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3 Community Activists Sue Police, FBI

D.C. City Council member Julius Hobson and seven other community activists filed suit in U.S. District Court here yesterday accusing the D.C. Police Department and the FBI of illegally spying on them from 1964 until 1974.

The suit claims that the law enforcement agencies used illegal electronic "bugs" to overhear conversations, burglarized offices and homes and planted informers and agents-provocateurs within various groups here.

Filed by the American Civil Liberties Union Fund, the suit asks for more than \$2 million in damages for the eight individual plaintiffs are the Washington Peace Center, the Washington Area Women Strike for Peace and the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis.

ACLU Fund legal director Ralph Temple said various public officials have not reacted adequately to disclosures of allegedly improper surveillance tactics used by the FBI and police here, and "accordingly, we are taking the case to the people of this community, that is, to a jury."

Persons and groups named as plaintiffs were active in various political controversies in the District of Columbia, including the antiwar movement.