

Nov. 23, 1974

Dear Sen. Case:

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I hope you share my outrage over the U.S. Government actions reported in the attached clippings. Shades of the Gestapo and NKVD!

Well, what are you going to do about it?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

11,000 TARGETED FOR NIXON

Report lists 'enemies' in IRS file

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A citizens tax group said yesterday that it has documents proving the Internal Revenue Service compiled a "central intelligence file" on 11,000 potential White House enemies from 1969-1973 and that there is no assurance the files have yet been destroyed.

Citing previously secret IRS documents it obtained after a year's legal battle, the group said there were "3,000 groups and 8,000 organizations targeted for top-secret investigations by the IRS... under a plan instigated in 1969 by the Nixon White House."

It named 99 organizations on the IRS target list, including the National Council of Churches, the Americans for Democratic Action, the John Birch Society, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Urban League, the Black United

Fund, the Church of Scientology and the Unitarian Society.

Former presidential counsel John W. Dean 3d first testified to the existence of a politically motivated IRS investigative effort during his appearances before the Senate Watergate committee in 1973.

IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander subsequently said the IRS would confine its special investigations to tax evaders and resisters. He dissolved the "special services staff" that compiled the controversial investigative files and one of the IRS documents disclosed yesterday said all but legitimate tax case files would be destroyed.

The Public Citizens Tax Research Reform Group, which released yesterday's report, said the IRS' own audits indi-

cated all but 22 per cent of the 11,458 intelligence files should have been destroyed according to IRS inventories. The group said it tried to find out whether they had been.

In a Nov. 8, 1974, response to a recent tax group inquiry as to the disposition of the old special services staff files, the Justice Department's chief litigation attorney stated that "it would be inappropriate to reply to this request in the context of the present action."

The tax group said it had used the Freedom of Information Act and the threat of lawsuit to obtain 41 official IRS documents on the secret tax files and had received them only after a year of trying.

It said the documents show that top-IRS officials met on July 2, 1969, in response to White House pressure to begin investigations of political

enemies "and decided to set up a special task force which would collect information, establish files and key-punch the information so that the IRS data processing division could use it."

The task force was to be an "intelligence-gathering" operation. Besides tax information, the task force would collect data on each organization's motives, its activities, its attitude, its size and its impact on the general public.

It said one IRS memo described the objective as "a massive central intelligence file" and another cautioned:

"We do not want the news media to be alerted to what we are attempting... because the disclosure of such information might embarrass the Administration."

REPORT TODAY WILL DETAIL HOOVER 'ABUSES'

Saxbe: FBI 'dirty tricks' can recur

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Attorney General William B. Saxbe said yesterday there is no way to ensure that the FBI will never again use "dirty tricks" such as planted news stories and anonymous letters to disrupt radical political groups.

The Justice Department will issue a report today revealing orders by former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover which the department calls "isolated instances of practices which can only be considered abhorrent in a free society."

They include planting adverse news stories about a group or its leaders to newspapers considered friendly to FBI activities. The FBI also informed employers, credit bureaus and creditors of "moral or radical" activities of leaders of targeted groups, and mailed anonymous letters to political opponents of the organizations detailing personal information

the FBI dug up.

Such activities were undertaken without any allegations of criminal activities.

Saxbe refused to discuss details of the report before today, but said "oh yes, sure," when asked if such a program of disruption could occur again.

"I certainly think the price you have to pay for this is eternal vigilance," Saxbe said. "To say these things could never happen again just is not so. You could have Watergate happen again. You could have all these things happen again if the people, the Congress and everybody concerned aren't interested."

But the former Ohio senator added that the only current FBI surveillance involves specific crimes, and not acts intended to disrupt political organizations.

Saxbe said he could not be sure if other attorneys general

knew of the Hoover orders, which had been applied to different groups for over 15 years, but said there was evidence some of them should have known.

On other issues Saxbe said on a television show:

• He welcomes cooperation from ghetto residents seeking to improve law enforcement in their neighborhoods, but said most of the work would have to be done with local enforcement agencies.

• It is up to President Ford to decide whether a new attorney general should be appointed in a clean sweep of former President Richard M. Nixon's appointees, but Saxbe will not quit.

• There is "minimum" surveillance of radical Arab and Jewish organizations. But he said "we do try to keep some control and knowledge of criminal activity" by terrorists.

• He said he could not reveal how many wiretaps the Justice Department is using, and refused to comment when asked if the number were more than 109, the last public figure.

• Enforcement of federal marijuana laws is "selective" because courts are already overcrowded. But Saxbe repeated his opposition to decriminalizing marijuana laws.

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Dear Sen. Case:

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Dear [Redacted]

Government actions reported in the

I, too, am deeply concerned over recently revealed FBI activities based on political rather than security considerations. Clearly Congress must maintain closer oversight on FBI activities through its committees, including the Subcommittee on FBI Oversight of the Judiciary Committee.

the U.S. Government actions reported in the taps and

Unfortunately, there is no way I know of to prevent any transgression of the FBI's Charter but maintaining closer accountability and fixing a definite term for the head of the FBI, (which the Senate recently approved) would be of considerable help.

NKVP to do

about it?

Sincerely,

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Clifford P. Case
U. S. Senator

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