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### Widespread FBI Spying Detailed

NEW YORK — The American Civil Liberties Union is scheduled to respond this weekend to a staff report disclosing that the FBI spied on it for more than 50 years and conducted widespread surveillance of church groups, labor unions and civil organizations.

The report is based on 43,000 documents the ACLU has obtained since 1977 under the Freedom of Information Act. They include memos from unnamed informants, reports from FBI agents and newspaper clippings, and cover the years from 1920 to 1967.

The FBI acted like "a secret political police force" against the ACLU by means of "in effect a national network of informers," the ACLU board says. And one of the 81 board members says the documents reveal that the FBI monitored such groups as the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Universalist Unitarian Association, the American Friends Service Committee and the Ethical Culture Society.