

Racist FBI targets black leaders

What follows is the text of a sworn affidavit by an FBI official who reports that it has been FBI policy to single out black elected officials for political persecution and selective prosecution, and that this policy is based on a racist contention that black people are "genetically inferior." Although the FBI is currently targeting constituency-based political leaders of all races, it is also undeniable that such naked racism is gaining popularity among the Anglo-American elites, and that those elites are encouraging it in the hopes of unleashing brutalizing racial warfare in the United States. The affidavit, by Hersch Friedman, a former Marine who now practices law in the state of Georgia, was read into the Congressional Record on June 2 by Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), who called for an immediate congressional investigation of the charges contained therein. "Such a policy," Dymally charged, "represents the ultimate abuse of power, and places at risk more than 6,700 elected officials mandated to serve the people of this nation." The affidavit was also made part of the proceedings of a Washington, D.C. citizens' grand jury which has been formed to investigate Justice Department wrongdoing in the case of Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry.

The undersigned Hersch Friedman, having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states that the following is based upon his personal knowledge, as intended for use in the connection with the above-captioned matters. . . .

In February 1979 . . . I was requested to work as an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a number of occasions. . . .

Shortly after I began working with the FBI in 1979, I was made aware of the unofficial policy of the FBI, which was generally referred to by Special Agent John MacAvoy as "Frühmenschen" [a made-up German word meaning "early humans"—ed.]. The purpose of this policy was the routine investigation without probable cause of prominent elected and appointed black officials in major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S.A.

I learned from my conversation with special agents of the FBI that the basis for this policy was the assumption by the FBI that black officials were intellectually and socially incapable of governing major governmental organizations and institutions. An upshot of the FBI's Frühmenschen policy in Atlanta was the investigation generally referred to in the Atlanta FBI office as "blue eyes, green eyes, brown eyes."

This investigation specifically referred to "blue eyes" Elgin Bell, who was a top ranking black police officer in Atlanta

who had blue eyes. "Green eyes" was Maynard Jackson, who at that time was the mayor and is again mayor of the city of Atlanta, who has green eyes. "Brown eyes" is [Atlanta Police Commissioner] Reginald Eaves (of course), who has brown eyes.

The investigation had targeted these particular individuals with the aim of prosecuting them if possible, even though there was no probable cause that had started the investigation. The Frühmenschen policy of the FBI and the "blue eyes," "green eyes," "brown eyes" investigation were conducted throughout this period—1979-1982. . . . During this time Special Agent John MacAvoy was the first supervisor of the Eaves investigation. FBI agents and an Atlanta police detective assigned to work with the FBI would routinely discuss the progress of their investigations with me.

I understood that over a dozen indictable cases against white appointed officials and others in the Northern District of Georgia were dropped and investigations were discontinued altogether during this period of time, while great effort was put forth in connection with the Frühmenschen policy and pursuit of the blue eyes, green eyes, brown eyes cases, notwithstanding the absence of indictable cases against these three particular targets. . . .

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Special Agent MacAvoy, in the presence of others, routinely made remarks regarding the targets of this investigation's efforts, which the undersigned took as strictly racist. An example of these remarks used in connection with his investigation of elected and appointed black officials in the Northern District of Georgia would be: "We've got to get the Frühmenschen." . . .

I told Special Agent MacAvoy that there appears no basis for believing that Commissioner Eaves was about to break any law involving the abuse of public office and [there was] no basis therefore for pursuing him. In light of that, I asked him why the FBI continued to focus on Eaves. His reply was simply that they would pursue the investigation because Eaves was a "Frühmenschen" and would thus have to break the law, meaning in time.

MacAvoy used "Frühmenschen" to describe black people. The undersigned understood from this and his knowledge of the investigation by the FBI, that the investigation of Eaves and the other black elected and appointed officials in the Northern District of Georgia was based upon suspicions and racial bias and not upon reliable information and evidence.

In conclusion, as far as the undersigned is aware, the Frühmenschen policy of the FBI and the blue eyes, brown eyes, green eyes investigations of the FBI are ongoing at the time of his release in 1982.

I have read the foregoing statement and hereby certify that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signed by Hersch Friedman.