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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Offices
From: Charney V. Bromberg and Ann Tourk
Date: May 5, 1993
Subject: Outreach to the NAACP

As you are aware, the NAACP was one of a handful of major national organizations mistakenly identified in recent news stories as being the object of ADL investigation. Abe Foxman wrote newly installed NAACP Director, Reverend Benjamin Chavis, assuring him that the ADL had never targeted the NAACP for investigation.

Many of you have already reached out to local branches of the NAACP; those of you who have not done so, particularly where you have a personal relationship with the local director, should do so now.

The contact should be for the purpose of "touching base," but clearly, if the topic of San Francisco arises, your response should be quite direct--"you know, we're in the business of monitoring extremists, not our friends in the civil rights movement."

You may note also that the news story in which the NAACP was named cited names in Bullock's files as ours. Further, the ADL has never targeted, nor would it ever target for investigation any individual or organization on the basis of race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation. You have ADL's press release of April 16 and the backgrounder for guidance, and both may be sent to your NAACP counterpart.

We're most interested in getting a picture of how this issue is playing among your intergroup contacts and coalition partners. Please call to give us your assessment--good, bad or indifferent.

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cc: Abraham Foxman