

If you have any reason at all to think you and the people you live with are likely to get hassles, if any of your friends are approached, it is time to think about preparing for a knock on the door. A good policy is to keep your door closed until you know who's on the other side. If you open your door for the police, they can bust you for a crime they say they saw, heard, or smelled inside. FBI agents are known to physically jam their feet in the door and badger uncooperative people at the top of their lungs for half an hour.

If you've opened the door and find a couple of suspicious characters on the other side, you can make a good recovery by stepping outside and locking the door behind you before you refuse to talk. After that you might want to go get an ice cream cone.

#### GET READY

If you live in a group, try to sit down together and figure out collectively what is needless paranoia and what is prudent precaution.

If you have a portable tape recorder, you might want to keep it near the entrance to your house or apartment ready to tape your request for the FBI to leave you alone and get out of your doorway. If they continue to pester you, you may have a tape that is someday worth something in court.

Also, write things down whenever you have contact with the FBI and police or notice any suspicious activity, especially possible surveillance. Write down as much as you can: names, badge numbers, car license plates, physical descriptions, questions, actions, etc. This information is the beginning of your legal protection against repression. Send copies to the National Lawyers Guild, 411 Smith Tower, Seattle, Wash. 98104.

#### VISITS TO FRIENDS

Don't be surprised if the FBI or local police take their questions to parents, friends, employers, and neighbors. 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.

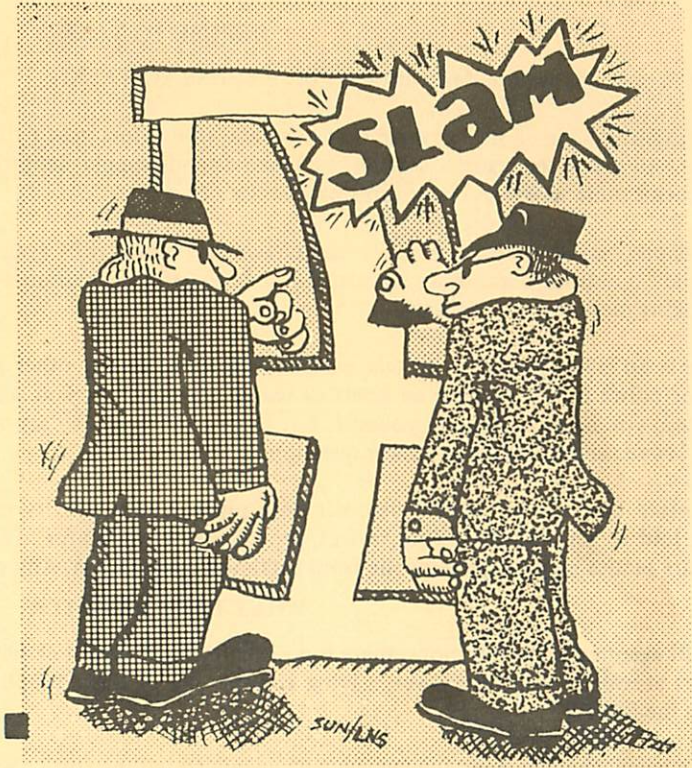
Usually it's best not to spread information by explaining to your acquaintances why the FBI or cops may be inquiring. Just say you'd appreciate their not cooperating and ask them to let you know if they're contacted.

#### POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Look before you open your door.
2. Don't let FBI or police in without a warrant.
3. **DON'T TALK.** No law requires that you talk with FBI or police. Lying to any federal official is a federal crime.
4. Note down names, badge numbers, license numbers, physical descriptions, etc. Send to National Lawyers Guild, 411 Smith Tower, Seattle, Wash. 98104.
5. Ask your friends, relatives, and employers not to cooperate and let you know if they've been contacted.
6. If you need legal help and don't know a friendly lawyer, call the National Lawyers Guild: (206) 622-5144.
7. Stay cool. Stay calm. Stay silent.

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