

JUNE 1970

Mr. Jesse Stephens
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Dear Sir:

A very pressing schedule has made it impossible for us to write to you sooner. Since I am the one to whom you talked on the phone and to whom you have written, I will send this letter.

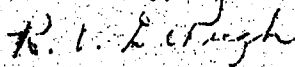
After much discussion, careful consideration and advice from State leaders, we have come to the conclusion that you have acted on your own and are no longer a member of the Minutemen organization headed by Ralph DePugh. You are in no way to recruit men into any group which you represent to them as a part of the Minutemen organization or a possible front group for the Minutemen organization.

I will not go into details, but, personally, feel this is the position I should take, knowing of the situation and feeling which existed between Bob DePugh and you when you were in Texas. You failed to follow advice, even suggestions, and continued to represent yourself as an area leader for both the Patriotic Party and Minutemen, leading to the compromise of the security of other members in the area.

As for your activity in the East, I would like to mention that you must have known that there is a National organization which is functioning. It appears that you seized upon the advantage of our trying times of Bob's capture to recruit members in the name of the Minutemen, impress on them the need for great security and that most of these members still think they belong to an affiliate or front of the organization which is not true. These people will sooner or later find out about their position. As for security, you still have something to learn or you are being protected from exposure. It hardly seems reasonable for you to make all contacts personally, to maintain security, then tell me this on a tapped telephone line so that the authorities can follow you in every move you make.

There is no need for an answer to this letter. We cannot stop you from organizing and making contacts, but you must refrain from doing so in the name of the Minutemen because you are no longer accepted by us.

Yours truly,



Mrs. R. B. DePugh