



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Detroit, Michigan
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Re: Charles David Ream

On August 13, 1969, Charles David Ream advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was a member of the Students for a Democratic Society at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He denied holding a position of leadership in the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960s functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position, with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. Internal factionalism produced a split during the SDS National Convention in June, 1969, which resulted in the following three factions: Weatherman; Worker Student Alliance (WSA); and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The Weatherman and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS. The WSA continues to use the name SDS and maintains its national headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

Weatherman, formerly a faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), controlled

the SDS National Office from June, 1969, until its closing in February, 1970. Weatherman then entered an underground status and adopted a tactic of "strategic sabotage," with police and military installations designated as primary targets.

Worker Student Alliance (WSA), a faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), was expelled from SDS in June, 1969, by the then dominant Weatherman faction, but continued to use the name SDS and opened an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts. WSA aligned ideologically with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and, in February, 1971, moved to Chicago, Illinois, where it opened the SDS National Office at 1225 South Wabash Street.

The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) was founded in 1962 by individuals expelled from the Communist Party, USA, for following the Chinese communist line. Its objective is the establishment of a militant working-class movement based on Marxism-Leninism and MAO Tse-tung thought.

A source advised that the Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYMII) faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a national conference at Atlanta, Georgia, from November 26 to 30, 1969. At this conference it was decided to form a new organization to be known as Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), characterized as a mass anti-imperialist youth organization, said organization being proposed as separate and distinct in form and content from SDS.

On August 13, 1969, Ream advised that he approved of and would employ violence to change the United States Power Structure. He stated that in the future there will be a

revolution and at that time "every kid in the street will fight for his life and have machine guns to use on every cop and Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent they see". Ream claimed that the revolution will come about after increased Fascists repression and the eventually Fascists mass arrest and internment of free thinking people.

On August 7, 1972, [REDACTED] Charles Ream intends to go to Miami, Florida to participate in the protest activities at the Republican Convention. Ream plans to arrive in Miami the day before the convention begins and to stay with the "street people". Ream has no plans for violence at the convention [REDACTED] it would be Ream's intention to become involved in any violent or disruptive activity at the convention.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was founded in 1960 at Port Huron, Michigan, and is the largest student organization in the United States. From a initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary posture with debate centered on how best to achieve a revolutionary youth movement. In 1968, SDS split into two major factions: Weathermen (Weathermen) and the Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). Weathermen and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS. The SDS continues to use the SDS SDS and maintains its national headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

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