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Introduction

Abbie Hoffman's energetic activism earned him a reputation as an agitator and an effective voice for America's counter culture of the 1960s. He attracted the attention of the FBI through his disruptive and dramatic demonstration at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. He was associated with the most major radical groups of the 1960s, including the Black Panthers, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and the Youth International Party (YIP), which Hoffman cofounded in 1968.

This collection includes memos, reports, interview transcripts, newspaper clippings, and teletypes. Organized first by headquarters and field files, then chronologically by type of file, this publication contains information on the following subject headings: Anti-riot Laws, Unlawful Flight, Treason, and Domestic Security.

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