the fact that it was Schlossberg himself who met with Levi, is the phrase "(deleted) furnished a copy of an inter-office communication, undated, from himself to "Selected Local Union Officers..." etc. This memo is from Schlossberg.

EXHIBIT 3

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/16/75

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International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), 1125 15th Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

In November, 1974, the UAW filed a civil action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) and its subsidiary organization, the United States Labor Party (USLP). The action is for unfair competition under the United States Trademark Act of 1946 and seeks judgment enjoining NCLC/USLP from further use of the words "Solidarity" or "New Solidarity" as they imitate "Solidarity", the name of the UAW official newspaper. A judgment of \$10,000,000 in punitive damages is also sought.

He believes that NCLC is composed of a number of dangerous people whose paranoia may make them so commit acts of violence such as assassination of Vice-President ROCKEFELLER or UAW President LEONARD MCCORMACK. For example, on December 6, 1973, GUS AXIOS, whose true name is CONSTANTINOS KALIDIGIS, NCLC Director of Organization, and NCLC member ELLIAB BOYD, a former Black Panther, and DANIEL GASSERMAN were arrested by police at Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. The search after arrest disclosed guns and they were charged with illegal possession of hand guns. On May 25, 1975, a jury trial ended in a hung jury. A retrial was scheduled for June 23, 1975, but was delayed to July 8, 1975. He believes that NCLC maintains at least four "gun farms" (NCLC parlance) where are kept illegal guns and ammunition. One such farm is, or was, located near Argyle, New York.

Interviewed on 7/10/75 at Washington, D. C. by [redacted] and [redacted] on 7/11/75

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Exhibit 3: FBI transcript of a second meeting with Schlossberg, where Schlossberg gave additional information to the FBI on July 10, 1975. The FBI notes that

FBI, and [redacted] investigated it. [redacted] had no additional information regarding locations of the farms or descriptions of guns.

Pursuant to a discovery motion in the above-described civil action, NCLC disclosed that they have a \$1.5 million budget for their newspaper "New Solidarity". In 1974 (First Name Unknown) ULLAWOSKI from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, gave or loaned NCLC tens of thousands of dollars. NCLC Chairman LT. MARCUS recently [redacted] ORGANIZATION from Iraq where he met with Iraqi leaders. NCLC members are meeting in Washington, D. C., with representatives of foreign Embassies. [redacted] concluded from these facts that NCLC receives foreign funding.

[redacted] has taken preliminary steps to file additional discovery motions for further disclosure of NCLC finances.

The UAW has recently requested the United States Department of Labor to investigate NCLC to determine if NCLC is a "labor organization" within the purview of the Landrum-Griffin Act and hence subject to its reporting requirements.

[redacted] furnished copies of the following documents:

1. Chart of General Organization, NCLC (NCLC prepared)
2. Report dated June, 1975, on NCLC prepared by Anti-Defamation League
3. Memorandum on NCLC from an unknown "left, but anti-NCLC" person

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Schlossberg "has taken preliminary steps to file additional discovery motions for further disclosure of NCLC finances."

EXHIBIT 4

INTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN SCHLOSSBERG

(Following are excerpts from a telephone conversation with Stephen Schlossberg, the General Counsel of the UAW, held on July 13, 1977.)

Q: Now, what we would like to know is your opinion of whether or not you think...

A: He's [Greg Rose] genuine? ...He is genuine. ...No question about it. I'm absolutely convinced about it. I've seen his debriefing notes from the FBI and I've had three different lawyers work him over and there's no question in my mind he's genuine.

Q: O.K. The other question would be do you believe that he could substantiate the materials in terms of being a good courtroom witness....

A: ...Look, I've had a lawyer in Ohio and a lawyer in New York who both feel that he's going to be a superlative witness and that he can substantiate this material. And I think that with the FBI connection it makes it even better.

Q: They would, they would as far as you know give back up, uh, they would give the kind of support that would be necessary to confirm these allegations?

A: Well, I've seen a letter...I've seen a letter from Kelley, saying that he was an informant and he's on the payroll so many months, and I've seen some debriefing notes and I think that you that you wouldn't have anything to worry about.

A: ...Well, there's a lawyer in New York who's handling the case for me, and I'd suggest you might want to talk with him.

Q: O.K.

A: His name is Roger Zissu, Z-I-S-S-U. He's in the phone book under lawyers or attorneys or whatever they are and he's a very first-class guy.

Q: Right. Now has he spoken to Greg, or does he...?

A: Oh, yes, he's going to use him as a witness....

Exhibit 4: Excerpts from the transcript of a telephone conversation with UAW General Counsel Schlossberg, in which Schlossberg states that he has a letter from Kelley confirming Rose's role as an FBI informant, and that Rose was "on the payroll."

EXHIBIT 5

The following material will be included for examination and evaluation in reference to U.A.W. v. N.C.L.C. et al.:

- 1) History of personal involvement with N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations;
- 2) background sketches of leading personalities in the N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations;
- 3) the organizational structure, modes of organization and internal discipline of the N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations;
- 4) strategic and tactical political and organizational perspective of the N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations in the U.S. and abroad;
- 5) methods of operation and tactical/strategic perspective of the N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations toward the U.S. trade movement;
- 6) policy making, organizational and production structure of New Solidarity;
- 7) history of N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations' operations in U.A.W. and
- 8) general political history of the N.C.L.C., U.S.L.P. and associated front organizations.

Exhibit 5: The first page of an informant report prepared by Gregory Rose for the UAW at the request of Stephen Schlossberg. Schlossberg agreed to pay to Rose an undisclosed amount of money for the background report, composed of wild fabrications and the sort of petty gossip for which FBI files are well known.