

October 26, 1972

Honorable Richard G. Kleindienst
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

I renew my request for the umpteenth time for whatever documents authorized and defined the FBI's Cointelpro-New Left program. My full request was set out in my letter to you of March 20.

Ralph Erickson's September 29 letter so misperceives the nature of my request that I assume it was intended as a bit of good-natured mischief. I do not want to see any investigatory files. I couldn't care less about your internal personnel rules and practices.

What I am seeking is the same information to which anyone suing the Department who claims to be injured by the program would be entitled -- information as to whether the activity was authorized and the extent of that authorization. (Isn't it funny that if we end up in court I may be able to get what I am looking for on discovery, leaving the rest of the thing moot!)

As I explained in my letter of August 31, I am not seeking a document reflecting the work product of the staff, the disclosure of which might tend to inhibit the free flow of ideas within the Department. I seek only a directive. Nor do I wish to know what specific practices the Department employed to carry out that directive(s)

EXHIBIT H