The Malcolm X Society, a militant black nationalist group of Detroit, Michigan, sponsored a conference to form a "Black Government" on March 30 - 31, 1968, at Detroit, Michigan, which was attended by 50 delegates and 150 to 200 observers. The conference was originally called to form a "Black Government" or "Black Nation" that would negotiate with the United States for several southern states in return for domestic tranquility.

The delegates to this conference signed a Declaration of Independence disavowing their United States citizenship and they chose as the name of the new black nation "The Republic of New Africa." They elected officers to lead this new nation, which included Robert F. Williams as President; Milton Robinson Henry as First Vice President; Betty Shabazz as Second Vice President; and [ ] as Minister of Defense. Williams is a fugitive from justice who fled to Cuba in 1961 and is now an expatriate in China. Williams is the self-described leader-in-exile of the Revolutionary Action Movement, a black nationalist extremist group that is Communist Chinese oriented. Henry is a Pontiac, Michigan, attorney and a militant black nationalist who was one of the leaders of the conference and of the Malcolm X Society. Betty Shabazz is Betty Little, widow of the late Malcolm X.

All four are included on the Security Index.

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During the conference delegates called for guerrilla warfare against the United States and indicated that plans were being formulated to send Negroes out of the United States to be trained and equipped with the latest weapons. Discussion among the delegates as to what states of the United States they wanted for their nation became so confused that the matter was referred to a committee.

The above information has been furnished to the Attorney General and to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department. Pertinent parts have been included in the racial summary to the White House. It will also be furnished to Secret Service and the intelligence community.

We are continuing to follow this matter closely.

ACTION:

None. For information.