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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM concerning the subject's appearance at an SDS sponsored rally in NYC on 4/1/70. Six copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

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observed the rally on 4/1/70.

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The New York University (NYU) Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) would sponsor a "Free the Panther 21 Rally" at 2:00 p.m. on April 1, 1970, at Washington Place, New York City (NYC).

Characterizations of the SDS and the Black Panther Party (BPP) are attached hereto.

On April 1, 1970, Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed approximately 250 people attend a rally outside of 15 Washington Place, NYC, from 2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in support of the NYC Panther 21.

The speakers included Dharuba of the NYC Panther 21, Abbie Hoffman and two unidentified people, all of whom spoke in support of freeing the Panther 21.

Dharuba in his remarks stated, "We'll kill Tricky Dick if he stands in the way of our freedom. We'll kill anybody if he stands in the way of our freedom."

Abbie Hoffman spoke for five minutes during which time he spoke in support of the NYC Panther 21, stating that all prisoners are political prisoners.

The Panther 21 are 21 members of the BPP in NYC, who were indicted by the New York County Grand Jury in NYC on April 2, 1969, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and arson.

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Attached hereto is an article captioned, "Hoffman, Dharuba Speak at Square Rally; 180 March On Med School, Disrupt Speech", which appeared in the April 2, 1970, issue of the "Washington Square Journal", an NYU student newspaper.

All of the sources utilized in the appendix attached hereto have furnished reliable information in the past.

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Hoffman, Dharuba Speak at Square Rally; 180 March On Med School, Disrupt Speech

By Sonny Klainfield and Peter Frishouf

Abbie Hoffman of the Chicago 7 and Dharuba of the Panther 21 led 500 students in a fervorous rally yesterday afternoon, demanding release of the imprisoned Panthers and radical reformation of the Bellevue Medical Center.

Some 50 chanting and jeering radical students later carried their rally to the NYU Medical Center, where they caused the cancellation of a speech on biological warfare after police had kept 180 persons from entering the Medical School complex.

Staged at Washington Place between Greene and Mercer Streets, the 2 pm rally, closely scrutinized by mounted police and officers atop the apartment building facing the congregation, was sponsored by NYU SDS, the Dec 4 movement, and NYU radical medical students.

"We're going to deal with this shit that's coming down on the people that Tricky Dick's putting on us," said Dharuba, one of 21 Panthers charged with conspiring to bomb uptown department stores, and murder police. "We don't want to be passive in the face of being murdered. We don't want to be passive in the face of living in decadent houses."

"The pigs is up there shuffling their feet," Dharuba said, eyeing a helmeted policeman covering the street. "They're trying to scare the people. The people going to put those punks against the wall. If they don't go, we're going to deal with that."

New Panther Slogan

Dharuba mentioned the new slogan of the Black Panther Party to be printed on pancake-sized buttons shortly, and encouraged a repetition of it by the crowd. "We'll kill anyone who stands in the way of our freedom," Dharuba said. After repeating it again, and drawing considerable response from the crowd, he said, "Now here's where we all go to jail. We'll kill Tricky Dick if he stands in the way of our freedom." He concluded by saying, "I think I'll go back up to Babylon and get arrested," referring to Queens, where the Panthers are being held.

Hoffman took the platform, blowing his nose with a small American flag. "It's just Old Glory blowing in the wind," he explained. Hoffman then denounced the Columbia Broadcasting System for electronically blocking out his American flag shirt on the Merv Griffin Show. He also scolded the network for refusing to cover a Black Panther press conference in Harlem.

"I don't care what the fucking Supreme Court says," Hoffman said. "They're a bunch of honky racists too. We're all a big conspiracy. They're not going to take us all. They're not going to put us all in jail. All trials in America are political trials. All prisoners are political prisoners."

"Ninety per cent of the people in jail are black," Hoffman said. Ninety per cent are young. Ninety per cent haven't had a fucking trial. Everyone should go to a minimum security jail like NYU. . . . We're all niggers. We're all Viet-cong," he said.

March To Queens

"We're going to march up to Queens," Hoffman said. "That's Babylon. We're going to have Bastille Day."

Eric Lesinger, an NYU medical student, scored NYU and Bellevue Medical Center, and urged radical reform. "We're going on the East Side, screening for lead poisoning in kids one to six years old," Lesinger said. He said 14 of 58 urine samples taken revealed a lead compound which produces irreversible brain damage. "The tenements are filthy," Lesinger said. "I'm sure NYU owns plenty of them."

Lesinger claimed children are smaller for their age than they used to be, and aren't as alert. "The only conclusion you can come to is that these are diseases of oppression," he said. He supported that conclusion by reasoning that only poor people are affected, and because they are preventible.

"It's genocide because it's preventible," Lesinger said. "Thousands of people are forced to be dependent on NYU, and NYU explicitly refuses to take that responsibility." The dependency on NYU arises, he

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Journal Photo by G. R. Godfrey

Abbie Hoffman displayed his usual mixture of politics and humor yesterday. "NYU is a minimum security prison," he told his receptive listeners.

said, because NYU runs the medical services at Bellevue by contract with the city. "Thousands are forced to depend on Bellevue and NYU doesn't give a shit," Lesinger said.

A female member of the Dec. 4 movement went on to list demands against NYU the group advocated. "NYU should give \$1.3 million to free the Panther 21, which will be reparations to the people," she said. "There should be decentralization of the NYU Health Service. There should be community control of the Medical Center. The admissions policy should be changed so more blacks, browns, and women be admitted to the Medical School (which she said has seven Negroes and 60 women among 700 students presently.) There should be free abortions. Ivan Bennett (the NYU Medical Center's new director) should be removed immediately."

The rally broke up at 3 pm, as students were urged to go to the NYU Medical Center at First Ave. and 32 St. to protest Bennett's speech on chemical and biological warfare at 4 pm.

Storm Subway

The 50 students who went to the Medical Center were part of a contingent of 180 persons who stormed the Lexington Avenue IRT subway station at Astor Place for a "free ride" after attending the Washington Square rally.

Dr. Ivan L. Bennett, dean of the Medical School, was to speak on biological warfare.

A leaflet handed out said: "Ivan Bennett (sic) is speaking at the Medical Center . . . on the subject of chemical and biological warfare, about which he knows a great deal. Bennett (sic) himself is only an example of the way NYU functions, but if we want to begin to make the University change its fascistic policies, if we want to show that we are serious about making Bellevue serve the Lower East Side, then Bennett (sic) is a good place to begin to confront the NYU administration and trustees."

After the 180 demonstrators arrived at the Center at 550 First Ave., a busload of riot police brought over from the Washington Square rally, blocked their entrance to the parking lot. Vice Chancellor Whitman told the group that only those with NYU identification cards would be permitted to enter. Some 50 students produced cards, while most of the other demonstrators left.

Inside the building, the students congregated outside the Medical School Auditorium chanting, "Ho, Ho, Ho Chin Minh" and "Hey, Hey, AMA, how many people did you kill today."

When the demonstrators tried to enter the auditorium they were prevented by University officials who said that they could enter after Medical students and invited guests had.

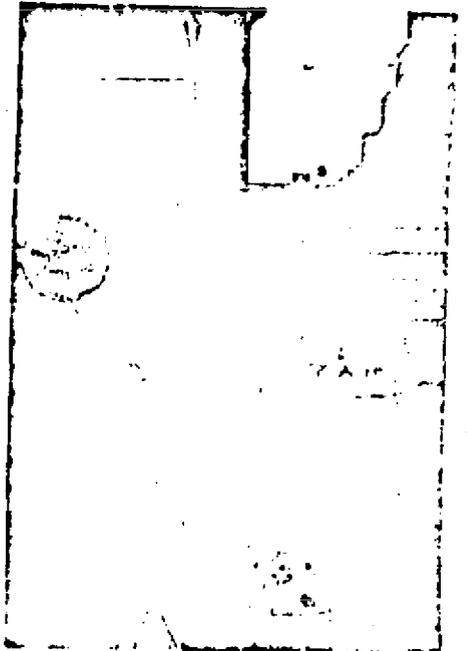
"That's not good enough," yelled one student, and about 20 rushed to the auditorium doors trying to enter. University officials and guards briefly scuffled with the students, and rebuffed them.

After about 45 minutes, outside the auditorium and several unsuccessful attempts to force their way in, the demonstrators were told by Whitman that the speech had been cancelled.

The students then left the building to catch a "free subway" back to the Washington Square campus.

The title of Bennett's speech was "Chemical and Biological Warfare: Prospects for Arms control and Disarmament."

In a prepared text Bennett said, "My objectives in this endeavor are simple: I wish to see chemical and biological weapons abolished completely."



A city bus full of riot police ran into a traffic light on Thompson Street, putting a temporary red light on their advance to the rally site. Nobody even issued a ticket.

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APPENDIX

1.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1966, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIX A

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

62 [REDACTED] that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding CASTRO's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

6713 [REDACTED] that the PLP faction, which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance, is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of the PLP is attached.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

The "New York Times" city edition Tuesday, April 20, 1965, Page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP, which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1932, by MILTON ROSEN and MORTIMER SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

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[REDACTED] that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31, to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's overall revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

[REDACTED] that at the Second National Convention, MILTON ROSEN was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and LEVI LAUB, FRED JEROME, JARED ISRAEL, WILLIAM EPTON, JACOB ROSEN, JEFFREY GORDON and WALTER LINDER were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor", a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution", a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio", a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio", sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

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On March 30, 1970, at 5:55 p.m., a telephone call was received by Night Duty Supervisor [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, from [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] advised that the subject had just appeared on local television Channel 5, in Atlanta, Georgia, on the Merv Griffin Show. This show was apparently pre-recorded on tape and during the subject's appearance part of the tape had been deleted. According to [redacted] an announcement had been made that the deletion was occasioned by the fact that Hoffman had worn clothing which was considered as an affront to the U.S. flag. Although [redacted] had no further information concerning this incident, he was highly incensed and requested that the Bureau take action in this matter. He also requested that he be advised of whatever action was being taken.

Mr. [redacted] was told that his interest in calling was greatly appreciated, that his information would be made a matter of record, but that Bureau policy precluded his being advised of any information concerning any action to be taken.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE NY UNIVERSITY SDS
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FIFTEEN WASHINGTON PLACE, NYC, FROM TWO TWENTY PM TO THREE PM. THE
RALLY WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE PANTHER TWENTY-ONE. SPEAKERS INCLUDED
Richard Wright - AKA
DHARUBA, FROM THE PANTHER TWENTY-ONE, ABBIE HOFFMAN AND TWO
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DHARUBA, IN HIS REMARKS STATED "WE'LL KILL TRICKY DICK IF HE STANDS IN THE WAY OF OUR FREEDOM. WE'LL KILL ANYBODY IF HE STANDS IN THE WAY OF OUR FREEDOM."

HOFFMAN SPOKE FOR FIVE MINUTES DURING WHICH TIME HE SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE NY PANTHER TWNEYT-ONE, STATING THAT ALL PRISONERS ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

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Attached are 11 copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter.

For the information of the Bureau, ABBIE HOFFMAN, one of the Chicago 7, was the main speaker at the rally which was held at Hermann Park in Houston on 4/12/70.

LEONARD WEINGLASS, who was previously scheduled to accompany HOFFMAN to Houston, did not make an appearance.

No violence occurred in connection with HOFFMAN's appearance at Hermann Park.

Copies of attached LHM being furnished to local military agencies and Secret Service and USA, Houston.

The Special Agents observing the march and rally were SA's

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For the additional information of the Bureau, speeches given by HOFFMAN during his stay in Houston were recorded and pertinent information contained therein will be forwarded to the Bureau under the caption, "DAVID TYRE DELLINGER, Aka.; ET AL, ANTI-RIOT LAWS - CONSPIRACY (TRAVEL OF DEFENDANTS), CO: CHICAGO."



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Houston, Texas
April 14, 1970

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ANTI-WAR MARCH RALLY,
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On April 12, 1970, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed, at approximately 1:00 PM, a march consisting of approximately 200 persons proceed from Elizabeth Baldwin Park at Elgin and Crawford Streets in the direction of Hermann Park in Houston, Texas. The marchers carried various signs and banners indicating their opposition to the Vietnam War. Various chants and singing was engaged in by the marchers while en route to Hermann Park.

At approximately 2:00 PM, the marchers and others gathered near the Miller Amphitheater in Hermann Park and conducted a rally which included speeches by several individuals, including Mexican-Americans and Negroes and the main speaker, Abbie Hoffman, who was publicly identified as one of the "Chicago 7" who had recently been convicted of conspiracy in connection with riots during the Democratic convention in Chicago.

Hoffman's speech, as well as the others' speeches, were not enthusiastically received by the crowd of approximately 2,500 persons who were in attendance at the rally. The rally was entirely peaceful and no acts of violence were observed. In several instances, heckling was noted from the outskirts of the crowd. The rally at Hermann Park closed with the announcement that an additional rally and speech by Hoffman would be conducted at the Continental Showcase, a night club located near Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas, at 8:00 PM, April 12, 1970.

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ANTI-WAR MARCH RALLY,
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[REDACTED] further that on the night of the rally all persons entering had to pass at least six guards at each entrance and many of the individuals in attendance were searched prior to their being allowed in the building. [REDACTED] During the rally numerous individuals were observed smoking marijuana utilizing pipes rather than cigarettes and the marijuana smoke became so thick that one of his waitresses even became ill as a result of the heavy concentration of marijuana smoke in the building. [REDACTED] that the rally ended with a speech by Abbie Hoffman which was highly critical of the government and was liberally laced with obscenities. No violence was incurred in connection with this rally at the Continental Showcase.

Attached is a copy of a leaflet which was passed out in Houston advertising the march and rally.

OPPOSE THE
WAR IN VIETNAM
SUPPORT THE FAMILY

HOME NOW

CITY-WIDE MARCH
AND RALLY
APRIL 12

JOIN US:

Sponsored by
Houston Peace Coalition

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MARCH AT HERMANN PARK
BERRY AND CHAMPLAIN STREETS AT
2:00 NOON. MARCH TO HERMANN PARK
ENDING AT 1:00 P.M.

RALLY AT HERMANN PARK AT 2:00 P.M.
SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Abby Hoffman

-FROM THE
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FOR THE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Houston Peace Coalition Committee

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THESE NAMES ARE LISTED IN PARAGRAPHS WILL BE SPEAKING AT AN OPEN MEETING TO
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TO: SAC, DENVER (176-52)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, AKA
ANTIRIOT LAWS
OO: CHICAGO

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Re Denver airtel dated 4/17/70, copies to Chicago.

Reairtel states that two original tapes containing Hoffman's speech at Ft. Collins, Colorado, on 4/7/70, were being forwarded to Chicago under separate cover. Two tapes which appear to be identical with the above tapes were received at the Bureau. One copy of each of the tapes has been prepared and is enclosed for Chicago, to be furnished to the United States Attorney. The original tapes are returned herewith to Denver for retention in accordance with existing instructions.

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NOTE: Incoming advised Hoffman's speech recorded [REDACTED] and furnished to the Denver Office. Denver advised it was furnishing original tapes to Chicago inasmuch as it had no means of making copies of tape. Existing instructions require that original tapes are to be retained by the Office obtaining same.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (176-6)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka
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ReNYat to Bu dated 3/30/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM reflecting a verbatim transcript of subject's appearance on the Merv Griffin Show, a panel discussion show, aired at 11:30 p.m., 3/27/70, on WCBS-TV, channel 2, NYC. Five copies of LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

The Merv Griffin Show was monitored by the NYO and the original tape is being maintained as an exhibit in subject's 176 case file at NY.

In view of recent expressed demands made by CBS for subpoenas for reporter's notes, tapes, intakes and outtakes of television tapes, no contact is being made with CBS regarding any monies received by the subject for his appearance on the Merv Griffin Show on 3/27/70, UACB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 21, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Abbott Howard Hoffman

Abbott Howard Hoffman appeared as a guest on the Merv Griffin Show, a panel discussion show, which was aired at 11:30 PM, March 27, 1970 on WCBS-TV, Channel 2, New York City.

This show was taped and a transcription of this tape is as follows:

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Abbott Howard Hoffman

Announcer:

Ladies and gentlemen, Abbie Hoffman self-proclaimed revolutionary is about to join Merv Griffin on this recorded program. During the actual taping last night Mr. Hoffman wore a shirt made of an American flag and as you'll hear him point out this use of the flag raised a serious legal problem. Because of the possibility of violation of law as to disrespect and desecration of the flag and to avoid affronting many of our viewers we will present Mr. Hoffman's discussion with Merv and his other guests but we will mask by electronic means his use of the flag as a garment. I hope you will agree that this is the best procedure for meeting our obligations as responsible broadcasters.

Merv Griffin:

(unintelligible) this is their album called "American Epitar" which means "God on Earth"?

Unknown female:

Right

Merv Griffin:

It's the sound of group soul being born. It's quite a handsome community of people. Can you take that picture? Sitting on a hilltop, with a big tower, is that tower on your property?

Unknown male:

Well it belongs to the city of Boston technically.

Merv Griffin:

Alright. The young man who is about to join us is one of the eight defendants in one of the most highly publicized courtroom trials in American history. He's a self-styled revolutionary the author of these two books "Woodstock Nation" and "Revolution for the Hell of It". And a subject of an enormous amount of controversy,

Abbott Howard Hoffman

I'm meeting him for the first time,
where is he?

Unknown male:

Back stage.

Merv Griffin:

Here's Abbie Hoffman. (unintelligible)
Arthur Treacher, Virginia Graham.

Abbie Hoffman:

I thought what you said about women
was very degrading. Since I'm not
a women I can't discuss that but....

Merv Griffin:

You're not involved in that women's
movement are you?

Abbie Hoffman:

Can I take my coat off? (unintelligible)
this because two weeks ago Roy Rogers
and Dale Evans, who are two of my
heroes, they own the same shirt. This
shirt it was made....it started at
the House of Un-American Activities
Committee where I was arrested for
wearing it. There's a law against
this, it's now in the Seventh Circuit
Court of Appeals I believe, it is not
in the Supreme Court. They've made
about fifty arrests under this, a
year in prison....

Merv Griffin:

For wearing that?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well it depends who you are that wear
it. I mean all the people who are
arrested, all fifty who were arrested,
were young people, long haired people.
The television isn't working too good,
my hair is down to my shoulders....

Merv Griffin:

You've had it cut, haven't you Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well.....

Abbott Howard Hoffman.

Merv Griffin:

Who did that to you?

Abbie Hoffman:

Oh, Delilah. The Philistines in Chicago did, they sell our hair at Republican fund raising dinners, the sheriffs and....

Merv Griffin:

In the revolutionary....

Abbie Hoffman:

I want to say one thing Merv, besides I'd probably get interrupted at the end of the show. But this shirt... when the Government answered to justify under law under which it was tried, this shirt, they filed a brief. And it says the importance of a flag in developing a sense of loyalty to a national (unintelligible) has been the subject of numerous essays. The first essay they quote is a man named Adolf Hitler, it was called "Mein Kempf". It was really quite interesting. I mean, I brought it to prove that....

Merv Griffin:

You want to prove everything you say, right?

What is patriotism to you Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman:

I'll look it up.

Merv Griffin:

Patriotism is competition with one's ancestors. You hear that?

Abbie Hoffman:

Patriotism?

Merv Griffin:

Yeah, patriotism - competition with one's ancestors.

Abbie Hoffman:

Well I think we are in competition with our ancestors, many of whom are still alive. I was tried by a judge who was alive through both Baltic wars. My image is of my father goes back away.

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Abbott Howard Hoffman

Merv Griffin:

Where did you find out about Grandit?

Abbie Hoffman:

I used to go to school, so schools have a way of dropping out from us.

Merv Griffin:

Did you participate in school functions and all that kind of stuff? Where did you go wrong?

Abbie Hoffman:

I think I went wrong in 1960 when I lived in the House of American Activities and I went south to Mississippi, got shot at a few times, and arrested a few times, and you know, went on trial a few times for like shirts and things like that and not fastening your seat belts and (unintelligible). And finally ended up in Chicago on trial for conspiracy, to have a intention of crossing the state line in a certain state of mind. You know that's one of the most weirdest laws in history, that law for conspiracy in a state of mind to cross state lines with intention is the same as the law about this shirt. I'm not going to be arrested here tonight because I'm protected here by Merv, which is the ultimate anti-ballistic.....

Merv Griffin:

As a matter of fact I am one of America's biggest bomb!

Abbie Hoffman:

My bags were searched as I came in.

Merv Griffin:

Talk seriously now. I know that your method is to provoke the audience. but these chances are rare, cause you maybe in the "can" before too long. And you won't get a chance to speak up. When did you decide to become a revolutionary?

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Unknown female: Can I ask him a question?

Merv Griffin: Yes.

Unknown female: How has Chicago changed you personally?

Abbie Hoffman: Well I think that it has intensified everything that I understood about law and it has no relationship to justice, its only there to keep people in power.

Merv Griffin: Why are you not in jail at this moment?

Abbie Hoffman: I'm not in jail because five hundred thousand brother and sisters of mine took to the streets and burned the Bank of America and other state institutions in the country. And at that particular time in history, the Government found it more expeditious to let us out than to keep us in at that time. But we have a number of trials, I just noted that I lost one in Chicago, and I have two coming up in New York and Bobby Seale one of the eight is faced with the electric chair in a framed up charge in New Haven. And Timothy Leary, I think he has been on this show....

Merv Griffin: A couple of times.

Abbie Hoffman: Well, you might not know it, but he was just given twenty years for charges, and he's in jail in Southern California.

That's right, Abbie's a home ec of par excellence. That's what the judge said to. He said that he's a menace, he used a "Playboy" interview send him up for ten years. You

mentioned one of my books and that book was the first book ever used against a defendant in the history of this country, it wasn't like an obscenity trial. You know some people say our trial was because of our language. But we're going through a change in this country, I mean the regime of President Agnew and General Mitchell has a new line, and the new line is that there will be that there will be no descent, no meaningful descent. This might be illegal because not just for the shirt you know, the fact that I'm stoned, but what I'm saying might be seditious.....we're out on the condition that we don't make any seditious statements, which is defined by the Attorney General.

Merv Griffin:

Will you appeal your case to the Supreme Court?

Abbie Hoffman:

We have a number of lawyers working on appeals in the Supreme Court left. We kind of think that in two years we'll have to appeal it to the FBI. But there are lawyers who are making an attack on the whole judicial system. The manner of which the jury is selected

Merv Griffin:

What would be if you didn't have all these charges against you Abbie? What would be your plan for America? What do you think the system of the society should be?

Abbie Hoffman:

(unintelligible) in community in Fort Hill tried to see that it comes to the whole world, the whole nation like what was exhibited up in Woodstock.

Abbott Howard Hoffman.

Merv Griffin:

There would be nothing done of violence, I mean Woodstock wasn't a violent....

Abbie Hoffman:

Violence is a....any system that practices racism and imperialism is a violent system and landlords are violent people, bankers are robbers, just pushing people and stuff like that is violence.

Merv Griffin:

But by the way you are provoking people and instilling fear into a large majority of people in America?

Abbie Hoffman:

I don't know how much is a majority. We never got a chance to test that in a court because we were not tried by a jury of our peers. When the verdict came down we tried by a jury of our peers in the street. And as I said half a million people came out in protest of the trial because they felt basically that they were on trial with us and the whole generation was on trial. We tried by a jury whose average age was 52, the judge I think was 75 which was a young chick compared to like Doctor Spock and their conspiracy trial where their judge was like 86. You know they're very rich millionaires who live in a certain part of town and see a certain kind of reality and when they got to the juryroom two jurors said right off that we should be shot because of the way we dressed. Four people still think that we are innocent but they are liberals. They think that to this day we are innocent,

Merv Griffin:

How could (unintelligible) be selected?

Abbie Hoffman:

Two hours, it was like record breaking time for a trial like this. He would not allow our lawyers to ask a single question. Namely like "Would you let your daughter marry a yippie", "Is the Jefferson Airplane a rock group or a portable sofa".

(Station Break)

Abbie Hoffman:

I never mention that (unintelligible) the real title is "Fearless Blood" and I think that is the heaviest line in modern literature, the publishers being what they are and sticking up for free speech are sensitive about the book (unintelligible) why I was in prison, so I never like to talk about the book except that it is called "Fearless Blood".

Merv Griffin:

Answer me once and for all though, what do you want for America? You're obviously anti-capitalist? What do you want the country to be Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman:

A little island in a whole sea of humanity called the world or a planet I think, I don't have an nationalistic concept that takes.....I think its a lot because of TV, I mean people in Vietnam who are fighting, young people see them as their brothers and sisters. They see people in Paris struggling in the streets as young people as their brothers and sisters. They're part of the whole world. In that sense they are not part of a minority.

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Merv Griffin: But do they control all of your
angers?

Abbie Hoffman: It's frightening.

Merv Griffin: The basis of all of your anger and
your protest is the Vietnam War
isn't it?

Abbie Hoffman: No, I don't think the Vietnam War
is just some sort of accident, you
know say where John Kennedy rolled
over in bed and said to Jackie "Lets
get involved in Vietnam" - thats
what they call getting involved, the
genocide of 500 million people. So
I don't think that it is an accident,
I think that it's part of a (unintel-
ligible) foreign policy thats
imperialist.

Merv Griffin: Do you mind if I bring a guest out
with an absolutely opposed views
to yours?

Virginia Graham: I'm here already.

Merv Griffin: In a moment I will bring out a young
man who.....

Abbie Hoffman: Merle Hagert, I'll only discuss with
Merle Hagert and Johnny Cash....

Merv Griffin: Do you know Tom Dolan from Yale
University?

Abbie Hoffman: From what University?

Merv Griffin: Yale.

Abbie Hoffman: No, we don't have an agent there.

Merv Griffin: Do you know of him?

Abbie Hoffman: No, I don't know him. Is he from
Yap or something like that?

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Merv Griffin:

He'll explain his position

(Station Break)

Abbie Hoffman:

I turned you down.

Merv Griffin:

You turned me down?

Abbie Hoffman:

I turned you down about a year ago, I wouldn't come on. I didn't think Ho Chi Minh started this way.

Merv Griffin:

Our next guest is a young man by the name of Tony Dolan, a member of the editorial board of Yale University and a regular contributor to the "National Review". Mr. Dolan I think it is safe to say, can be termed a right-wing conservative and hence present the view of the other side of the coin of the some of the issues Mr. Hoffman has been discussing. Mr. Tony Dolan!

Merv Griffin:

You boys going to be all right. I have water here to throw on either one of you.

Anything in particular that you have heard so far that you would like to rebut Tony?

Tony Dolan:

It occurred to me while Mr. Hoffman was talking that....

Abbie Hoffman:

Abbie!

Tony Dolan:

Abbie as far as I feel either affection towards you or respect you, I'll call you Mr. Hoffman if you don't mind.

You'll let me finish won't you, I'm not Judge Hoffman. Now the point

that occurred to me from differences of opinion, he isn't talked about on a great deal of campuses, so I haven't talked about or heard much about him. (unintelligible) it's simply not taken that seriously.

Virginia Graham:

That's a lie

Tony Dolan:

You haven't been there.

Abbie Hoffman:

I was at Yale.

Tony Dolan:

I know you were, I'm saying talked about on the campuses and that means simply that you don't appear in the newspaper your name isn't there, you're not considered a leading light by anyone.

Abbie Hoffman:

A lot of people come and say we're behind you, I say you ought to be in front.

Tony Dolan:

Most of them are above you I'm afraid. The point is simply this maybe because he is over 30, maybe because he is known affectionately to some for his warm and human witty style as comic Jonathan Winters, the revolution. Whatever the I think the point to be made is this that Mr. Hoffman talked about an oppressive racial society, but you can dispute that with fact easily enough. You can for instances say....

Abbie Hoffman:

Oh come on, will you.

Virginia Graham:

If you.....

Tony Dolan:

May I talk please. You know the question occurred to me, who really uses the storm to protect us, who starts up meetings, who prevents other people from their point of view from being heard. A conservative hardly. It's often been the far left.

Here's the point, you could disprove this, you could say for instance (unintelligible) number of black professionals in this country in the past decade has doubled, family income for instance has soared, the economic well being of black people in this country has increased tremendously in this country. In the South today you have over sixty per cent of the black registered to vote whereas that number was minimal before. Progress has been made that's the point, but you see nobody is interested as is evident in hearing that. The point is just to shout down the other person. The point is to try and liberate yourself if you are a spoiled little rich kid, and you've had an unhappy childhood take it out on America and see if some white reporter will stick a microphone in your mouth and tell you how rotten this country is, so he can turn to his audience and say "You see there, see what you did"? That's the point behind all of this rhetoric.

Merv Griffin:

Well tell me don't most people acquaint with conservatism with anti-black?

Tony Dolan:

Well I think for instances that can be easily done, and I think of course its wrong to do that. Barry Goldwater when he ran in 1964 was often labeled a racist for instance by Jackie Robinson (unintelligible). Goldwater just for the record in 1948 was a member of the NAACP he paid the court cost of the Urban League, refused to take over the International Guard unless they desegregated it, he led the fight to desegregate Phoenix city stores, but nobody knew that you

see, nobody knew that.. Around was kind of a liberal image of what a conservative should be, and that is automatically a ration. So naturally when Barry Goldwater voted against the Civil Rights Bill for constitutional reasons he was automatically labeled a racist. The "New York Times" somehow did not feel any great need to write an editorial to that effect. It's the liberal double standard, anyone who disagrees with John Lindsay for instance did the same thing to William Buckley in 1965. Buckley said we have to take the narcotic addicts off the street and so what happens because they obviously play a large part in the crime in this country....

Well let me finish my point, my point is just this, Lindsay thus accused Buckley of wanting to set up "concentration camps" in New York City. They said Buckley is running his campaign was "the worst moment in history". This is the type of thing that has been used against conservatives, it's terribly unfair of course but it's a stereo type that liberals entertain themselves with.

Merv Griffin:

Do you believe that there are any changes to be made in America?

Tony Dolan:

There are lots of changes, well....

Merv Griffin:

Name some common one.

Tony Dolan:

Well, reordering our perspective Mr. Griffin. Introspection is good, to a certain extent, about our society and about ourselves. But not when it becomes crippling or unhealthy and by this I mean here to the kind of

mentality that makes apologies for instance for an Abbie Hoffman or a William Kunstler. Kunstler, Hoffman and Rubin made it very clear that they were going to Chicago to make a frontal attack on our judicial system. Now there are lots of people who felt the need to apologize for them, there are lots of people like.... who have not spoken out against them.

Merv Griffin:

What about (unintelligible) Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman:

The judicial system. I think we plan to make fools of every institution in America. It's doing a pretty good job, I mean just take Yale University.

Tony Dolan:

Look I don't like Yale University, it's a totally liberal faculty.

Abbie Hoffman:

I'm not going to be an apologetic for the liberals.

Tony Dolan:

Let me take you up on that. It publishes your book, it makes movies about you, its asked you on every television show except possibly six o'clock.

Abbie Hoffman:

It goes to....

Tony Dolan:

Now look are you out to make serious coin or are you just letting liberals use you.

Abbie Hoffman:

To let the liberals use me?

Tony Dolan:

You're not? Don't think you....

Abbie Hoffman:

Which one? The Beatles? I know John and whats the other guy's name, I never remember the other guy's name. He's got a best selling book too, he even sells more than this. But I

Abbott Howard Hoffman

think that the awkward thing is that they only define their politics in terms of us not in terms of what is going on in the country or what is going on in terms of Washington because really I don't have to because this is the view that is held by the people that are in power.

Tony Dolan:

No it isn't.

Abbie Hoffman:

I'm sorry, you've got to read Vice President Agnew's latest remarks.

(Station Break)

Merv Griffin:

Virginia and Abbie don't fight during the commercials.

Tony Dolan:

The one point I want to make is this, I think it's clear that Mr. Hoffman is agitating a kind of (unintelligible) there is nothing rational really if you ask him what he wants from America, it's been characteristic of the SDS for a long time, that they cannot be responsive they have no responsive, all they are interested in doing is as I say, taking their inhibitions out on other people. However I address myself particularly to people who are applauding tonight. Mr. Hoffman may strike you as clever or whatever, I don't know. It seems to me that you ought to be or consider the fact there was another age when people applauding the young because they seemed to be groovy and with it and didn't have the courage to speak out against them, and that was pre-war Germany. Educators were just the way they are today they said the students were

taking over schools and busting up classrooms and meetings and not letting people be heard. And the educators did not....

Unknown male:

That's a lie.

Merv Griffin:

Wait a minute. Why is that a lie sir?

Unknown male:

He says the pre-War Germany!

Merv Griffin:

You have some information?

Unknown male:

It's a lie, because the fascist took over Germany.

Tony Dolan:

I'm sorry it was the fascist who said they had a right to use violence, because it was the fascist who said they used violence because they had a grievance, and that is essentially what William Kunstler said.

Unknown male:

(unintelligible) fire baby!

Tony Dolan:

Here you have it, it's not the working class that sympathizes with the SDS or the (unintelligible) its not in the least. They beat them when they show up at the meetings.

It's not the working class, it's the sons of rich liberals who have never been given a cradle or a philosophy of life to live by. The point about all of this is that there is going to be revolution if we tolerate violence and the likes of this. But it's not going to be Abbie Hoffman, its....

Abbott Howard Hoffman:

Merv Griffin:

They are saying that nobody else is talking about....

Tony Dolan:

William Kunstler said not long ago that a mob had stomped to death a policeman in New Jersey and they had every right to do it because they had a legitimate reason.

Now look we went all through this on the other show on the other network and....

Abbie Hoffman:

Kunstler just said that there was a black...if he believed in revolutionary violence, maybe he would justify... he just got four and half years for contempt (unintelligible) for trying to defend

Tony Dolan:

By the way the young are not being applauded, you know their heads are being shaved

Tony Dolan:

You don't speak for the young, you don't speak for the University, you...

Virginia Graham:

Tell me, I want to say something. When I heard that this group was going to be on this show tonight I begged to be excused because I feel that we are degrading our country by giving them air time.

Abbie Hoffman:

What's this?

Virginia Graham:

And I apologize.

Merv Griffin:

I would like to say something...

Virginia Graham:

I want to apologize, I was wrong, I want to congratulate you because how else could the world see a self-portrait of such destructive idocy and.....

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Merv Griffin:

Now Mark (?)

Mark: (?)

I just would like to say something here, there's been alot of talk about revolution, there's been alot of talk about we're facing revolutions, that we have to avoid one that it is going to be violent and it hasn't occurred to anyone that there is going to be a revolution whether Abbie Hoffman or whether....

Virginia Graham:

It's going to be evolution.

This country is going to be in need of a lot more than a face lifting, this country.....

Virginia Graham:

You need a

Merv Griffin:

Sounds like our dinner table at home.

Virginia Graham:

Merv, where do you think these degenerate parents of these children are so labeled, -are the ones that are discovering cures for cancer, for TB for muscular dystrophy for cerebral palasy - they never cared in all their lives for that stuff we are the ones that are finding the cure for it, while they are tearing down the prisons, yes the hospitals, the banks that gave up the money to find the cure for cancer they're bombing.

Abbie Hoffman:

All right Virginia Graham discovered the cure for cancer.

Merv Griffin:

Virginia you.....

(Station Break)

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Tony Dolan: I'm for change as much as anyone else, I'm for changing society and achieving some kind of meaningful social progress but you don't do that by saying the system is rotten and it happens to be the best one yet devised by man.

Virginia Graham: You're right.

Tony Dolan: Now I know the people from the (unintelligible) I did a story for "National Review" almost two years ago, you're not in league with them.

Abbie Hoffman: With who?

Tony Dolan: With you.

Abbie Hoffman: It's not an organization....

Tony Dolan: You don't want to hear a rational discussion, you don't want to hear another point of view presented, all you want to do is turn this into a police brawl.

Abbie Hoffman: Oh yeah, you've done most of the talking, I've just been sitting here nice....(unintelligible)

Tony Dolan: I would just like to say that shirt, just by the way a lot of people, I know its going to sound like a cliché to you and you're just going to think its a lot of (unintelligible) but believe it or not the reason you are here tonight addressing millions of people is because a lot of people die for that flag and I think that....

Abbie Hoffman: I almost died for it trying to wear...

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Tony Dolan: You don't know anything about the American flag, you've never studied it, all you've gotten together is a cliché of pabulum.....

Unknown female: He's going to jail for his beliefs....

Abbie Hoffman: Not if I can help it.

I think that the vision that some people have.....

Tony Dolan: When a democratic means, then violence is not justified....

Abbie Hoffman: When do we reach that point, we reached that point in the summer of August 1968 at the Democratic Convention, that point was reached, people trying to change.....

Tony Dolan: There's a whole line of statistics about how the blacks.....

Abbie Hoffman: The immediate income of black people in the last ten years in comparison to whites has grown.....

Do you want to go up to Harlem to make a point? Tonight? What are you talking about?

Tony Dolan: Look don't use this demagogic technique if you want to go to Harlem to talk about it, you don't speak for the blacks and you've never had.

Abbie Hoffman: I didn't say that.....

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Tony Dolan: The legitimate black leadership in this country can't stand (unintelligible) and can't stand you.

Abbie Hoffman: You don't have to be black to recognize racism in America, you just have to be not blind.

Tony Dolan: And if you excuse everything, every violent action on that basis.....

Abbie Hoffman: I think any action taken to remove this system in which (unintelligible) these young people in their beds is a creative act, it isn't even a violent act to try and remove and eliminate that system....

Tony Dolan: It's people not system....

(Station Break)

Merv Griffin: We only have a couple of minutes here, who wants to ask either Tony or Abbie a question?

All right in the balcony?

Unknown Male: Abbie, will you be in Central Park Sunday?

Abbie Hoffman: Right on brother. That's it! Well if you're having an Easter conspirin there will be one hundred thousand non-believers in Central Park and we do have whole culture developing which people at Fort Hill at Communal Pond and....

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Merv Griffin: How do you estimate your following is Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman: I think that we will have three times as many people that participated in the drunken orgy called the Easter Parade, with their hundred dollar mink sweaters and say....

Virginia Graham: (unintelligible) for Easter seals for crippled children.

Abbie Hoffman: Every charity in America takes 90 per cent off the top....

Virginia Graham: Bologna...I made 66 appearances this year what did you do?

Abbie Hoffman: (unintelligible) for cancer she is running after it.

Merv Griffin: How many followers to you have around the country do you feel?

Abbie Hoffman: None. A Yippie is leader without followers.

Merv Griffin: Aren't the young people (unintelligible) tonight?

Abbie Hoffman: It's not the structure of this kind of society we want.

Merv Griffin: Abbie are the young people arming themselves in this country?

Abbie Hoffman: Yes, I think they are. Sure, why shouldn't they. I just got back from Minnesota and friends of this young gentleman up there who has the similar kinds of thought go out nightly on what they call head hunts. They come into a commune like the Fort Hill commune where these people live and they took a hippie and they put his hands on the table and cracked

them with a rifle butt and they say to me well.....

Tony Dolan:

You're the one saying that if you have a grievance you can use violence, your logic could justify the Klu Klan you can use your logic to justify the Nazis or the far rightist or the far leftist. It's the same thing, it's the law of the jungle, its anarchy, its mob rule.....

Abbie Hoffman:

The law of the jungle is called capitalism and.....

Tony Dolan:

My God, you can't see nothing rational about this?

Abbie Hoffman:

Remember when Martin Luther King was killed, and Lyndon Johnson - you remember him - he said that in the memory of his name we should be non-violent, well does that mean that the President of the United States is a pacifist? What does it mean sit-ins in the Ma Cong Delta? You know the US Marines are going to say that we shall overcome? Non-violence means a different thing its only what you tell different people to struggle for their rights. You tell them to stay in their cellars and be cool, don't be violent and be nice and stay in your place.

(Station Break)

Merv Griffin:

Quickly Tony...

Tony Dolan:

What Mr. Hoffman just said is the perfect example of what I am talking about. The racism is in reverse, its saying that oh look black can't take

Abbott Howard Hoffman

the normal means to better themselves that everyone else can, they're just little children inferior to us, so we have to adjust our normal standards to them, and let them...be patronizing towards them and let them break the law if they want.

Abbie Hoffman:

Black people don't have to be told to be active....

Merv Griffin:

Ladies and gentlemen we have to go good night.

A characterization of the Students for a Democratic Society is attached hereto.

All of the sources utilized in the appendix attached hereto have furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX

1.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

67D [REDACTED] hat the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding CASTRO's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although

Abbott Howard Hoffman

APPENDIX

2.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

b7D [REDACTED] that the PLP faction, which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance, is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of the PLP is attached.

APPENDIX1.PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

The "New York Times" city edition Tuesday, April 20, 1965, Page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP, which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1952, by MILTON ROSEN and MORTIMER SCHER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

67D [REDACTED] that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31, to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's overall revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

[REDACTED] that at the Second National Convention, MILTON ROSEN was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and LEVI LAUB, FRED JEROME, JARED ISRAEL, WILLIAM EPTON, JACOB ROSEN, JEFFREY GORDON and WALTER LINDER were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor", a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution", a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio", a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio", sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women control their own homes and factories: where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

[REDACTED] that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilized an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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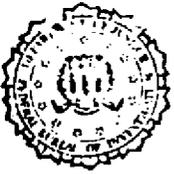
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RE APPEARANCE OF SUBJECT AT TRINITY COLLEGE, HARTFORD, CONN.,
ON APRIL THIRTY NEXT, AND THAT SPEAKER ON THAT OCCASION WILL BE
ATTORNEY MARK LANE OF NYC.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies, and for Chicago three copies, of an LHM pertaining to the speech made by HOFFMAN at Fort Collins, Colorado, on 4/7/70.

Enclosed under separate cover for Chicago are two original tapes which contain HOFFMAN's speech. The recording was made by _____

_____ Denver has no means of making a copy of the tapes and the original is therefore being furnished to Chicago.

Only statements made by HOFFMAN which appear to be inflammatory have been transcribed pursuant to instructions set forth in Chicago letter 3/31/70, to Director, captioned "DAVID TYRE DELLINGER, aka", Bufile 176-1410. A copy of that letter was forwarded to Denver by Chicago.

SA _____ is the Agent mentioned in LHM who attended HOFFMAN's speech.

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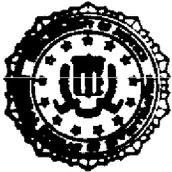
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On March 30, 1970, an announcement appeared in the "Collegian," a Colorado State University (CSU) campus newspaper at Fort Collins, Colorado, indicating that Hoffman is scheduled to appear for a speech at 8:00 P.M., April 7, 1970, in the student center ballroom at CSU.

On April 7, 1970, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation attended the above-mentioned speech which was held as scheduled. This speech was a series of disjointed statements by Hoffman, obviously not well prepared and liberally sprinkled with barnyard obscenities. A major part of his diatribe dealt with critical comments concerning the recent Chicago Antiriot Laws trial where he was a defendant.

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[REDACTED] furnished a tape recording of this speech made by Hoffman before an audience of approximately 1,500 individuals at the student center on the campus at CSU, Fort Collins, Colorado. This source characterized Hoffman as a member of the "Chicago 7" who was recently convicted in Chicago, Illinois, for conspiracy and participation in a riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Portions of the speech which appear to be inflammatory, are quoted below:

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"I'll have to apologize for not being stoned or having a cold." (here Hoffman pulls out replica of American flag which is made like a handkerchief and blows his nose on it.) "It's just old glory blowing in the wind.

"So getting out of Cook County Jail into the lower middle security penitentiary we call the United States of America is not such a good deal. They let us out on one condition--we're not allowed to give any seditious speeches. I hope everything I say is seditious. I hope everything we do, live, breathe and eat (obscene) and shoot is seditious because we find ourselves in a state of war.

"If a lion and a sheep walk down to a water hole and start drinking all of a sudden the lion turns on the sheep and gobbles him all up, well there is a kind of peace but it's an unsettled peace because that sheep is going to kick his (obscene) right inside his belly.

"Now the American pig empire wants to devour our new youth nation.

"Up in Minnesota the local sheriff and his posse, they go into communes, they have what they call head hunts. They take some hippies, they put their hands on a table and they smash them with a rifle butt. The hippie says, 'what'll we do about it, man, they're doing their thing.' What? you fight, you learn how to survive and survival means fighting.

"Do they teach you about making bombs? Nope, boom. Well, you're going to ask about the bombings. What's this sound going around. New York blew up an IBM office. You've seen one you've seen them all. Bombings, pea shooters, plastic bombs. Better living through chemistry. The Yippies believe in a violation of every law including the law of gravity. What goes up don't necessarily have to come down.

"We believe in banks. We invested in the Bank of America, Santa Barbara. That paid off heavy.

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"We have to redefine the language and one of the words we got to reorient ourselves to is the word violence. We have to talk about institutional violence.

"We're just going to pull off and do our thing and the card table, card house is going to come crumbling down. Well, I'll tell you it's falling on our (obscene) heads. We're like two trains running and they were going full speed right in that court-house; just like that on the same track. And I'll tell you if we don't figure out how to derail that other (obscene) train before it's too late, it's going to take us with it. And I'll tell you revolution is about life, it's not about dying. You don't die for the revolution, you live for it.

"I said I want to confess because I felt the Government was calling me an enemy of the state and I am an enemy of the state.

"Everybody in the whole (obscene) world saw what happened in the streets of Chicago. Everybody knows what happened there. Everybody knows Mayor Daley and his cohorts were responsible for that. There isn't a court in America where you could put that pig on trial and you believe it. The only court in America that you can put that pig on trial is in the streets and that's where we're going to have our jury of the peers in the streets of this country. It's going to be a long, hot summer if Bobby doesn't get out; it's going to be a burning, (obscene) fall and the whole winter is going to burn. Because he's not there, he's not there because of some murder in New Haven; he's there because he's the chairman of the Black Panther Party."

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears as an appendix hereto.

"We retired, we retired, we deserted, love it or leave it, I left, we left, stick those values because capitalism's got to go and the protestant (obscene) ethic has got to go too. Postpone pleasure, put your money in the bank; your life ain't worth anything unless you got a \$50,000 life insurance policy.. shove it! We want it and we want it now; we're reasonable, we want everything; we're rational, we want it now; we're responsible, we're going to take it.

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"There is no way of changing it that way, there's only changing it through our action in the streets and when you have that situation the Government's going to move against you and it is moving; it's moving culturally and it's moving politically and I consider that a state of oppression.

"I know what the (obscene) I'm doing cause I'm ripping off the money from here see and that's going back to New York to get Bobby Seale out of jail and to arm every (obscene) hippie in my area.

"Senator Eastland gets 3 million dollars a year to not grow cotton, well shoot the (obscene) if you agree, and we put in his place cotton fields..he'd make good manure.

"The university is a base for launching guerrilla attacks, that's all it is; it ain't a (obscene) place to get an education; it ain't a place to get a degree. It's a place where there are a mass of people and a place to launch a guerrilla attack on an institution of America and use it as such and that's it and that's all it's there for.

"You tell young kids we belong in another nation. We ain't in this nation, we don't understand it. We got chromosome damage; we never take baths; we're spaced-out freaks; we're freaks, freaks, anything you want to call us--commies, pinkos, freaking, (obscene), fag, hippie, revoluntaries, we don't give a (obscene). Then they say why don't you salute the flag--it ain't my flag. You tell that to a 7-year-old kid because they're going to make the revolution..."

67D [REDACTED] that immediately following [REDACTED] Hoffman's speech, a fire occurred at an adjacent CSU veterinary school where a haystack and an adjoining building suffered approximately \$350.00 damage before being extinguished. [REDACTED] that he believed the fire to be arson and probably as a result of inflammatory remarks made by Hoffman during his speech.

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 that the Fort Collins Fire Department investigation failed to pinpoint the cause of the fire at CSU on April 7, 1970, and, further, that no trace of arson could be found.

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Re Denver airtel to the Director dated 4/17/70 and Bureau airtel to Denver dated 4/27/70.

In connection with preparation of a motion seeking revocation of subject's bond, Department has requested a full transcription of subject's speech made on 4/7/70 at Fort Collins, Colorado, referred to in reairtels. Also, Department requested notarized affidavit from Agent attending the speech establishing the authenticity of the transcript as an accurate reproduction of subject's speech.

Handle immediately and submit results at earliest possible date. Transcription should be incorporated into an LHM suitable for dissemination.

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Above request made 6/15/70 by Mr. Roger Cabbage,
Criminal Division; request will be confirmed in writing.

Above speech was attended by a Bureau Agent but
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[REDACTED] that individual has
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Re Seattle airtel and LHM dated 6/8/70, under the caption "SEATTLE LIBERATION FRONT, BOBBY SEALE DAY AND SEATTLE ROCK CONCERT FOR 'THE SEATTLE EIGHT' SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, MAY 23 - 24, 1970, INFORMATION CONCERNING".

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM which reflects travel on the part of HOFFMAN May 24, 1970, and his failure to advise U.S. Marshal, Chicago, of this travel, as ordered February 28, 1970, when released on bond at order of U.S. Court of Appeals, Chicago.

Copies being provided to interested offices as noted for information.

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Reference is made to memorandum dated 6/8/70 from Seattle captioned, 'Seattle Liberation Front, Bobby Seale Day, and Seattle Rock Concert for 'The Seattle Eight', Seattle, Washington, May 23 - 24, 1970, Information Concerning".

This Seattle memorandum reflects the appearance of Hoffman as a speaker, May 24, 1970, on the University of Washington Campus in Seattle, at the above rock concert.

It might be noted that Hoffman was convicted in a jury trial in Chicago in February, 1970, of violation of the Federal Antiriot Law Statute, and was also cited by U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman for contempt of court in February, 1970, as a result of his statements and activities during this so-called "Conspiracy Trial". Hoffman was ordered committed to jail without bond by Judge Hoffman.

On February 28, 1970, the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Hoffman admitted to bond with one of the provisions of this bond being that he advise the U.S. Marshal, Chicago, of all travel outside the state of his residence (New York).

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On June 2, 1970, Deputy U.S. Marshal [REDACTED] Chicago, advised that there was no record in the files of the office of the U.S. Marshal, Chicago, reflecting a travel itinerary from Hoffman indicating travel to the State of Washington, on May 24, 1970. b7c

[REDACTED] advised the U.S. Marshal, Chicago, on May 14, 1970, had received an itinerary from Hoffman reflecting that on May 23, 1970, he would travel to Washington, D.C., for a "speech" and that he would be returning to New York City on May 24, 1970.

A copy of this memorandum is being provided the U.S. Attorney, Chicago.

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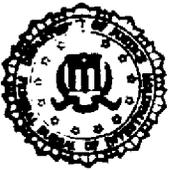
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"OK. Did everybody find their way in who was outside? 'Cause they ought to come in. I mean, it's some kind of fuckin law that they can't, but you know. There are 2,750,000 laws in the country, maybe we'll break a few.

"Mind if I take my jacket off?

"I'll have to apologize for not being stoned or having a cold." (Here Hoffman pulls out replica of American flag which is made like a handkerchief and blows his nose on it.) "It's just old glory blowing in the wind.

"My name's Abbie and I'm from Muskogee, Oklahoma. Everybody here is from it 'cause there ain't nobody left there anymore--everybody ran away. But it's good to come up and sing to the inmates of Colorado State Penitentiary. Well, uh, partner in crime Johnny Cash is gonna be around while singing to you inmates too. Well, it is in a way. It's just a low minimum security penitentiary as compared to, say, Cook County Jail or the other jails or penitentiaries, Folsom Prison, those kinds of places. So getting out of Cook County Jail into the low minimum security penitentiary we call the United States of America is not such a good deal. They let us out on one condition--we're not allowed to give any seditious speeches. Seditious speeches are going to be defined by the present regime sitting in Washington, President

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"Agnew and General Mitchell's regime. So I just carry around a toothbrush every place I go, just in case I end up back there. 'Cause I hope everything I say is seditious! I hope everything we do, live, breathe and eat, fuck and shoot is seditious because we find ourselves in a state of war. Now I know a lot of my hippie brothers and sisters are gonna say 'Hey, man, you're using the same techniques as they; you know, like (indistinct) (indistinct) you gotta have peace.' Well, maybe afterwards, 'cause there's lots of different kinds of peace.

"If a lion and a sheep walk down to a water hole and start drinking, all of a sudden the lion turns on the sheep and gobbles him all up, well there is a kind of peace but it's an unsettled peace because that sheep is going to kick his fuckin ass right inside his belly. United States lion makes up one-sixteenth of the world population. It owns or controls fifty-five percent of the world's natural resources. That's called imperialism. You don't have to be a heavy Marxist fuckin scholar, you know an LLTD and PhD's and all that, to understand that that ain't a fair deal for most of the world. We'll have peace.

"I forgot to mention an old friend of mine who used to hang around these woods--Alfred Packer. Can anybody.." (laughter)
"Oh, you know him. He was one of the original Yippies. For those

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"who don't know, he was a prospector and he had four or five buddies and they went up into the mine around these parts to prospect and he came out licking his chops. He's the only guy ever executed for cannibalism in America. Cannibalism, well it's not the worst of all deals; I mean, like, if you had compulsory cannibalism and people were forced to eat what they kill, the world would be a lot better off. But seeing as how we don't have it, maybe we ought to get into some cannibalism. It's a question of who eats who first. Are we gonna participate in America's children for breakfast program, 'cause that's what's going on. It's the signs of a dying, decaying empire. It happened in Babylonia when Nebuchadnezzar, the Richard Nixon of his day, you know, as his last dying act said to all the, to all the old parents lying around that were having problems with their kids running out and sneaking pot while the old lady was down at the laundromat--Nebuchadnezzar said, 'I got an idea, we'll build a god, we'll call him Moloch. You can bring your kids down and throw them in the furnace. We'll all go to heaven.' So they did it. And that finished the Babylonian Empire, and the Roman Empire in the same way. And now, now the American pig empire wants to devour our new youth nation in the same way.

"I just got in from Minnesota. Up in Minnesota the local sheriff and his posse, they go into communes, they have what they call head hunts. They take some hippies, they put their

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"hands on a table and they smash them with a rifle butt. The hippie says, 'What'll we do about it, man, they're doing their thing.' Said, What? You fight! You learn how to survive, and survival means fighting!

"In Chicago, when we were on trial, and everybody else who was there was on trial, there maybe six, seven thousand young people would come through, stand in line twelve hours inside the Federal Building designed by Mr. Mies van der Rohe; Judge, uh, whatever his name was, I forget it. What was his last name? I forget. Forget, uh? I knew his first name was Fuck." (Laughter and clapping) "Well, wait till he sees the dirty dozen Weathermen, if they find them." (Laughter)

"Although, I think we ought to have a hand for Bernardine Dohrn, who's here tonight." (Clapping) "Bernardine?"

"Julius used to always remind us, say 'Mr. Kunstler.' He talked like that actually. You gonna hear it because we swiped the tapes. It's unbelievable, four hundred hours. And there's gonna be a record of the original cast album coming out in about four weeks." (Laughter) "So, uh, you'll be able to hear the actual voices as it happened. If it does real well we'll just keep putting them out and there'll be some stoned freaks that are gonna, you know, spend the next five and a half months just like turning on to the trial." (Laughter) "And there's old Julius, 'Mr.

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"Kunstler, if Mies van der Rohe, the world's foremost architect, wanted that lectern to be a leaning post, he would have designed it that way.' Mies van der Rohe, pig eye, a Kraut, designed a stainless steel cuckoo nest in downtown Chicago for President Johnson's big art program--kill them. He died anyway, right after the fuckin building. They were supposed to build two, first one killed them and now they just got an empty sand lot across the street in downtown Chicago.

"But anyway, young people representing forces of life would stand in line twelve - fourteen hours next to that stainless steel cuckoo nest and line up. And the Chicago Police Department would come by, Neanderthals would stomp out of their automobiles and they'd ask all the kids for ID's, because in Chicago if you're under eighteen, you're on the streets, you are an outlaw--you're automatically an outlaw. You watch the boob tube there and every night on the television screen in Chicago you see right down on the bottom where they announce heavy shit like 'Tidal wave rips Chicago, California,' and shit like that--'President Assassinated,' you know, like heavy stuff. It says, 'It's now 10:30 p.m. Curfew is in effect. If you are 18 or younger you must be off the streets.

"And that's what's going on. Rock music is already like banned in four states. Two hundred fifty thousand narcotics arrests last year! Marijuana! Operation Intercept. You see that

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"Kraut, Herr Kleindienst, of the Justice Department, the picture of him in the paper warming his hands down in Mexico over a pot burning like it were books? We read plants, we don't read books!" (Clapping) "They can burn the fuckin books, that's O.K. Fuckin country going to war against the invasion of a plant!" (Laughter and clapping)

"Well, you would know about it up here because I've seen some recent haircuts in the audience. So that war's going on right here, in Fort Collins. Fort--oh, they had to build a fort, right? It was to slaughter the Indians, is that right? Is that what the Fort is, the Fort Collins?" (Audience replies "Yeah.") "Yeah. Camp Collins? High Camp, right. Concentration camp. Well...where the war's gone out.

"How many people know where Tim O'Leary is, right now? You know that? A lot of people, like, didn't. He's got twenty years. Ten in Texas, ten in California, and he faces a trial next month in Poughkeepsie, Millbrook, New York. Twenty years! When the judge sentenced him in Los Angeles he said 'You're guilty of seeking pleasure!'" (Laughter) "Ten years!" (Laughter) "We're going to try and get Tim out. We're going to mount a campaign, beginning in the fall. We just had a meeting two straight days and nights of the conspiracy defendants, and seeing as how we're getting so fuckin rich out of being convicted of five years in

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"prison--it's sorta weird, you know, like standing in the middle of this fuckin country and the CIA is on one side and MGM is on the other and everybody is bidding for your fuckin scalp--sometimes you get the feeling that the revolution will come not so much by popular will as by popular demand." (Laughter)

"Well, Bobby Seale--we get kind of uptight when people say it's Chicago Seven because even though Julius axed Bobby in the middle of the trial for what the press commonly terms antics, it's the first time demanding the right to have a lawyer of your choice and then when that's denied demanding the right to defend yourself has ever been termed an antic in this country--an antic punishable by four years in prison. We're still the Chicago Eight, in fact we're the Chicago Ten 'cause the two lawyers; we're the Chicago Ten Million because a lot of people consider themselves part of the conspiracy." (Light clapping)

"Well, they're trying to send Bobby Seale into the electric chair in a place called New Haven, Connecticut--one of the enlightened intellectual centers of the liberal East. They have a university up there, just like this. It's not an irrational unreasonable antic-type place. It's run by reasonable men, rational men, nonviolent men--call themselves the Board of Trustees. I think it's about the twelfth largest corporation in America, Yale is. In fact, New Haven is nothing but a ghetto and Yale

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"University--we're gonna put some pressure on Yale University. Announcing here tonight for the first time, that the conspiracy is moving to New Haven, Connecticut--Bobby Seale trial--all of us are moving up there. We aim to mobilize local conspiracy groups all over this country to see that they never, never put Bobby Seale in the electric chair!" (Cheering and clapping)

"We pledged ourselves last night to raise a hundred grand for his defense and to raise a lot more fuckin hell if he don't get a fair trial. And a lot of hell! The Yippies--like I said before, there are 2,750,000 laws in America, all kinds.

"You see on that Merv show, how many saw that electronic fascism? Did you see it in blue or black? Blue? Blue--you gotta get color for that. To show you, the New York Times said I was blacked out, which shows where their head is, you know. 'Cause blue, it was. They called me up about two hours before it went on." (Mockingly) "'Well, the Board of CBS just met and we're going to electronically mask out your shirt with an electronic masking device never before used in television history.'" (Laughter) "Well, I said 'See you later, I gotta watch this.'" (Laughter) "I had images of just a couple of hands and a head, you know, like bobbing around like the invisible man sort of thing. But no, in New York just before that pig, Robert Wood, President of CBS, came on and made his little announcement, they had a commercial with a

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"guy in an Uncle Sam suit simonizing General Motors car. And then he comes on and says, 'Well one of our next guests is coming on with a flag shirt and even he says that it's a bit illegal, so not to participate in a crime and yet to allow his say'--you gotta have free speech--'you're going to see him behind a blue shield.' On it came and I debated with Virginia Grahamcracker what's-her-name--one of America's last dinosaurs." (Laughter) "But actually, I guess it proved its point because it was sort of awkward, it was so hysterical their saying 'You can say anything you want,' you know, and here blue talks back." (Here Hoffman imitates electronic blipping sound). "CBS is a bunch of blue meanies. Somebody ought to punch them right in their one fuckin eye." (Laughter and clapping)

"But...well...you gotta learn how to relate to TV. TV's like part of our real world, an electronic jungle, and if you haven't got two - three hundred thousand dollars to do those stupid, idiotic commercials you gotta devise new ways--ways like the Vietcong. The Vietcong don't sit and bitch 'cause they don't have any B52 bombers. They get a fuckin hunk of bamboo, they carve the end, they make the end of it into a point, they put some shit on it, they put it in a fuckin hole, and some U. S. military machine comes by and just goes 'Ah!! They're fightin' dirty! Dirty fighters!' That's what they said about us in the court--fightin' dirty!"

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"I'm up from Concord, Massachusetts. Up there about 200 years ago they had a battle. Standing on the bridge, and Paul Revere's long hair flying in the breeze came riding up in his motorcycle and said 'The pigs are coming, the pigs are coming! Get your gun.' Everybody said OK. They ran home and got their gun. Sure enough there they came with their pepper gas tanks and bouncing Betsies and stainless steel helmets--gold, just like the ones they used around here. I saw a picture of like one of the local pigs. You wanna hear something about..." (Whistling and clapping from crowd) "You think you ain't at war? You think you ain't at war, dig this. The following notes were taken at a meeting of the Larimer County Sheriff's Department Riot Control Squad during the week of March 30th to April 30th." (Pause)

"OK." (Reading rapidly) "Forty-man riot control organization, city cops not included, they have own riot control squad. Forty men included mounted patrol, sheriff's officers and students. The basic unit of four ten-man squads, each with a squad leader, two arresting officers and eight linemen. There's a special..." (Laughter) "That's a, see they, ah, they didn't do too well at their recent basketball game here so they had to go and pull(?) some linemen." (Clapping) "There's a special fifth unit that is responsible for gas, etcetera. Fuck their gas--it gets you high." (Laughter) "You tell them that! Fuckin tear gas a new drug."

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(Continuing reading) "Usually there are two units on the line and two in reserve. This organization is based on maintaining control of crowd (indistinct)...tactics to be used are hurt! but don't hurt so it can be seen. Hit at shoulders, groin, mid-body, pressure points, also break bones and arms, then hit a man to make him fall--then leave him for arresting officers. Two basic ideas of confrontation--one, hit to induce as much pain as possible; two, always look military, look disciplined. Reason is to induce fear into the crowd. Use clubs as staffs holding them at both ends. Hit and push.

"The above are exact quotes of notes taken at the Riot Control Squad training meeting. Not one word has been added or deleted. You ain't at war, huh?

"You wanna see their first basic formation?" (Laughter)
"The Broncos didn't do too good with this. Now and there's a little end sweep." (Laughter) "But these formations, see, you just get into survival and you know that every fuckin cop in the country has memorized that riot formation. Because there is only one formation. I mean, after all, they ain't Einsteins you know, and there's only one formation the cops can use and one lineup. And all you gotta do to find out all about it is to send away to the U. S. Government Printing Office and ask for Army, Army Tactics for Riot, for Containment and Control of Civilian Disorders, that's

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what it's called. I read about it in some fuckin book, I can't mention the name of the book because while I was in jail the publishers, who claim themselves to be the most liberal in the country, (indistinct) from the back of the book the greatest line in American literature which said 'Steal this book,' and I just fuckin looked at the book when I got out of jail and it was like fuckin naked, just like where did it go? I (indistinct) and they said 'Well, ah, we believe in free speech but you know the book dealers are complaining' and shit like that, so the name has been changed to 'Steal This Book.' So I won't mention it, but in there anyway if you got a copy you can find out where to send, what kind of pamphlets to order from the U. S. Government Printing Office, especially if you're interested in survival and destruction 'cause they're fuckin pro's at it. You get a book called 'Combatives' you can learn how to kill a guy in thirty seconds by pulling his tongue out and twisting his nose. I mean, you don't learn that here, right? They don't teach you that. They teach you about making bombs? Nope, boom. Well, you're going to ask about the bombings. What's this sound going around. New York blew up an IBM office. You've seen one, you've seen them all." (Here, Hoffman makes noise to imitate bomb going off.) "Bombings, pea shooters, plastic bombs. Better living through chemistry. The Yippies believe in a violation of every law including the law of gravity. What goes up don't necessarily have to come down.

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"And I just watched a show on TV about pollution and gettin' rid of it. Gettin' rid of the garbage--spring housecleaning. Can't get rid of the garbage till we get rid of the garbage values. You know when they said--watched that whole show and they said 'It's you, only you can prevent forest fires. Only you can save the rivers.' Bullshit! The New York Times Sunday magazine section, that cost a hundred thousand trees in Canada. There's all kinds of mines around this area and cement factories and public utilities--what's the local pollutant puts on the lights here? The public servants, yeah. The public servants like banks and electric light companies and insurance companies--did you ever see their ads? Like they're doing you a great service, man. Ever see a bank? You're lucky! You're lucky this bank is here. Well we believe in banks; we invested in the Bank of America, Santa Barbara. They're paid off heavy. It's those corporations that are responsible for all the piss that's floating in the rivers and all the shit that's out in the ocean. Well we gotta have oil. Why not? American Standard Oil, Standard Oil Company of America is, has a larger budget than about 68 percent of the nations in this world. It's a robber, it's violent! Standard Oil Company is violent motherfuckers. You see, one thing we have to do is to redefine the language. There's only one word left in the whole English language and that's fuck, you

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"know, and that's just about dying too. Pretty soon they're going to have a fuck-in on CBS. But we have to redefine the language and one of the words we got to re-orient ourselves to is the word violence. We have to talk about institutional violence. We have to talk about a system you see where rats, where I live on the lower East Side rats eat kids--that's violent! And the slum landlords that own those fuckin buildings are violent, violent people. But you don't see that. I mean you look on TV, I was watching it last week. General Custer from West Point, you know, a guy like covering up the Song Mai (phonetic) thing. Can't help relating to it like that. I saw that Captain Medina the next night. You know, he got on and said, 'Well I know that a hundred and eighty people were getting massacred down the road, it wasn't my fault and everything.' And now they switched back and it's ABC TV and they switched back to Roger Munday and he said 'Well, that about wraps it up at Song Mai.' And he smiles. Said, what is he talking about? And then comes General Custer. General Custer covered up for a year and a half. Covered up the massacre, and you look at him--gray hair, distinguished, horn-rimmed glasses--he didn't even look like a right-winger. He looked like the Dean of this university. You know, you met him--Chuck. Chuck, he puts his arm around you, Dean...'I don't agree with all your goals, I mean I do agree with

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" 'your goals but some of your methods bring up question, you know, but we're with you all the way.' All the way to graduate school!

"But these things take time. The head dean, you ever see him? Eric Sevareid. You see him on TV he's like a book. You look at Eric Sevareid as a bank of knowledge, right there." (Mockingly) "These are perplexing problems that face contemporary American living and there are people dealing with them. Responsible people, rational people, reasonable people dealing with the problems--like General Custer, see. And the trustees of this university. And General Mitchell. They're at war.

"You know what that trial in Chicago was about? If you do you're better than I do 'cause I was there five and a half months, I couldn't figure out what the fucker was about. I sat up at the end, you know, finally when we were all sentenced and everything, we'd been waiting a long time 'cause I just couldn't wait for the judge to say 'Well, son, do you have any last words before sentence is passed?' I had heard that that was going to happen. So we're dragged out of Cook County Jail and brought into the room that we had come to know and love so much, the neon oven. Judge kicked out all public, all our friends and family. Said, 'Well, I have to throw out the family, one of the defendant's wives threatened to kill me.' So Kunstler says, 'Well, did you

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" 'think of having her arrested for attempted murder?' Judge, the judge was beyond the generation gap, way beyond. He was alive during the first Balkan War. Does anybody...do you remember that war? He's a Geritol freak. We sent him, Julius Geritol Hoffman, we sent him so much fuckin Geritol that Ted Mack came down and tried to audition him. They wanted him to play a judge. Julius, Julius was a typical kind of judge. (Indistinct) the last button had Julius' face on it, it said you seen one judge you seen them all. Julius sat there like some reptilian creature guarding his little section of the ooze against these invaders. He had not, by the time we got there he had had twenty-four straight jury trials, every single one he got a guilty verdict. He had missed one about five years ago and got so pissed he sent one of the jurors to jail for two years for reading a clipping about the trial and said 'If I didn't have the jury I would have got him sure as hell.' That's the judge. It's like he's running a candy store, you know. If you come walking in the door, you know, if you're a defendant, well you gotta buy something--you gotta have some time. Because if you're not guilty, what the fucker you doing there? That's the premise that the judge starts from. He selected the jury in a record two hours and fifty minutes. He did not allow our lawyers to ask them a single question, uh, of the jurors. He didn't ask them anything like were you on the

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"streets of Chicago? Is your old man a police captain? Well it wouldn't be old man because the median age of the jury was 52 except for one 23-year-old, Kay Richards, CIA agent, Benedict Arnold of our generation. I have to tell you, did you read her... was her life story around this way? Does anybody know who I'm talking about? Have they seen her? She has two agents now. She's made \$100,000 so far on the trial. Has anybody seen her? -Ah, - she's out of...she opens up...she has a book coming out in about four weeks. She says, her opening line is 'I convicted Abbie Hoffman, now I want to read his books.' She said sending us all to prison was the most liberating act of her life. Now she wants to experience a new life style and all, you know. Well, a hundred grand will help and her CIA connections. She was, ah...

"Tell you a bit about the jury decision because, because at the end of the trial the prosecutor, Mr. Foran (phonetic) the Government, Mr. Foran said 'We've won 'cause we've finished the trial.' That was their, it's like an anal compulsive thing about him; you've got to, you're not through till you're wiped, you know. So, they got to the end. Now if we wanted to disrupt that fuckin trial, if we wanted to bring that to an end, we could have done it on the opening day. There were eight mean motherfucking cats in that room. We could have stopped that fuckin trial dead cold. We didn't have to go through the agony

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"of preparing the kind of defense that would last 2½-3 months at a cost of like a quarter of a million dollars, you know, and tremendous agony and taxing on terms of the witnesses and getting it all together trying to defend ourselves against a crime that we didn't understand even the nature of it. This was the first law that the Federal Government ever passed legislating against a state of mind. We were charged with conspiracy to cross state lines with the intention to incite a riot. With the intention! A riot is defined by an act or a threat of violence by one or more people in a crowd of three or more. A conspiracy is defined as an overt conspiracy of the mind, so the people would never have to meet, which in fact many of us hadn't done. We had to be introduced the first day of the trial! So a lotta people have a highly misconceived notion what the trial was about. I was a witness in the trial. Two books that I wrote were used as evidence against me. That's the first time that books have ever been used against a defendant in America except for like an obscenity trial, which this probably was because our language was on trial. Every, uh... fuck, fuck was four years man. Come out in the testimony and the, uh, you know the jurors from white, from suburbs, you know, old ladies who like to watch soap operas. I mean, who the fuck else gonna sit on a jury? I mean, first of all, they only choose from the voter registration list. You know, that eliminates 45 percent of the country. Probably everybody in this room that eliminates

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"already, you know. Who votes? I mean how many of the people vote last time? I mean, well, uh, vote... So, uh, I can't vote 'cause I'm a felon. Now the judge---" (shouting in mocking manner) "'You get five years and you can't vote!'"
(Laughter)

"Well, so right away, you know, they select from the voters list and there's a room filled up like this, about 1500 people in there, prospective jurors. And the judge says, 'I'll ask you only one question. Can you be fair?' So at that about a third of the people got up and walked out. And they walked out, they said, because the judge who had just read the indictment as if he was sending us to the gas chamber. He has this way of like reading in tonal qualities that you'll hear when the record comes out, but it's not apparent on the transcript. And he starts off, he finally gets the jury together, and he starts off by introducing our attorneys. 'Here's Mr. Thomas Foran (phonetic), one of the most able prosecutors in America. Here's Mr. Charles Kunstler from New York. He comes from New York, we'll have to show him how we do things in Chicago. Here's Mr. Len Weinthrob, Wein... What is your name? Weinknob, yeah. He's from Newark. They had riots there.' There's old Julie. And on and on it went for five and a half months. The open day locked up four of our lawyers 'cause they didn't show up. They only sent, they had worked on pretrial

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"motions. We had 36 motions, we drew 36 blanks. One of the motions was, 'Hey, judge, the Government has just admitted that it wire taps our phones. Uh, seems to be a fourth amendment to the Constitution says that that's an invasion of privacy and the Supreme Court just ruled that that's kind of illegal and stuff.' 'We'll get to it later,' said Julie, 'after we get 'um. We'll have a hearing later on.' So we're gonna do this like whole fantastic trial, you know it cost like two and a half million dollars--by the way, we...the judge's final bit was to assess the defendants with the cost of the whole trial. Kind of another thing unprecedented in the Federal court system. But after that, then he's going to have a hearing on the wire tapping. He locked up four of the lawyers, unprecedented. And so, the days just kept wearing on. On and on like that. 'Want a six-week delay' says Bobby Seale 'so my attorney, Charles Gary (phonetic), can come in and defend me. He's my lawyer. He's my lawyer of record, I want him here. He's in the hospital. We need a six-week delay.' Now anybody here who's been in trial knows that they can get a delay. I have 41 fuckin trials. It's always delayed. Does anybody here, like you want a delay? In fact, the judge refused Bobby Seale that delay. Right after our trial was over there was another case, the next case on his calendar. And the lawyer came up and said, 'I'd like a six-week' -- the same time -- 'I'd like a six-week delay to

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"go on a vacation in the Caribbean Sea,' and the judge granted it. Just like that! But he wouldn't grant a six-week delay in our trial. And probably the whole history of the trial, the whole history of the American judicial system probably would be different if he had granted that delay.

"Bobby Seale says, 'I want to defend myself.' The first time any of us spoke! Julius looked over like that--he had two sets of glasses, one for us and one for the rest of the room. He puts on his glasses. 'What is that?' The lawyer says 'Well, that was one of the defendants.' 'A what?' 'A defendant.' 'Defendant! Never in my fifty years on the bench have I ever had a defendant speak out in my courtroom.' The defendant is a piece of shit! He didn't say that." (Laughter) "But that's his attitude on defendants like us.

"Julius the multimillionaire. His wife sits on the board of Brunswick Corporation, which makes bowling balls and machine guns used in Vietnam. War stock! Millionaire made out of war stock. Lives in the Drake Tower Hotel, the gold coast (of) California in Chicago. He eats at the Standard Club, the most exclusive club (in) Chicago. Me and Jerry went over to eat there. That was a scene. You had a suit and tie bit, you know, so we had to send out and get a special tailor. We come in and old Julius sees us." (Here Hoffman makes a sighing and then snorting-type

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noise) "He can be just like that. If you had been in, had anybody gone to Chicago to see him? No? You probably couldn't have gotten in. It was very hard getting in. This was the only courtroom in history where you were searched for hair at the door Special (indistinct), huh? Out!

"Julius had these big burly waiters come over and move his table and pick it up and put it behind the counter 'cause... he probably took a bath right after. That was the relationship we had with the judge.

"Well, so the Government finished the trial. 'We've finished! We've won! The American jury system has been vindicated

"Well, aside from all the selection, you know, that I just described, let's look at the jury system a little more, a jury of our peers. When they got in the room--don't forget, they had been sorta jailed for about five and a half months themselves in the Palmer House Hotel, one of the more plush penitentiaries in Chicago. You're not allowed to watch television, read newspapers--he'd repeat it every single day, five times a day. You're not allowed to watch television or read newspapers or read books or watch movies or...they couldn't, they couldn't see like any movies like related to youth culture or anything like that. They could only watch Walt Disney movies and James Bond movies, which are

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"interesting because they put undercover agents in like a glamorous light, and the Government had something like 78 witnesses against us only three of which were not undercover agents or police. They only had like three people with all that happened in the streets of Chicago, you know, with the whole world watching they could only find three people, you know, who would testify that they saw any demonstrators commit any acts of violence. All the rest were undercover agents. Their testimony was sort of like this. 'Well, I met defendant Rubin in the park and I got up real close to him and I said come over here and he came over, we went off in the alley and I said what you gonna do? And he said well, we're going to invade the Conrad Hilton, we're going to make all these weapons, beat the shit out of the police, we're going to assassinate Mayor Daley, and everything.' This is after like two minutes of introduction. (Indistinct) Jerry Rubin was like this talking to like a six foot five gorilla, you know, 'cause like they got all the linemen, right? We only got quarterbacks. Everybody knows that. So who the hell's gonna walk up to this...you know, and they're real undercover Yippies, you know. They look like a grade "B" Hollywood movie, you know, about high schools. Did you ever see that with like a guy and a girl in the back seat, you know, the girl's brushing her lipstick, you know, and worrying about her fuckin plastic bra and everything. She's about 42 and

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"he's about 48, you know, with sideburns down here. And he says things like 'Cool' and 'Dig it,' you know, and 'We got, we got to get our shit,' no they don't, 'We got to get our scene together here at Harrison High,' you know?" (Clapping) "Well, those were the undercover agents that appeared against us. It was all like that. Huh, they look at that(?) and they say (indistinct) seen you. Well, so the jury system.

"When the jurors got into their room, it wasn't like the Twelve Angry Men or any of the jury movies that Perry Mason-- you know, they all sit around the table and yell and scream at each other; no, they couldn't get along too well--because actually the jury had made up its mind before it even got in the jury box. I mean, after all, the people would have pretty strong views about Mayor Daley, law and order, and Vietnam and marijuana and swearing and how they want their kids to grow up and marry Yippies, you know, and stuff like that; and so they had their minds made up before they even got in the jury box. They get into the room and the first thing, according to Kay Richards, is that two of the jurors said we should be shot. Shot! So one of the liberals-- there were four liberals that thought we were innocent of all charges and still to this very day think that we are innocent-- they said well, why? And they said, well, they're disrespectful to the judge--so they're guilty. Third woman on the jury said,

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"Well, I don't want my daughter to grow up and be like them!" Convincing argument. So eight wanted our heads off and four wanted us set free. So what they do, they had little separate meetings all over the place and this Kay Richards runs back and forth with messages all over the place. This is illegal, right. You just ask any lawyer, this is illegal form of jury deliberation. It's not getting twelve people to agree beyond reasonable doubt. Kay Richards worked out an agreement, as in the words of Mrs. Ruth Peterson, 'Well, it was better to get half a chicken than no chicken at all. And besides, everybody had spent a lot of money so you hadda get some verdict.' What an anal compulsive nature." (Mockingly) "You gotta get something. You just can't leave it up in the air! And the liberals fired four fuckin bullets in that room. I would have shot those fuckin liberals on the jury 'cause they're the judge, the prosecutor, the press, the people that sat and watched, pig agents. The people who were responsible for sending us to jail were the liberals on the jury and the liberals in the country. 'Cause that's how fascism comes to a country. And so like they said, well...you begin on one of these interviews and the moderator says, 'well, uh, because of your tactics and your antics don't you think you actually are contributing to the police state that you're actually fighting against?' You ever hear that? That ain't the way it happens. It's 'cause liberals compromise their conscience." (Clapping) "In many sense this

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"trial was a liberal trial. That's why most of the people are here to watch me and they wouldn't come if a Black Panther was here talking about Bobby Seale's trial. Because, because it was a liberal trial. Freedom of speech. It was a trial of our innocence, a year and a half ago. What was your state of mind on August 23d of 1968? Sitting on the stands (indistinct) Dick Schultz, Government plotter."

(At this point there is questioning of Hoffman from someone in the audience, the nature of which is indistinct. Hoffman continues...)

"Just 'cause the, just 'cause the prosecutor in his first speech after the trial said that we were part of the freak-
ing fag revolution, don't get any ideas about the asshole."
(Light clapping)

"Well, as getting back to the jury, Miss Kay Richards, Miss Kay Richards was the only one on the jury that was allowed to have a private room. Miss Kay Richards was the only one that was allowed to make unmonitored calls. Miss Kay Richards, just before she negotiated this treaty in which the liberals sell out their conscience and said well, the law's unconstitutional, we'll leave it up to the higher courts, we'll wash our hands of the blood-- just before she worked out this agreement, she worked out another agreement and that was that none of the jurors would be allowed to

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"talk to the press. That none of them would talk to the press-- that was cool. Soon as the jury decision was in, eleven of the jurors went back to the Palmer House Hotel to get their belongings and Miss Kay Richards was driven to another hotel at which for five straight days she gave her whole testimony about what went on in the jury room. It was syndicated in 300 newspapers around the country. She made \$50,000 on it. She now has two agents, she's on television shows all around America. Miss Kay Richards, just like us. Miss Kay Richards says that it was interesting serving on the jury--it was the first time she'd met a Negro." (Laughter from the audience, and someone asked "What's that?" Hoffman continues.) "I don't know, ask her.

"Well, so there are in conflict two nations. You may say well, it's all going to fall apart anyway, just like the Roman Empire, the Babylonian, and all the other empires in history. It's just gonna sink into the mud. That's the hippie attitude. We're just gonna pull off and do our thing and the card table, card house is going to come crumbling down. Well, I'll tell you it's falling right on our fuckin heads. We're like two trains running and they were going full speed right in that courthouse; just like that on the same track. And I'll tell you, if we don't figure out how to derail that other fuckin train before it's too late, it's going to take us with it." (Light clapping)

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"And I'll tell you revolution is about life. It's not about dying. You don't die for the revolution, you live for it. (Indistinct) says the revolution will not come because of sacrifice but through joy. Well, that has to be redefined because the word joy, the word joy is just a liquid soap, ain't it? Ain't that joy? I mean, don't you have those kind of problems with the language. Life--ain't that a magazine? That's life! Magazine--I got it, it's fifty cents, right. See the newsstand. Saw it the other day, Charlie Manson...picture...did you see it? You look at his eyes? Fuckin kids went, whew! He hypnotized me, I don't know, I stabbed my old lady. (Indistinct)

"Life versus death. Come there, you look over the Government table. There they sat the prosecutors, hard plotters. The evidence! Consider the evidence! These men are evil men, dangerous men, we must lock them up. One of the members of the Government table was FBI Agent, Mr. Stanley. He just sat there patting(?) his gun. He couldn't figure out why the Government was putting up with all this shit, we should of been shot the first fuckin day and gotten it over with." (Indistinct - Hoffman makes several guttural sounds and mumbles somewhat). "He must have taken eighteen baths a day. He had a little key. Every time a defense witness would go on the stand, whether it was a factory worker or folk singer, member of Parliament from England,

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"Congressman, author, housewife--shouldn't say that term. I sorry (indistinct) women for using that term. Smile. It's not a, the judge always did that. If a woman was selected for the jury he would say, what's your name? What's your husband's occupation? That was his second question. 'Oh, I'm a widow.' No matter who came on the stand, Mr. Stanley from the FBI got out his key and went down to the fifteenth floor; and there he put in a teletype to Washington. And within five, seven - eight minutes he'd be back into the room. He'd have a little brown folder, and it(?) spread out on the table, and we'd all point and go, see. See him go. See him come back. See, see Mr. Stanley sit down. See him open the brown (indistinct) folder. See him check out all the credentials of the witness. See fascism! That's what we'd say. You say, well what you talking about? The FBI! The FBI hit on three out of four!

"Well, the last day of the trial when we were allowed our free speech without our friends, without our wives, it felt real good being with my brothers there sitting around the table. First time I ever felt part of a conspiracy, ever. You look at us, you look at that table, you say they couldn't fuckin agree on having lunch! What does the Government mean, conspiracy? A pacifist, Black Panther, Yippie, second Yippie, head of SDS. They didn't, that's how fuckin bad the FBI files are. Tom

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"Hayden's the head of SDS. SDS didn't even exist by this time but he was still the head of SDS. And a professor, one chemist -- you gotta have a chemist. Glad the Government recognized that. And on that last day we felt part of a conspiracy. It was great. Everybody got up and spoke in their own way. I spoke in my way. I said to Tom, I said, I gonna make the fucker laugh. Tom bet me." (Laughter) "He owes me the bread 'cause I made Julius laugh. Say it was funny? But it wasn't funny being in Cook County Jail...when I showed him all my bites, bedbug bites, and spoke about living in a five by eight cell and being in a society which is ninety percent black after you come out of society that's ninety percent white. You want to understand about racism in America, you go look in the jail." (Clapping and whistling) "And you want to find out about preventive detention you go look in the jail right now 'cause 75 - 80% of the people in jail they haven't even had a trial yet. There are guys been in there a year, two years, without a trial. We bailed out sixteen guys when we came out 'cause we thought we were getting bailed out just 'cause we was celebrities and we had lived with these guys for like two weeks, and we said we're getting some guys out. We're going to get lots of guys out. We ain't going to rest until every day is Bastille Day. For what goes on in those jails, every fuckin judge ought to be in jail. 'Cause

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"all they do is say 'Five Years!' and you go out an old panel door and that's it. And they don't see the fuckin life that you live in jail. Especially a jail like Cook County Jail. I spoke about that. Said it weren't funny. And I said judge, I said from the day I was indicted right up until now I always wanted to confess. Because, uh, I didn't necessarily understand the charge, I read the law and didn't understand that, and you ought to read it, this is Strom Thurmond's Civil Rights Act. That's how it's like in 1984. You get sent to prison under a civil rights act. Remember that. I said, I want to confess because I felt the Government was calling me an enemy of the state--and I am an enemy of the state. And if they'd just said that--they said something heavy like treason, like, said, you're a man without a country, we're going to exile you on a boat and float you around like a man without a country, Phillip Nolan, whatever happened to that like good stuff? You know. They don't do that anymore--exile.

"Crossing state lines with the intention of inciting riots! And furthermore, contempt!! Eight months, ten years, four years, five years! Julius for one solid day read contempt charges. Loony! None of it made sense. Six months for William Kunstler for embracing Ralph Abernathy. Six months!! I called him a fuckin pig--I got five days. But I didn't complain." (Laughte

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"There was no method to it. There's a book out called 'Contempt.' You read it? Look it up. See if you can figure it out. You gotta be Julius to figure it out, the method. We do have contempt for that system. Laws that put us on trial. Laws that instrument whereby people in power maintain their power. That's what the fuck law is. Whether it's a law by wearing a flag shirt or blowing your nose in the flag. Hey dig it, I wore that flag shirt because two weeks before two of my culture heroes, Roy Rogers and Miss Dale Evans, wore the same fuckin shirt on ABC Playhouse Theater and I wore the same shirt. I got blacked out and they didn't. And the head of CBS said we know about that. It's not what they wear, it's who's doing the wearing. If Mayor Daley wore the shirt it would have been perfectly all right. So says the Public Relations Director of CBS Television. Fifty people have been arrested under that law. They're all hippies. But whether you wear a flag shirt, whether you smoke pot, whether you cross state lines to incite riot--it doesn't matter. It's people in power protecting their power.

"Everybody in the whole fuckin world saw what happened in the streets of Chicago. Everybody knows what happened there. Everybody knows Mayor Daley and his cohorts were responsible for that. There isn't a court in America where you could put that pig on trial, and you believe it. The only court in America, the only court in America that you can put that pig on trial is in the

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"streets! And that's where we're going to have our jury of the peers--in the streets in this country. It's going to be a long, hot summer if Bobby doesn't get out! It's going to be a burning fuckin fall and the whole winter is going to burn! Because he's not there, he's not there because of some murder in New Haven; he's there because he's the chairman of the Black Panther Party. In the same way that Tim O'Leary isn't serving twenty years in prison, you know, because he possesses marijuana, which a third of the fuckin people right in this room got on them right now, you know. He's there, he's there because he's, he's a home wrecker, that's what the fuck Tim O'Leary is. And any straight Lefties that don't understand that, they should have seen when he walked in that fuckin jury room, in that courtroom to be a defense witness for us. And that fuckin jury took one look at him, they knew he was a fuckin home wrecker. They knew he's destroying this system. They knew that fuckin right-wing judge was right. You wanna know the whereby you call up Ronald Reagan. And he don't see the factional distinctions between the neo-potskyites(phonetic) and the, you know, united committee to defend this, and attack this farmer -- blah! I don't even understand any more.

"Fuck the left! We ain't the left. We're the future! We demand the right for free men and women to walk all over this

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"motherfuckin planet and be free and participate in the good life. Not for just a few select people, like the pigs that run this university or the pigs that run the Army or sit in Washington or run the corporations. We want it for everybody. We want the new nation for everyone in the world. And it can be done: Right in this university! I bet the universities, they say well, uh, well we can build a better mouse trap. They're universities, they can build better mice. There's some heavy shit going on. Ninety percent of the scientists that ever lived are alive right now today, did you know that? That's an amazing statistic. They're alive right now today. They got machines that make fifty billion hotdogs. We can go to the moon. We can do anything! We will not accept the cynicism that's pushed down us by the heroine pushers called teachers in this fuckin university. We will not accept that cynicism. That's what American education teaches everybody--be cynical. Well these are complex things, there are sides to both questions, men (several words indistinct), ah, you can't fuck around now, save it for later when you retire. Bullshit! We retired, we retired, we deserted, love it or leave it. I left! We left! Stick those values, because capitalism, capitalism's got to go and the protestant bullshit ethic has got to go too. Postpone pleasure, put your money in the bank--your life ain't worth anything unless you got a \$50,000 life insurance

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"policy. Shove it! We want it, and we want it now! We're reasonable--we want everything! We're rational--we want it now! We're responsible--we're going to take it! Up against the wall, motherfucker!

"Uh, now for the answer period. If you got any.... there's going to be some people making some announcements, uh, about forming a local conspiracy group here. Conspiracy, by the way, conspiracy means to breathe together. That's what the nice town'll think--breathing together. Because there's a conspiracy trial, there's a trial right here in town. There are people right on trial for the very same thing that we were on trial for in Chicago. Maybe some of them could rap, and then maybe after that there will be some answer period. You know, we talk some more. I wanna stay here a long time 'cause tomorrow I'm going to Dallas, so I'd just as soon stay up here."

(Laughter from audience, and slight pause in tape)

"Uh, well...that's the way you do it. You always fight, fight against repression. You never let them take us one by one. We are free, I'm standing right here now today because 500,000 of my brothers and sisters, a jury of our peers, took to the streets and burned down the fuckin Bank of America and other assorted Yippie sports. That's why. You think I'm kidding you? Look, you name me one senator who spoke out against the trial. One liberal senator. I'll give you five bucks for every one you name.

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"There wasn't a fuckin one. Well, plague on both their houses. They sell you a big, probably a edge of liberalism right here. They say...well, the conviction was, it was good that they knocked off the conspiracy, now we have a clear shot at the constitutionality of the Anti-Riot Act. What a fuckin attitude! That's like saying that the Dred Scott decision was nice because then they could find out whether slavery was legal or not. You know, it's the same kind of thinking. Let's don't forget Nazi Germany awhile back. They killed six million Jews and did a whole lot of other bad things. And you know how they did them? They did them all legal. Every one of those Jews went legally. And they all went through the court system. And people better get that in their heads. 'Cause the courts...now that religion's dead, courtroom is the church of the liberals. They say yeah sure, sure the military is brutal. Sure they're pigs. Sure police are brutal. Sure nobody learns anything in the universities. Sure politics is corrupt. But the courts! You get a fair trial! They listen to both sides! Well, you go out and read that Tales of Hoffman or any of the other books about the trial and you come to your own conclusions about how fair that trial was.

"Well, where's the brother that was gonna rap a little about his busting? He here? You not wanna rap?..." (Clapping)

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(At this point someone from the audience begins to speak.)

"Yeah, my name is Dennis Freed (phonetic) and one thing left we see the need for in our black liberation struggle is to be able to distinguish between who our enemies and who our friends is. And I can truly believe that Abbie Hoffman would be termed a friend." (Clapping) "Now, we feel that it is necessary to organize a local chapter of the conspiracy defendants on this campus. And speaking for the BSA on this campus, we feel that we should have a meeting at 4:00 Thursday up at the Free U. so we can discuss about this movement on this campus. Like he was saying on a national level, a political side of it is in the near future is Bobby Seale, in New Haven, Connecticut, that is, uh, scheduled for the fall. Well like here in Fort Collins we do have some political trials that are coming up, stemming from the BYU incident. And it is necessary that we do need funds for the defense fund. So a hat will be passed around and if everyone can donate a quarter to the defense fund for these upcoming political trials. And I happen to be one of the defendants on a charge of assault and battery and attempted arson. So, uh, funds are direly needed for the defense fund. So everyone, whoever is interested in fighting political repression in this country and in Fort Collins or in the general vicinity come to Free U. at Thursday at four o'clock so we can get together. Power to the people!" (Clapping)

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(Hoffman continues.)

"Well, let's take some questions, I'll answer them if you wanna talk. Why don't everybody like stand up and sit down 'cause maybe people are stiff, a little? You know? Said they do it at basketball games. Well, what time is it? 9:30?"

(Someone from audience asks question relating to wire tapping - question indistinct.)

"Well it's one of the appeals."

(Another question from audience.)

"No, but we're going back April 27th to Judge Hoffman for a hearing. We just wanna, you know, be there."

(Another question from audience, something about New Haven.)

"They won't go to trial till the fall."

(Another question from audience - both it and Hoffman's answer, if any, not clear.)

"OK. Want to sit down? We'll do about another half hour."

"OK. Brother wants to make announcement. Why don't you get them to sit down?"

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(At this point another individual speaks into mike.)

"All right, if I can have your attention for a minute. One little short announcement. There's a cop downtown that likes to beat up Chicanos and, like, he's got about six complaints against him, you know. He put one dude in the hospital already. Well this happened last week. Thursday at 1:30 there's a City Council meeting. The Chicanos have gotten together in the community along with some of the Chicano students. They want people down there to support the demands this pig get kicked off the force, all right? That's simple. Thursday at 1:30 at the cop station on LaPorte."

(Hoffman continues.)

"How do people allow cops to come on the campus?"

"Want to sit down?"

"What? When is the appeal? Well it's under appeal now. We have a team of about twelve lawyers working on it, uh... the appeal is going to be as radical as the trial. We're attacking the whole judicial system just like they said we tried to do in the courtroom. You know, that was like Jerry said, we came to give Julius a heart attack; we did one better--we gave the whole judicial system one instead. Great. Well, the appeals are going to do the same thing. We're going to have a separate appeal to question the whole way in which the jury is selected and all that,

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"and we're going to have an appeal based on the judge and one on the law, one on the contempt--I mean it's one that's going to affect every political trial in the future. And there are going to be plenty. You cannot go to a city or town or hamlet in this country and not find political trials. And it's a question of defining what it is. Now I frankly believe that that's a misuse of, uh, I believe every prisoner is a political prisoner. I mean, you can't, you go into jail and you see that ninety percent of the people in the jail are black, or up here probably Chicanos and Indians, you know, you see that ninety percent of the people are under thirty, you know, you say well there's some politics involved in a situation like that. So attack on the court system, attack on the prison system has gotta be launched. That's why this national conspiracy is going to be a fight against political repression. It'll all go on locally, as well as nationally. Bobby Seale will go on trial sometime in the early fall.

"Uh, some other questions? I didn't mean to put down Roy and Dale so heavy, I mean. They have the best recordings.

"The FBI came up on a plane. I don't know if I can see them here. They always travel in two, like nuns. You ever want to freak out an FBI Agent, when you shake hands with him or something say 'Hey, your palm's wet,' because J. Edgar Hoover thinks