



Enclosed is a picture of myself and Mark Comfort taken in Ensenado, Mexico in Feb. 1969. Mark was the head of the Oakland Direct Action Committee. He worked in the SNCC Black Panther project in Lowndes County Alabama in 1965. Huey got the name Black Panther from Mark Comfort.

Mark went to Sacramento with the panthers; in fact, the panthers borrowed seven of their weapons from Mark. Mark had an interesting encounter with Ronald Reagan on the capitol lawn.

At Bobbie Seale's request, Mark was the last "panther" to surrender his weapon.

A Little History,
Bert

#Note: ODAC office was located in E. Oakland on 92th and E.14th. Members wore Vietnam green combat outfits. They fought for the rights of the Black community. In 1968, they helped stage a downtown boycott of businesses, because they wouldn't hire blacks, it was very effective. Mark Comfort is one of the persons overlooked in the history books of Oakland. As Bert mention some member of ODAC went to Sacramento in 1967.

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