

# President Ford has a plan to control intelligence agencies. It authorizes them to do what they've been doing all along.

Wiretaps. Intercepted mail. Political dossiers. Bribes. Burglaries. Lies. Cover-ups. Even attempted assassinations.

What is to be done?

### The Ford Plan

President Ford has a plan. He has issued an Executive Order. It authorizes the intelligence agencies to do all the things they did in the past—except assassinations.

President Ford has also proposed legislation. It would make it a crime to reveal government wrongdoing to us.

That's the Ford plan. He has misrepresented it to the public as a plan to control the intelligence agencies when its real effect is to re-establish the secrecy which lets those agencies do what they will.

### The ACLU Plan

The American Civil Liberties Union has a different plan.

1. *Abolish all clandestine activities in foreign countries during peacetime.* We do not need secret operatives overthrowing governments, bribing foreign officials, plotting assassinations and launching secret wars. And we want no more CIA infiltration of the overseas offices of our newspapers, churches and corporations.

2. *Specifically limit what each intelligence agency may do.* Each intelligence agency should have a public charter authorizing it to undertake certain activities. Any activities not specifically authorized would be illegal. For example, the FBI should be limited to criminal investigations. We do not need the FBI infiltrating law-abiding, domestic political groups and acting as *agents provocateurs*. The Internal Revenue Service should be prohibited from inquiring into the political beliefs and associations of taxpayers. The military should be prohibited from surveillance of civilians. The CIA should be limited to the open collection and evaluation of *foreign* intelligence information.

3. *Prohibit spying on Americans.* Wiretapping

and burglaries should be prohibited entirely. Mail should not be opened, and bank, telephone and credit card records should not be inspected, except after a warrant has been issued by a judge who has found probable cause to believe a crime has been committed. Files should not be kept on people attending political meetings or otherwise peaceably exercising their right to free speech.

4. *Remove the cloak of secrecy from government.* Secrecy must be limited to the technical details of weapons, tactical military operations in time of declared war, and defensive military contingency plans. The word "classified" must no longer be used as a cover to violate the law. "Executive privilege" must no longer be used as a dodge to avoid Congressional scrutiny. Budgets for the various intelligence agencies must be made public. Congress must have the absolute right—as an equal partner in government—to release information classified by the Executive branch.

5. *Make lying to the public by certain govern-*

*ment officials a crime.* Intelligence agency officials or other senior policy makers who are not elected and therefore not directly accountable to the people should be prohibited from intentionally deceiving Congress or the public about criminal or unconstitutional behavior by government officials. A Special Prosecutor should be appointed to investigate and prosecute such crimes.

6. *Protect the "whistle-blower."* We need to encourage people to reveal criminal conduct by government officials, or conduct that exceeds the limits imposed upon intelligence agencies. Abuses of power by government officials are almost impossible to detect unless someone on the inside comes forward. Whether it is Frank Serpico in the New York City Police Department, Daniel Ellsberg in the Pentagon, or Victor Marchetti in the CIA, the lesson is the same: we require—and must protect—citizens who have the courage to come forward.

The ACLU has launched a special lobbying campaign in Washington to bring continuing pressure on members of Congress to enact the ACLU "control" plan rather than the Ford "secrecy" plan.

We need your help.

### What you can do.

- Help stop the Ford secrecy bill. Write to your Senator (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) and to your Representative (U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515) and urge them to defeat "H.R. 12006"
- Press for the ACLU control proposals. Urge your Senators and Representatives to support legislation that would end secret government.
- Join the ACLU. Our voice is strong in Congress because we speak for over 275,000 Americans who make their voices heard through membership in the ACLU. Make yourself heard, too.
- Even if you're not a joiner, send a contribution to help this major legislative lobbying effort.
- If you would like further information about the Ford plan and the ACLU plan, check the appropriate box when you send in the coupon.

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