

Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct

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After four years of grand jury investigations, Congressional hearings, charges and dismissals, false starts, delays and legal maneuvers, we are faced with the prospect that no one will be prosecuted for any of the FBI's criminal actions; and that there will be no official public hearing on the matter, however limited. We are the people who the government admits were the targets of the FBI's illegal actions. But our interests have never been represented or spoken to by any government officials or agencies. On the contrary, we have experienced increased counter-intelligence activities against us throughout the period of this investigation.

We filed suit on May 16, 1978 against Richard Nixon, Griffin Bell, the FBI and its former and present officials and others, demanding \$100 million damages, full disclosure of our files and an end to all illegal actions, such as:

- a) threats of physical violence and assault, including plans to kidnap plaintiff Dohrn and her child;
- b) the establishment of a training school in Quantico, Virginia in 1972, to train defendants and others to burglarize and commit other illegal acts against the plaintiffs and others;
- c) continual break-ins and burglaries, mail openings, mail stealing, electronic and other forms of surveillance.

(Clark et al v. U.S.A. Amended
Complaint 73 Civ. 2244)

Our suit is exposing the nature of the Justice Department's role

in this investigation. And it has attempted to utilize its dual position, of prosecution in the criminal trial and defense in the civil litigation, to attack and undermine our suit. The most recent example of this is that myself and plaintiff Jennifer Dohrn are subpoenaed to the criminal trial by the Justice Department. Since we can provide no concrete evidence in the trial, the only purpose that could be served by these subpoenas would be to harass and intimidate us and fish for information to use against our suit. And while the defendants Gray, Felt and Miller have had full access to over 90,000 pages of our FBI files, we have been denied any access to this information. In fact, over 1,500 files of evidence in this matter have been destroyed.

These legal actions have been coordinated with extra-legal attacks, such as the break-in and ransacking of Dana Biberman's house on the day we filed our suit; and a fire which burned down my apartment while I was speaking at a public forum on our suit. Our attorneys, as well, have experienced break-ins and late night harassing phone calls.

These occurrences have brought us to the steps of the Department of Justice. today. For the Department of Justice has conspired with the intelligence agencies, the defendants and others to narrow the scope of any investigation, deny most of its crimes and exonerate most of those responsible. The actions they have admitted to are but a small part of an ongoing illegal counter-intelligence operations directed against entire Third World communities and progressive movements. Despite documented evidence from Congress itself of illegal actions the Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano/Mexicano and Native American movements, no indictments for these crimes have been produced, let alone any trials. Only one indictment stands, and it represents

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the Justice Department's attempt to put an end to such exposures, to project itself as "clearing house," so that illegal actions can proceed unimpeded as part of current counter-intelligence operations.