

# **Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct**

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Dear Friends:

Last week marked a major victory for the Puerto Rican Independence struggle and the struggle to free all political prisoners and prisoners of war -- the freedom of William Guillermo Morales. The Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct joins with millions of people around the world in celebrating his freedom.

But while we celebrate this victory, the state is moving to recoup its losses by empanelling a federal grand jury to "investigate" William's escape. To date they have subpoenaed Dylcia Pagan (William's wife), Henry Lopez (William's brother), and Susan Tipograph (William's lawyer). This grand jury is clearly an attempt to harass, intimidate and neutralize the Puerto Rican independence struggle in the face of the government's humiliating defeat. This is part of the continuing COINTELPRO attacks upon national liberation struggles.

The lawsuit of the CSAGM is one aspect of an overall strategy to free POWs and expose COINTELPRO. It is being led by those forces who have been the central targets of U.S. counter-insurgency programs -- Third World liberation struggles, primarily the Black liberation struggle. It is from the Committee's commitment to fight to free all POWs that we celebrate William's escape. His freedom is a great advance for the Puerto Rican struggle and for all national liberation struggles and demands that we heighten our solidarity by joining the fight to stop grand juries and by supporting Independence for Puerto Rico. Demonstrate your support for William Morales by coming to the June 8th Evening in Solidarity with the Struggle to Free Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican Prisoners of War.

The subpoena of Ms. Tipograph is a particular attack upon this suit since she is our chief counsel. It is the latest in a long series of attacks upon this lawsuit and upon Ms. Tipograph's ability to legally defend political prisoners and prisoners of war. As she stated in her May 25th press statement:

"...since I have been involved in defending political prisoners and POWs and legally fighting U.S. counter-intelligence activities, my clients and I have been subjected to attacks. There have been break-ins at people's homes and offices; mail has been tampered with and phones bugged; and at one point last summer one of my clients who is suing the FBI had her home destroyed by a very suspicious fire."

These attacks have extended to the entire legal team. They have been consistently harassed by illegal surveillance, break-ins, threats and fabricated charges.

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Grand juries have historically been used to attack national liberation movements and all progressive movements. During the last three years in particular, Puerto Rican communities have been subjected to the harassment and intimidation of grand jury witchhunts in the government's search for the FALN.

In recent years the Puerto Rican independence struggle has been transformed through the emergence of numerous clandestine organizations and massification of resistance to U.S. imperialism. One response of the U.S. government has been the training and deployment to Puerto Rico of 1000s of agents from the FBI training center in Quantico, Virginia. This is the same camp that has been used to train agents in domestic counter-intelligence operations for the last decade.

The Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct urges you to join in solidarity with the struggle to free prisoners of war. Our active support for William and the grand jury resisters is crucial. COME TO THE JUNE 8th EVENING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE TO FREE PUERTO RICO AND PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS OF WAR -- DEMONSTRATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR WILLIAM MORALES, FOR THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GRAND JURY, AND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO.

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