

To: B.P.P. Foundation members

From: Archive Support Committee

RE: Committee Report

On April 3, 1987, I, Malika Majid, visited the Moorland Spingard Research Center. I met with W. Paul Coates and Karen Jefferson, both manuscript librarians at the center. The purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibility and potential of the archive Support Committee (ASC) establishing a Black Panther archive at the research center.

First, let me say that I was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the entire staff, including the president. They were very receptive to the idea of serving as ^{our} repository.

During our very length meeting, Paul Coates and I discussed in great details, the process of collecting and donating material, the processing and preservation of material, the need for ASC to develop a mechanism of conveying progress report to the research center, establishing ownership of material, developing a donor's agreement form (s), and what ASC's focus should be at this time.

We also discussed the importance of contacting other former panthers from across the country, present the idea (the collecting and preservation of panther material) to them, and solicit their assistance in this effort. We discussed the need to establish a projected time for submitting material to the research center.

Other Discussions.

During the processing of the material by the center, any material submitted is closed to the public until processing is completed. The Moorland Spingard Research Center (the prospected repostitory) is responsible for the security of material submitted. The taping of oral history of contributors was another information gathering area that we discussed. This process is very time consuming; it requires a lot of work and money. However it is an area that this committee might want to explore in the future.

Both Paul Coates and Karen Jefferson took me on a tour of the center so that I could get some idea of how each department functions. The tour was great and very informative.

Committee Work and Focus.

1. compose letter explaining committee's purpose
2. contact other former panthers
3. begin collection process
4. establish time frame
5. develop functional deposit agreement

Respectfully Submitted
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