

AGITATOR INDEX --- The Agitator Index (AI) is being discontinued.  
Manual changes follow. u

You must promptly review case files pertaining to AI subjects and submit recommendations concerning any subject whose activities qualify him for inclusion on Security Index. u

AI cards should be destroyed. You must insure, however, any photographs and physical descriptions on AI cards have been included in the main file for each individual AI subject. u

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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The Rabble Rouser Index has been renamed the Agitator Index to more aptly describe this Index. u

Each office should immediately take steps to secure a current photograph and physical description which should be placed on the back of each Agitator Index card filed in the field in the same manner as this is presently handled on Security Index cards. u

Appropriate changes in the Manual of Instructions and forms which have been appropriately changed will be furnished the field in the near future. In the meantime, continue to use your supply of Form FD-397 for recommending additions to, changes in, and deletions from the Agitator Index. u

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(E) RABBLE ROUSER INDEX -- Section 122 E. of the Manual of Instructions sets forth instructions regarding the Rabble Rouser Index being maintained at the Bureau and in the field. In view of the growing problems created by local rabble rousers from the standpoint of internal security, the criteria for recommending individuals to be included in the Rabble Rouser Index is being expanded. Henceforth, the criteria for inclusion will be (1) agitators who have demonstrated by their actions and speeches that they have a propensity for fomenting disorder of a racial and/or security nature and (2) have attracted such attention, nationally or locally, as to be of significant interest with regard to the overall civil disturbance picture. u

A rabble rouser is defined as a person who tries to arouse people to violent action by appealing to their emotions, prejudices, et cetera; a demagogue. u

You will note that under prior criteria the Rabble Rouser Index served as an index only for individuals of national prominence with particular consideration given to those who travel extensively and was limited to those fomenting racial disorder. It is the intent of this expanded criteria to have within each division as well as nationwide an index of agitators of all types whose activities have a bearing on the national security. This would include, for example, black nationalists, white supremacists, Puerto Rican nationalists, anti-Vietnam demonstration leaders and other extremists. As you were previously advised, the fact that the individual is on the Security Index or the Reserve Index does not preclude his inclusion on the Rabble Rouser Index. u

Each Special Agent in Charge is instructed to submit a letter under the above caption to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of this letter setting forth the identities of the individuals residing within the field divisions who are being recommended for inclusion on the Rabble Rouser Index under the expanded criteria. In accordance with existing instructions, an original and four copies of a separate write-up should be submitted regarding each individual recommended using the sample format previously furnished to you. u

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(B) RABBLE ROUSER INDEX (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL) -- Effective immediately in view of the widespread racial unrest the Bureau will maintain a Rabble Rouser Index. This Index will consist of the names, identifying data, and background information of individuals who are known rabble rousers and who have demonstrated by their actions and speeches that they have a propensity for fomenting racial disorder. It is desired that only individuals of prominence who are of national interest be included on this Index. Particular consideration should be given to recommending those individuals in this category who travel extensively. Such individuals as [redacted] and Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party are typical examples of the type of individuals to be included. The fact that an individual is on the Security Index or Reserve Index does not preclude his inclusion on the Rabble Rouser Index. u

Each Special Agent in Charge is instructed to submit a letter under the above caption to the Bureau within 15 days from the date of this letter setting forth the identity of the individuals residing within field divisions who are being recommended for inclusion on the Rabble Rouser Index. An original and four copies of a separate write-up should be submitted regarding each individual recommended in accordance with the enclosed sample format. Make certain that information contained in the succinct resume of activities section of the Index card clearly shows the reason the individual should be included on the Index. If Bureau concurs with the recommendation one copy of the write-up will be stamped approved and returned to the field office. These approved write-ups should be retained by the field office in alphabetical order in a loose-leaf binder labeled Rabble Rouser Index. This Index should be afforded the same security as the Security Index. After submission of the initial letter, any necessary changes, deletions, or additions should be made and the original and four copies of corrected write-ups should be forwarded to the Bureau by letter under the above caption. An administrative tickler should be prepared to review the Index every three months to insure that all information is current and accurate. Appropriate Manual changes are being prepared. u

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