



LLOYD ELLIOTT

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Student Describes Career as FBI Spy

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Jody A. Gorran, 19, a George Washington University sophomore and a sometime tear gas canister salesman, sat in a leather swivel chair yesterday and told the House Committee on Internal Security of another aspect of his collegiate career—that of an FBI informer.

Committee counsel ques-

tioned him on dates, times, names and places regarding last spring's disruptions at George Washington, but little new information emerged.

Gorran also described a number of meetings of Students for a Democratic Society, opened and closed, including a regional conclave at Princeton University that dealt with SDS's "smash the military" program.

However, far more fascinating was the his depiction of the activities of a student informer. The FBI had no comment on his testimony.

Gorran said he provided information for the FBI and Metropolitan Police for about \$60 a week from January of last year until April 23. On that date he said he stood up in front of an open meeting of student militants and disclosed that he was an informer.

"I sort of blew my cover," Gorran said.

Gorran, wearing a brown plaid sports jacket, neatly trimmed sideburns and mustache, and smoking constantly, said he quit as an informant because of "revulsion" over what he was doing to people with which he had come to sympathize, and also out of worry that he was "too expendable" to his employers.

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on the street, and went to see an agent," Gorran recalled. He

He said that one of his assignments was to steal a briefcase containing information on people attending a suburban antiwar meeting. Gorran said he got \$100 for that.

Gorran appeared at an afternoon session. In the morning, GW President Lloyd H. Elliott told the committee that society should no longer expect universities to act "in loco parentis" (in place of parents) in guiding the conduct of students.

He said parents often expect the "impossible"; that universities exert a control over the activities of students that the parents themselves had long since relinquished. The easy mobility in today's society is a chief factor in eliminating the university's parental role, he said.

Elliott urged parents to do more to prepare their children for greater independence and self-reliance before they enter the university.

He said a casualty of the changing times is that time-honored father figure of American campus life — "the grand old dean." The cause of death, Dr. Elliott said, was the demands of today's student militants for "due process." The grand old dean was fatherly but too arbitrary by today's standards, he said.

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He said that late in his informant career, the police sent him to observe a meeting that was supposed to be shot up by members of the American Nazi Party.

"I asked the police," Gorran told the committee, "what I was supposed to do when the

shooting started. They just told me to duck or something."

Armed with three of his small aerosol tear gas containers, Gorran went to the meeting, at which nothing happened. Nonetheless, he said, it convinced him that his well-being wasn't sufficiently prized.

Gorran said his tear gas business was what initially brought him and Federal authorities together. Gorran had arrived on campus as a freshman in the fall of 1968 with the Washington distributorship for a tear gas container.

The Secret Service came to believe that the GW freshman intended to sell some of his

wares to anti-inaugural demonstrators. Gorran said it wasn't true.

"To help out, to prove my loyalty, I gathered as much information as I could about the inaugural demonstration. Then it occurred to me that I could do this on a regular basis, and get paid for it.

"I just walked in to the FBI