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KPOO Will

Surrender

Bombs Tape

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A San Francisco FM station, KPOO, reluctantly agreed yesterday to turn over to a federal grand jury a taped "communique" from the Chicano Liberation Front claiming credit for four Bay Area bombings.

But at another press conference, also at the Federal Building, the Berkeley FM station KPFA announced it will resist the same grand jury's efforts to obtain tape recordings in which fugitive activist Bernardine Dohrn recites poetry.

George Kelsey, KPOO general manager, said the government had subpoenaed the communique in which the Chicano Liberation Front referred to the bombings of Safeway, San Jose; Del Monte Corp., San Francisco; Bank of America, Hayward; and Wells Fargo Bank, Piedmont.

Kelsey said the station had no choice but to surrender the document because of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision denying an appeal in the conviction of Los Angeles radio station KPFK.

"All media must realize," Kelsey said, "that infringements on the media's freedom to undisclosed sources and infringements on the public's right to uncensored news have not diminished but rather have intensified and become more insidious in recent months."

Larry Bensky, general manager of KPFA, said that he would not give up the Dohrn poetry tape because it was clearly a violation of the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.

"The tape in question," Bensky said, "was broadcast by KPFA in connection with International Women's Day. It was from three women in the Weather Underground Organization, and consisted of readings from a book which they had recently distributed called 'Sing a Battle Song.'"

"The broadcast was speech, pure and simple. No mention is made in the tape of any crime or criminal activity, no crime is announced, described, predicted or claimed."

At a hearing yesterday, U.S. District Judge Oliver J. Carter put over KPFA's motion to quash the subpoena until April 11 because of a mistake in issuing the subpoena.