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White House Enemies Questioned by ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation announced yesterday that it has asked the 188 people named on the White House "enemies list" to provide it with examples of the "punitive use of government power."

The survey, directed by the ACLU'S project on Privacy and Data Collection, asks the 188 in a letter whether they had "any reason to believe" that they had ever been subjected to "eaves dropping, burglary or surveillance; investigation by the FBI, IRS or other government agency . . . mail cover or the leak of information previously

given in confidence to a government agency."

The 188 persons to whom the letter was mailed were on a list of people described in White House documents as enemies or opponents of the Nixon administration. The documents prepared by presidential aides, were revealed during testimony before the Senate select Watergate committee.

The letter also asks whether the recipient had been "subjected to . . . infiltration by informers, extortion of campaign funds, punitive enforcement of federal laws and regulations (and) punitive denial of federal funds and contracts . . ."