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money obtained through bank and armored car robberies and counterfeiting operations staged by The Order.

- * Bible Camp of the Life Science Church Extreme right-wing sect which has a paramilitary compound. Members donate their possessions to the church to avoid taxes and have maintained that because the church owns their weapons they cannot be prosecuted on any charges of illegal possession of fire arms.
- * Black Liberation Army (BLA)
 Believed to be a breakaway group of the Black
 Panther Party which engaged in the killing of
 policemen since it emerged in 1971. The group had
 about 100 members in the early 1970s. Joanne
 Chesimard, a reputed BLA leader, was sentenced to
 life imprisonment for the murder of a New Jersey
 state trooper in 1973 but escaped from prison on
 Nov.2, 1979. Marilyn Buch, who was described as
 the only White member of the BLA, was one of
 eight persons charged with involvement in the
 robbery organized by the Weather Underground on
 Oct.20, 1981, although she had not been captured.
- * Black Moslem Movement (BMM) or Nation of Islam

Racist, ascetic, anti-white Moslem sect, formally known as the Nation of Islam, was founded in Detroit by W.D.Fard; who claimed to have come from Mecca but who eventually disappeared. He was succeeded as leader of the sect by Elijah Poole (or Elijah Muhammed), who advocated complete separation for negroes in a closed economic society to be established in two or three states of the "USA. The organization became increasingly conservative after 1964 and took no further part in the civil rights movement "but engaged in developing its business' interests. It established mosques and its membership' was estimated at several hundred thousands. Dissident. young members of the movement, who opposed these developments, were responsible for a clash with police on Jan.10, 1972, leading to the death of two policemen and two Negroes. The emergence of the charismatic Malcolm X created tensions and eventually a split. Elivah Mohammed and his followers were blamed (but never convicted) for the assassination of Malcom'X in New York in

* Black Panther 'Party (BPP)
Black power movement established in Oakland,
California, in October 1966, by Huey.P.Newton and
Bobby Seale. It first advocated only defensive
violence but 'grew increasingly, violent after the
assassination in 1968 of the black leader. Martin
Luther King. It engaged in gunfights, bomb attacks
and acts of sabotage. In May 1971 it renounced

violent tactics to work 'within the system'. Many leading party members were imprisoned or shot by the police, or went into exile. The party alleged at the end of 1969 that 28 Black Panthers had been killed by the police (which put the figure at 10). BPP leaders included Eldridge Cleaver, Stokely Carmichael, David Hilliard and Rap Brown. At its peak it had an estimated 2,000 members.

* Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Principal foreign intelligence-gathering organization of the United States of America. Based at Langley, Virginia, but with 'stations' and outposts throughout, the world, the CIA is one-of the biggest intelligence bureaucracies in the world. It has an estimated full-time staff, of 18,000 to 20,000. William Webster (head of the FBI) replaced William Casey as its head in 1987. Its clandestine activities are the responsibility of the Operations Directorate. What used to be called 'covert operations' are now known as 'special activities'. There has been a sharp expansion of covertactivities under the Reagan administration: Since 1979 the expansion meant at least a fivefold increase to over 50 continuing operations. About half of these are said to be in central America with a larger percentage, in Africa. In recent years the CIA has operated in Iran, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Surinam and Mauritius, Philippines and Honduras. CIA personnel trained anti-terrorist units of foreign governments as part of the Reagan administration's stepped-up policy of combatting terrorism around the world. The training has been conducted in about a dozen of countries, including Lebanon and Honduras. Repeatedly US-trained anti-terrorist forces engaged in terrorist acts and human rights violations. In the past, CIA counter-insurgency activities like 'Operation' Phoenix' (South Vietnam, 1968-1971) have resulted in large numbers of casualties.

* Civilian Military Assistance (CMA)
In 1983 four right-wing members of the Alabama
National Guard, formed this group to supply and,
assist anti-Communist forces in Central America.
One of the founders, Dana Parker, a Huntsville
police detective, was killed on Sep.1, 1984, when
the helicopter they had flown across the Honduran
border was shot down by Nicaraguan soldiers.
Thomas Vincent Posey acts as its national director.
The group has about 1,000 members in Alabama,
Tennessee and Missisippi, many of them are vietnam veterans. In: 1985 it raised \$ 4cmillion for
the contras in Nicaragua. In 1986 it reportedly,
sent. \$ 200.000 in non-lethal equipment to the
FLNA of Holden Roberto in Angola.

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In 1986 the Washington Post reported that a secret governmental working group had been established to coordinate clandestine and paramilitary sabotage projects in anti-Western countries in the Third World. The group is named after the building where its meetings are held. The group consists of representatives of the White House, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Pentagon and the CIA. According to the Washington Post, the CIA has a budget of \$.25 billion dollar annually for secret military interventions. Countries where the CIA is reported to have operated recently are Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola, Iran, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Liberia, Chad, Surinam, Mauritius.

 Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations

(Coordinacion» de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas) (CORU)

Florida-based umbrella organization for right-wing Cuban exiles in the United States founded in June 1976 by Orlando Bosch Avila. Among the groups supposedly represented were Cuban Action, Cuban National Liberation Front, the Bay of Pigs Veterans' Association and the National Cuban Movement. Members attacked Cuban government interests in Miami, Washington, New York and Puerto Rico. The worst incident was the explosion of a, bomb on a Cuban airliner in mid-flight in October 1976, killing 73 persons. The group also attacked Venezuelan and Mexican government property.

* The Covenant, The Sword, The Arm of the Lord (CSA)

Anti-semitic white supremacist organization founded by Jim Ellison. He organized a paramilitary camp near the Bull-Shoals Lake in Arkansas where he is living together, with 100, heavily armed disciples and their, families. Ellison called his church 'Zarephath Horeb', the name of a biblical purging place. The group engaged in bombings, arson, and vandalism. In April 1985 police arrested four men in the Mountain Camp where they discovered many weapons and explosives.

- * Croation Liberation Fighters (CLF) Underground group of Croatian exiles who support a free an independent Croation state and the break up of Yugoslavia, It has been active in 1980.
- * Crusade, for Justice
 Chicano, movement, in the southwest-involved in the supply of explosives for Puerto Rican FALN bombing operations in the midwest and northeastern states.
- Delta Force

Anti-terrorist unit of the United States Army. It is closely modelled on the British Army's Special Air Services (SAS) regiment. Delta Force was set up by Colonel Charles Beckwith in, 1977. Presently it

numbers about 800 men from the Army Special Operations Forces (SOF), a special helicopter unit from the 101st Air Assault Division, Navy Seals, and Marine reconnaissance teams. Air Force special operation units from the 23rd Air Force at Eglin AFB in Florida support the Fort Bragg-based counter-terrorist unit. Delta has been involved in operations in Tehran, Grenada, the Meditteranean, and according to some sources, in support of the Nicaraguan Contra guerrillas on the Nicaragua/Honduras border. The force is built on four-man patrols each member of which has a special skill. Like the SAS, Delta Force specialises in Close Quarter Battle (CQB) training, the solving of hostage-taking situations, and resolving the hijacking of aircraft, trains, ships and buildings. Delta Force is based at Fort Bragg in North Carolina but has an advance unit in Europe. The unit is also assigned to gathering information on tactics and operations of other anti-terrorist

* Democratic International (DI)

An alliance of four anti-Soviet insurgent movements from Africa, Asia and Central America, established in Jamba (Angola) in June 1985. The conference in Jamba was organized by a US lobbying group called Citizens for America led by L.E.Lehrman, a millionaire Republican who ran unsuccessfully for governor of New York in 1982. An accord was signed by Dastagir Wardak of the Afghan Mujahideen, Pa Kao Her of the Ethnic Liberation Organizations of Laos, Adolfo Calero of the Nicaraguan FDN and Jonas Savimbi of the Angolan UNITA. It was unclear in which areas, the organizations were going to co-operate. It was not the first attempt to unite the anti-communist resistance. In 1984 17 organizations, participated in the International Conference for the Resistance in Occupied Areas led by Pierre Vilmarest in Paris. The organizations talked about mutual exchanges of troops and weapons. It was reported that the Afghan Mujahideen had supplied weapons to the MNR in Mozambique.

* European Labor Party (ELP)
An organization founded in-1974 by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the wife of Lyndon H.La Rouche. It developed into a worldwide movement with branches in West Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and France. It supports European unification, a strong US-European alliance and the-nuclear power industry. It is stridently anti-communist in its public statement and it frequently criticizes the Soviet Union. Its membership is variously reported as ranging from several hundred up to 2,000. It advocates strong measures against the sale and use of illegal drugs and calls for the swift development of the Third World. It published, a book on the Greens in West Germany to justify a demand that

the party be legally-banned because of purported communist and terrorist connections. It made a 180-degree reorientation from 'Soviet' friendly' to 'Soviet hostile'. It has an international network of correspondents' for its publication Executive Intelligence Review. An alleged member of the party is sought by the Swedish police in connection with the assassination of Olaf Palme (Sweden). See also NDPC.

 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) The main internal security arm of the United States: It was set up in 1908. It has 9,100 specialized agents and a budget of \$ 1.2 billion a year. It is based in Washington with 'field offices' around the country. The FBI spent most of its resources fighting organized crime. During World War II were given an anti-espionage and internal security role. As the main Federal agency responsible for combating internal terrorism, the FBI has developed Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams which operate through a special command-and-control centre. In 1978 William Webster took command of the agency. Under him the FBI has expanded while dramatically shifting the focus of its investigations. It now concentrates on white-collar crime, corruption by public officials and espionage. The FBI also intensified drug investigations, an area largely ignored under Mr. Hoover. In recent years it attempted to broaden the scope of the National Terrorism Research Analysis Center, begun in 1980. The center analyzes incidents, finds patterns between groups and assesses their threats. The number of terrorist incidents in the US has declined dramatically in recent years from 1977 (100), 1980 (29), 1981 (42), 1982 (51), 1983 (31), 1984 (8). The decline was the result of FBI- arrests of members of terrorist groups including Armenian, Croatian and Puerto Rican groups: In 1983 the FBI was given important new powers to investigate groups that might turn to terrorism. In 1987, W.S.Sessions replaced W.Webster, who became head of the C.I.A.

Freedom Flotilla Refugees (FFR)
 A group of Cuban refugees wishing to return-home.
 Individuals have been involved in a number of hijackings.

* FUORA

A Moslem sect which has attempted to eliminate rival Moslem groups, such as the Ahmaddiya Movement of Islam (AMI), in order to purify their Islam. It engaged in assassinations, molotov cocktail attacks and arson in 1983 and 1985.

* George Jackson Brigade. (GJB) Group named after a black writer killed in August 1971, during-a prison riots in San Quentin. jail. The group engaged in bank robberies and bombings in the states of Oregon and Washington in the mid-1970s.

• Inter American Defense Force (IADF)
Cuban exile group dedicated to the armed overthrow of the governments of Nicaragua, Cuba and Panama. In 1981, 800 exiles have been trained in a camp near the Florida Everglades. Hector Fabian was named as one of the group's leaders. J.Gonzalez ('Bombadillo' or 'Light Bulb') acted as military commander. It said that it was financed by Panamanian and Cuban exile groups and fundraising efforts by Nicaraguanis.

Islamic Guerrilla of America (IGA)
 Group which reportedly had been involved in the
 1980 Bethesda, Maryland, murder of Ali Akbar
 Tabatabai, a former Iranian diplomat.
 Jewish Armed Resistance (JAR)

Breakaway group of the Jewish Defense League which reportedly has been responsible for an attack on two members of the PLO on June 18,

* Jewish Defense League (JDL) Right-wing Jewish group established in September 1968 by Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York City. Members consider violence necessary to protect Jewish rights and support Israel. It claimed to have an estimated 13,000 members and is led by Irv Rubin. It has branches in eight US cities and seven countries. It has been responsible for several assassinations and bomb attacks. On Oct.11, 1985, a bomb exploded at the office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Santas Ana, California, killing one person and wounding seven others. Other targets were connected with the Soviet Union and former Nazis. The JDL broke up in 1978/79 in the Jewish Armed Resistance, Jewish Action Movement and the New Jewish Defense

* Jewish Direct Action (JDA)
A Jewish group which emerged on Feb.23, 1984, with the explosion of three bombs at the Soviet residential complex in the Bronx.

* John Birch Society (JBS)
Established by Robert H. W. Welch in 1958, this right-wing organization had about 100,000 members in 1960s but now has shrunken to half that number. The organization was widely denounced in the 1960s as conspirational, fascist, anti-semitic and oun-American, then virtually ignored for years. R.H. Welch resigned as leader in 1983 and died two years later. In 1985 it reportedly mounted a recruiting campaign. The Society opposes the Civil Rights Act of 1964, US membership of the UN and NATO, and all exchanges with the Soviet-Union.

* Joint Terrorist Task Force (JTTF)

Elite force of FBI and local police 'red squad' agents. The unit operates in many cities and has recently received a multi-million dollar funding for expanding its operations coast-to-coast. It even operates outside the United States.

* Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

White-supremacist organization established in 1865 in the southern states. It is dedicated to 'defending' White America against the advance of blacks and other 'inferior' races. James Ferrands was installed as Imperial Wizard on Sep.1, 1986. .National membership declined from an estimated 10-12,000 in 1981 to 6-7,000 in 1986. The Klan has a long history of terrorism and violence, mainly against blacks, but also against Jews, Roman Catholics, homosexuals and left-wingers. It has para-military training camps in Seabrook. In recent years the Klan has developed links (and overlapping membership) with other right-wing organizations such as Aryan Nations, the Posse Comitatus and the Order. It also tried to recruit the hard-pressed farmers of the Middle West by blaming the agricultural crisis of the 1980s on bankers and Zionists operating through the Federal Reserve System' and warning that 'the Jew plan is to steal your land'. It advocates the initiation of a race war-with the eventual goal of establishing a 'white Christian, republic'.

* Land and Freedom (Tierra y Liberdad)

Movement of Mexican Americans (Chicanos) aimed at the mobilization of the Chicanos as part of a Third World Liberation Front with other revolutionary minorities in the United States. It seeks to gain 'control, by electoral means, of regions where Chicanos are in the majority; to recover land of which they have been expropriated; to boycott 'Anglo-American' businesses; and to form Chicano political parties and armed groups to organize 'counterviolence' and to carry out 'revolutionary justice' on 'collaborationists, accommodationists and agents', who play a 'neo-colonialist' role.

* Legion of Doom

A highschool vigilant group at Fort Worth, Texas, which has been active in 1985. The group, believed to have nine or 10 members is suspected of multiple pipe bombings, fire bombings, possessing unlawful weapons, criminal, terrorist threats and-cruelty to animals. Pets had been slaughtered and their blood smeared on automobiles as a warning to their owners. Students and others received warnings marked with swastikas.

* Mafia or Cosa Nostra

For more than three decades, five major organized-crime syndicates in the New York area,

collectively called the Mafia or La Cosa Nostra. have been active. The leaders of the five groups were indicted in 1985 for being members of a 'commission' that federal prosecutors say governs the group's participation in such illegal activities as narcotics trafficking, loan sharking, gambling, labor "racketeering, automobile" theft, truck hijacking and extortion. The five families are the Gambino family (250 core members); the Genovese family (200 members), the Colombo familiy (115 members), the Bonanno family (195 members) and the Luchese family (100 members). In April 1986 a federal commission said that the mafia remained a dominant force in an underworld that makes \$-100 billion a year. In early 1987 the Mafia was said to be a dying organization. A leading federal prosecutor said that it will cease to be a major threat within the next ten years. The decline was attributed to the rigorous, prosecution under strengthened racketeering laws, and the shifting demographics that have made it difficult for Mafia leaders to recruit new members from an upwardly mobile Italian-American community. This would not mean the end of organized crime. Twenty to 25 other organizations drawing their members from various racial and ethnic groups have emerged in recent years_

* May 19 Coalition (or May 19th Communist Organization)

Markist-Leninist group established in 1978. A breakaway from the Weather Underground-linked Prairie Fire Organizing Committee. It perceived its mission as the development and strengthening of links between political and militant blacks and Hispanics and their white ideological counterparts. It has largely become the above ground political support apparatus of the RATE and the BLA. May 19th cadres functioned as courriers for the RATF and BLA running a communications network among the imprisoned terrorists and their peers outside. It has 34 members including David Gilbert, Janet Clark, Katherine Boudin.

• Ministry of Christ Church
Right-wing supremacist group, known to its
adherents as the religious spearhead of the
Identity Movement. It is closely linked to Posse
Comitatus. It teaches that all Jews are children of
Satah and should be exterminated. It is headed by
Rev. Potter Gale of Mariposa, California, a retired
US army colonel and expert in guerrilla warfare.

* Minutemen / -

Right-wing organization established in 1959 and led by Robert Bolivar DePugh. It was organized in secret groups of from five to 15 members and claimed in 1961 to have about 25,000 members. While fervently anti-communist, it also held Jews, Blacks and the government in Washington responsible for all misery. In 1966, police discovered large arms caches and arrested 20

- * Naval Investigative Service (NIS) US Navy agency established on Aug.8, 1985. It is mainly concerned with counterespionage and terrorism. It is headed by commander Cathal L.Flyn and its headquarters are located in Suitland, Maryland. It has three directorates, naval investigations, counter-intelligence and security,
- * National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) Neo-Nazi organization which spreads complet theories in which Jews play a central role. It has a hardcore of 300 members supported by several thousand militants and is led by Lyndon H.La Rouche. It has a security guard which has developed paramilitary, activities. Intimidation is its major weapon including telephone threats and the killing and maiming of pets. It has infiltrated the Democratic Party.
- * National Security Agency (NSA) Intelligence organization responsible for all forms of signals and electronic espionage, established by President Truman in 1952. Its smain task is decyphering messages projected by all forms of sophisticated communications. Headquarters are at Fort Meade, Maryland. Some 70,000 people work for the organization. NSA has become the most important source of intelligence in the United States. It has the capability to intercept every form of communication, and its staff, regularly monitor the outpourings of neutrals, as well as of friend and foe. NSA works in close co-operation with the British Government's Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham, which is in control of similar though less extensive operations in Britain.
- * National Security Council (NSC) The most powerful group in the United States dealing with intelligence matters. It is a policymaking body, under the direct control of the President, and is composed of senior members of the government, the armed forces and the intelligence community. It was founded in December 1947 under the National Security Act which was passed to reorganize America's intelligences services in the light of Russian aggression.in.Europe. However, in 1955 the NSC formed a group known as 5412 Committee which was given responsibility of approving all covert operations considered important or sensitive enough to warrant the President's approval. This committee has undergone changes over the years, and has, been variously called the Special Committee, the 303 Committee, and currently the Forty Committee. After 'Irangate' the NSC was completely reorganized in 1987 under Frank Carlucci.

- * National Socialist (Nazi) Party of America Small neo-Nazi party. In 1981, six members were tried for plotting terrorist bombing attacks at Greeensboro (North Carolina) in 1980.
- New African Freedom Fighters (NAFF) Black and White militant group linked to the above ground Republic of New Africa (RNA).
- New World Liberation Front (NWLF) Small extremist group based in California, active in the mid-1970s. According to the FBI, between 1974 and 1978 the NWLF was responsible for almost 100 bombings in the San Francisco Bay area against, banks, business premises and police stations. The NWLF also exploded a pipe bomb outside a nuclear power plant in Oregon. The activities of the NWLF ended in September 1979 when the NWLF leader was arrested. NWLF units have operated under diverse names including Emiliano Zapata Unit. Environmental Assault Unit, Eugene Kuhn Unit, Jonathan Jackson-Sam Melville Unit, Lucio Cabanas Unit, Tom, Hicks-Bill Blizzard Unit, Tom Hicks Unit, Unit II and Unit III of the Peoples Forces.
- Office for Combatting Terrorism. (OCT) Special unit of the American State Department, set up in 1972 after the Munich Olympics attack. presently headed by Paul Bremer. Made up of senior officials from a number of US government agencies (including State, Defence, Justice, Treasury and the CIA) the OCT coordinates the American government's campaign against internal and external terrorism. It works from the Operations- Centre in Washington DC and is responsible to the National Security Council, It is one of the few agencies that, publish an annual survey of recorded international terrorist incidents. During 1985 a total of 782 incidents were recorded in which more than 800 people were killed and another 1;200 people were injured. During 1986 the total rose to 848 incidents, including seven hijackings & attempted hijackings, 82 acts of hostage taking and kidnapping, 164 arson attacks, 183 shootings and 412 bombings. The 1986 total figures showed a big drop in the number of attacks conducted outside the Middle East by Middle Eastern groups.
- * The Order (or Silent Brotherhood) American neo-Nazi white supremacist organization founded in 1982 by Robert, Matthews (killed in 1984). It developed into asparamilitary group with a sophisticated armoury, and has staged a number of armed robberies which netted \$ 4 million. The group takes its philosophy from an apocalyptic novel by the American writer William Pierce called The Turner Diaries in which a right-wing terrôfist group (also called the Order) stage a coup d'etat in the US, takes over the nuclear arsenal and

bombs Israel out of existence. The group has declared its intention to make the US a white Christian society and regard the Jews as an evil influence which must be rooted out: Investigatiors have gradually uncovered links between the Order and such groups as the KKK, the American Nazis, the Posse Comitatus, the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord. In June 1984, a Jewish talkshow host, Alan Berg was assassinated in Denver. Bruce Pierce and Randolf Duey were sentenced to 100 years in prison. Pierce was held responsible for the murder of Alan Berg. All 24 known members of the group, are dead or imprisoned.~

* Organisation of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) Organization formed by Malcolm X (a former member of the BMM) in 1964. He was shot to death by three (black) gunmen in Harlem off Feb.21, 1965. Elijah Muhammed and the Nation of Islam were widely blamed for his death, although their complicity in the murder was never proved. The OAAU promoted the idea that black Americans should identify with the Third World's coloured minorities. It was opposed to the US policy in Vietnam. The organization advocated a right for blacks of 'retaliatory violence', or 'armed selfdefense'.

* Pagan International (PI) A private company specialised in fighting action groups. It is known as a kind of mini-CIA that works via a lobbying and information system to discredit and stigmatise opponents. It divides activists in three categories, radicals, romantics and realists. The policy of the company is to stigmatise the radicals by revealing left-wing connections and to corrupt the realists. The company works for multi-national companies.

* Posse Comitâtus (PC)

Group, also known as the Citizens Law Enforcement Research Committee, founded by Henry Lamont Beach in Portland, Oregon in 1973. PC advocates forming a cell in each county to help. county sheriffs, the only legitimate law enforcement authority, to fight federal and state officials. PC opposes the graduated income tax and the federal courts. It reportedly has a hardcore of 2,500 members and is supported by another 10,000; sympathizers. Headquarters are located in Tigerton, Wisconsin. Chapters are present in almost every state. It has engaged in bombings, shootings, resisting arrest and guerrilla/paramilitary terrorist training. It is led by Jim Wickstrom, A defector, James Thimme and Luke Stice, the son of another defector, were murdered by the PC. The five-year old. Luke was used as a target during paramilitary training. The majority of its members come from Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and North Dakota. The organization has links with the KKK and the Life Science Bible Church.

- * Prairie Fire Organization Committee (PFOC) Above ground support organization for the Weather Underground.
- * Raza Unida Party (RUP) Chicano movement in the southwest that has been involved in the supply of explosives for Puerto Rican FALN bombing operations in the midwest and northeastern states.
- * Red Guerrilla Resistance (RGR) Terrorist group which has claimed responsibility for several bomb attacks. It is opposed to Israeli and US policies and South African apartheid. It bombed the Israeli Aircraft Industry office in New York City on Apr.5, 1984. Another device was detonated at the Officer's Club at the Washington Naval Yard on Apr.20, 1984. This attack was dedicated to Carroll Ishee, a North American who died fighting alongside the FMLN guerrilla organization in El Salvador. On Sep.26, 1984, a bomb was placed in the building housing the South African consulate in New York City. On Feb.25, 1985, a bomb exploded at the Police Benevolent Association of the New York City Police. The attack was in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Malcolm X assassination and to support a demand of Black communities across the country to stop 'killer cops'.
- Revolutionary Armed Task-Force (RATF). An alliance of the Weather Underground and the BLA which is believed to have emerged in 1979 after BLA leader Joanne Chesimard's escape from prison. It has fewer-than 50 active members. A network appears to extend across the United States. The existing groups share arms and intelligence, provide safehouses and assist in the planning and execution of operations including prison escapes. The group is highly disciplined and its limited membership makes it virtually impossible to infiltrate. The New York cell is thought to have accumulated an estimated \$ 1 million forms bank robberies between 1976 and 1981. The money was used for safe houses, food, and other living expenses, as well as weapons and drugs. Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk were arrested in Clerry Hill, New Jersey, on 'Nov.29, 1984. They were sentenced May 20, 1985, for the maximum penalty of 55 years.
- * Revolutionary Fighting Group (RFG). The RFG claimed to have planted a bomb at an FBI building on Staten Island on Jan.29, 19823 It is believed that the RFG is a pseudonym for the Revolutionary Armed Task Force (RATF).
- * Sam Melville-Jonathan Jackson Unit A group which has been responsible for several