

WHEN THE F.B.I. COME A' CALLING !

HAVING FAILED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS TO CONVICT NUMEROUS RADICALS THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, THE GOVERNMENT AND IT'S PROSECUTORS (THE JUSTICE DEPT. AND THE F.B.I.) ARE NOW EMBARKING ON A NEW COURSE OF REPRESSION. THEY ARE COORDINATING A NATIONWIDE CONSPIRACY OF GRAND JURIES TO HARASS RADICALS AND GET INFORMATION WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN IN ANY OTHER WAY (GRAND JURIES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT ISSUE). THE PRELUDE TO BEING SUBPOENAED FOR A GRAND JURY IS, USUALLY, A VISIT BY THE FBI. IN THEIR NEW "CRACK DOWN" ON RADICALS THE FBI IS WIDENING THEIR SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE CALLING ON LOTS OF PEOPLE, EITHER VERY INVOLVED OR JUST ASSOCIATED WITH RADICAL ORGANIZATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, ETC. THE GOVERNMENT'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GET CONVICTIONS IN RECENT POLITICAL TRIALS HAS LED THEM TO THIS ATTEMPT TO GET ANY INFORMATION FROM ANYONE ABOUT THE POLITICAL PEOPLE THEY DON'T WANT AROUND. IT SEEMS THAT THEIR MAJOR EFFORT RIGHT NOW IS TO "BREAK" THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND AND THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.

NO MATTER HOW UNLIKELY YOU THINK IT IS THAT THE FBI WOULD WANT INFORMATION FROM YOU, THEY NEED ONLY TO HAVE TAKEN YOUR PICTURE AT A DEMONSTRATION TO COME CALLING ON YOU. THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY THE STAFF OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD. IT IS USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE CONFRONTED BY THE FEDS.

INFORMATION IS CRUCIAL INGREDIENT IN THE FUEL THAT RUNS THE ENGINE OF REPRESSION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT NOT ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THE PIGS OBTAIN COME FROM BUGS AND AGENTS. SOMETIMES WE SUPPLY THAT INFORMATION

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THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENS. SOME PEOPLE GET SCARED WHEN AN FBI AGENT APPEARS AT THE DOOR. THEY ANSWER A FEW "SIMPLE" QUESTIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID NOT TO.... FEAR DISTORTS OUR JUDGEMENT OF THIS SITUATION.

THERE IS NO LAW REQUIRING US TO TALK TO FBI AGENTS. NO "CRIME" IS COMMITTED WHEN THE AGENT IS BRUSHED OFF AND THE DOOR SHUT IN HIS FACE. HOWEVER, THE "CRIME" IS DONE WHEN WE ANSWER ANY OF THEIR QUESTIONS.

NO FBI AGENT ASKS IDLE QUESTIONS; THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SMALL TALK WITH A PIG. ANY ANSWER COULD SUPPLY SOME INFORMATION THAT CAN BE USED BY THE STATE.

SOMETIMES WHEN WE OPEN THE DOOR UNAFRAID AND READY TO BRUSH THEM OFF, WE GET CAUGHT BY AN OLD INTERROGATION TRICK. THE AGENT SAYS THAT THEY HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU DID SUCH AND SUCH AND IF YOU ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS EVERYTHING WILL BE CLEARED UP. WELL, THEY PROBABLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON YOU, BUT YOU, KNOWING THAT YOU NEVER DID WHAT THEY SAID, ANSWER OUT OF FEAR. THEN THEY ASK YOU WHERE YOU WERE THE NIGHT BEFORE, PERHAPS, AND BINGO THEY HAVE YOU TALKING. DON'T FALL FOR IT.

SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT THEY WILL JUST OUTSMART THE PIG. THEY'LL INVITE THE AGENT IN TO ASK HIS QUESTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE ENEMY IS UP TO . BUT EVERY REACTION TO THEIR QUESTIONS, THEY CONSTRUE AS INFORMATION.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN THE FBI COME TO CALL? YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING TO THEM. IF THEY REALLY GET DIFFICULT, TELL THEM TO SEE YOUR LAWYER, WHO IS (SO AND SO).

DON'T LET THEM IN. DON'T BE AFRAID. DON'T BE TRICKED. DON'T BE ARROGANT. ANYTHING YOU SAY TO THEM IS MUSIC TO THEIR EARS.

THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE IS FILLED WITH CASES OF SISTERS AND BROTHERS SENT TO JAIL AND TO DEATH ON "FRAMEUPS" BASED ON JUST ENOUGH CIRCUMSTANTIAL INFORMATION TO GIVE AN AURA OF CREDIBILITY TO THE STATE'S CHARGES.

ANOTHER LINE OF FBI INVESTIGATING TO ANTICIPATE IS THE VISIT TO A THIRD PERSON: A PARENT, FRIEND OR EMPLOYER. WHERE POSSIBLE, IT IS HELPFUL TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO IS LIKELY TO BE CONTACTED AND LET THEM KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE FBI. BITS AND PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NERVOUS EMPLOYERS AND UPSET PARENTS MAY MAKE UP A MOSAIC OF TROUBLE FOR ONE OF US. SO TRY TO ANTICIPATE THE PROBLEM AND HANDLE IT AHEAD OF TIME WITH ENOUGH TACT AND HUMOR TO EASE THE SITUATION.

SOMEHOW, WE SHOULD STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN PARANOIA AND NAIVE OBLIVIOUSNESS. THE STATE, IN MOVING AGAINST US MAKES IT SERIOUS FOR US TO DEFEND OURSELVES. PERHAPS THE FIRST STEP IS ENGAGING THE SAFETY OF OUR MOUTHES!