

# FORMER FBI AGENT ALLEGES HE RECEIVED RECENT DEATH THREAT WHILE PROTESTING

By Muhammad Abdullah

Former FBI agent Canute Brown, who has been protesting in front of the FBI building on East Charleston, due to alleged civil rights violations, told the Sentinel-Voice that he had received a recent death threat.

In our last report on Brown's story, he admitted that the "harassment" had ceased for a time,

however, last Thursday, July 16, 1992, he found a "dead pigeon" on the spot that he frequents while demonstrating.

Brown alleges that the "pigeon" which was used in the past to threaten and harass him, is a "symbol of his being a "dead bird" or a "dead man" if his protests did not cease.

Brown went further to state

## LAS VEGAS TEACHER AMONG NEA DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

New York City-Barbara M. Griffin-Jones, of Las Vegas, was among the members of the National Education Association

(NEA) who attended the Democratic National Convention in New York last week.

Griffin-Jones, a third grade

teacher at Lois Craig Elementary School, is a member of the Nevada State Education Association and serves as secretary

that he has reported the "death threat" to "Secret Witness," who is currently investigating the allegation.

Since we reported on Brown's story he has appeared on a radio talk show on KLAS 1230 AM to discuss his protest. Brown also has been in touch with Geraldo Rivera's office and is looking forward to appearing

on a future segment of his program.

William Sessions, Chief Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations was in Las Vegas recently for a conference, but could not be reached to comment on Brown's case.

Brown, being a naturalized American citizen from Jamaica, joins the list of hundreds of African-Americans, women and other minorities who are scrutinizing the agency for past and present alleged violations.

The protest signs which Brown carries reads. FBI cover-up! Why can't the FBI interview retired agent and wife about civil rights violations? Ex-Death Threats? Break-Ins? (i.e., Brown alleges that his business and delegates in New York.

On July 8, in Washington, D.C., the Association's 8,500 member Representative Assembly voted to endorse Gov. Bill Clinton for president through a secret ballot election. The Governor received 88 percent of the votes cast — the highest percentage ever given to a Presidential candidate by NEA.

motor home were broken into) Obscene Calls? Surveillance Blitz, even during chemotherapy? Why was the agent told to leave town and keep quiet? Who is muzzling the press and threats of deportation?

The second sign reads: FBI Cover-up! CIA operative threaten to kill FBI Ex-agent because wife told Congressman Bilbray's staff about Atrocities! When asked about deportation threats, Brown responded this way; "That's crazy! I've been a naturalized citizen, since 1958 and that is just one of the tactics used to scare me.

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## BUFFALO SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

Shortly after the Civil War, when the United States recognized its splintered military to meet the demands of reconstruction and national expansion, there were not enough white soldiers to go around. So the Army created its first permanent all-black units, the 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments.

These new regiments were sent to the West, initially, where they developed into distinguished fighting forces. They helped to introduce the rule of law along the Mexican border, and to bring about the capitulation of the Indians on the frontier. The black troopers rode so long on the American Plains that they became known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

But they never got the lasting credit they deserved. The 9th and 10th Calvaries remained in existence until the 1950's; they battled everyone from Pancho Villa to Adolf Hitler. Yet for reasons of carelessness (and some say bigotry) they have been largely relegated to the barely remembered reaches of military lore.

Recently however, the Buffalo Soldiers were remembered, as a memorial was erected at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. The 10th Cavalry Regiment was organized at that 150-year-old Army post, and a statue of a black man on a horse will be dedicated this summer on the

site where the troops were billeted.

Navy Cmdr. Carlton Philpot, who directed the project, said the memorial has been in the works for the last 10 years. He says it was originally conceived by Army Gen. Colin Powell, the present chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Powell was stationed at Fort Leavenworth in 1982, when he founded that the only recognition of the 9th and 10th was a pair of alleyways.

Powell thought the fort could do better than that. And he got many of his associates to agree. He was transferred to another post before he could do much more than create the interest, however. The proposal stumbled along for several years after he departed. Some seed money was raised, but none of it was spent.

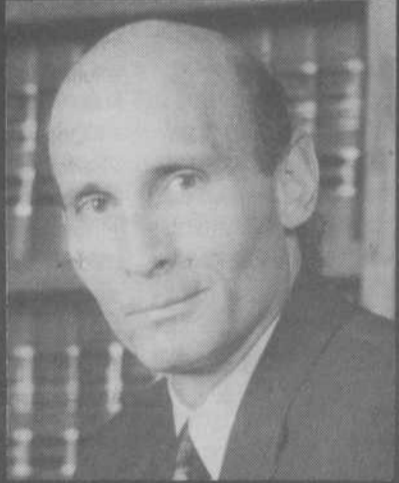
Then Cmdr. Philpot of the Navy arrived in 1989. He was assigned to work as an instructor at the Army Command and General Staff School. Although he rides ships rather than steeds, he seized the moment. He collected a staff of 20 volunteers,

set out to raise \$900,000, and employed a black sculptor from Texas to fashion the 12-foot statue.

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