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3536 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, Calif. 94609

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SWP N.O.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a leaflet distributed at a demonstration in Oakland. It is the first piece of literature we have seen that designates Seale and Brown as "Democrats."

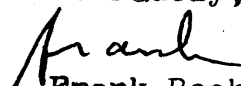
The leaflet was issued by the Community Committee for Greater Voter Registration -- a Panther oriented (or controlled) voter registration group. When asked if they had issued or approved this leaflet, the Seale-Brown campaign office said they knew nothing about it.

It appears to us, however, that this new tact on their part is in response to the initiation of the campaigns of John Sutter and Otho Green. (It's Otho, by the way, not Ortho.) There are bill boards, posters, etc., going up all over Oakland now for Green and Sutter. They are both stressing that they are Democratic party candidates. Sutter's publicity says, "the Democrat." Green's publicity claims that he is the Democrat.

It should also be noted, however, that while this is the first time it has appeared in print, Seale has stated publically that he was registered as a Democrat. My feeling on the campaign is that even if this begins to appear on official campaign literature, it still will not change the essence of the campaign. It merely represents an attempt to gain votes by labeling Seale and Brown as Democrats. It also makes us think that the possibility of them throwing their support to the Democratic candidate in the run-off is quite likely. As far as we know, this recent development does not indicate that the Democratic party, or any sections of it, have changed their appraisal of the Seale campaign.

One final note. The phone number at the bottom of the leaflet is the number of the voter registration group, not of any of the Seale campaign offices.

Comradely,


Frank Boehm

WE MUST ELECT OB

BOBBY SEALE

(DEMOCRAT)

FOR MAYOR OF OAKLAND

BUT WE NEED

MORE VOTER REGISTRARS, NOW!

BECOME A VOTER REGISTRAR

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:00pm

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

27th & WEST STREETS

OAKLAND

IT ONLY TAKES 45 MINUTES

TO BECOME A VOTER REGISTRAR

WE MUST REGISTER MANY MORE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO VOTE SO THAT WE CAN ELECT BOBBY SEALE (A DEMOCRAT) AND ELAINE BROWN (A DEMOCRAT) TO OAKLAND CITY OFFICES.

For further information, call: 536-4332