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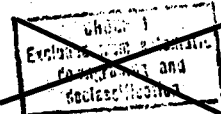
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SUBJECT: Maxwell Curtis Stanford Jr.

Life Magazine 10 June 1966 contained an article by Russell SACKETT captioned PLOTTING A WAR ON WHITEY. The article states in part, "Currently the most influential and feared of the black revolutionary groups is RAM: the Revolutionary Action Movement - or more recently, the Revolutionary Armed Movement. RAM is an umbrella-like fraternity with an estimated 1,000 violent-bent brothers dispersed throughout the Negro ghettos of the East Coast, where it was formed. Hundreds of other Negroes are actively affiliated with the brothers in virtually every major city in the U.S. RAM had its beginnings among a group of students who went to Cuba in 1964, against State Dept. wishes, and came under the influence of radical activists whom they met there. The spiritual godfather of RAM is an American who has lived most recently in exile in Cuba and was there when the American students arrived. He is Robert Franklin Williams. Beyond Williams, RAM's leaders are resolutely faceless. The one man to whom inquiries are most frequently referred by Williams and others is a bright 24 year old wraith named Max Stanford. Stanford, a Philadelphian, is illusive; he slips secretly from city to city as liaison man among the scattered RAM affiliates, and between them and whatever financial supports the groups has - both inside and outside the country."

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