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**Harassment Charged**

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# Philadelphia Peace Groups Sue FBI

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Two anti-war groups and 18 individuals sued the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday, asking the Federal district court here to enjoin as unconstitutional "continuous and malicious harassment" by agents since the theft of FBI files at nearby Media in March.

In attempting to solve the case, the FBI has concentrated much of its attention on the Powelton Village section of Philadelphia, where several members of Philadelphia Resistance and the American Friends Service Committee live.

The plaintiffs, these two organizations and the individuals, said in the suit that FBI tactics included physical violence, bribery, threats, illegal searches and seizures, illegal electronic surveillance and wiretapping, denial of the right to counsel during raids and interrogation, and intimidation not only of themselves but of friends, relatives and employers.

### DAMAGES

Besides an injunction, they asked for \$390,000 in damages and destruction of all newly compiled dossiers on them that the court finds to violate their rights and "to bear no reasonable relationship" to legitimate FBI activities.

Named as defendants are attorney general John N. Mitchell, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover and Joe D. Jameison, agent in charge of the bureau's regional office here.

The suit contends that the "harassment," carried out while "allegedly investigating the theft of files from the Media, Pa., office of the

FBI," has been "part of a policy to intimidate political and social activists into believing ... there is an FBI agent behind every mail box" and to "enhance the paranoia in the new left."

### DOCUMENTS

The anonymous Citizens Commission to investigate the FBI took more than 800 documents from the media office March 8 and released many of them piecemeal to news media.

At a news conference, Judith Chomsky of Resistance said the plaintiffs knew no more about the Media case than they had read in newspapers.

Miss Chomsky said the FBI appeared to be seeking to create a climate of fear that would stop the plaintiffs and others from continuing to criticize domestic and foreign policy.

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