

Leftists Don't Trust FBI

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The Socialist Workers party charged yesterday that the FBI may be trying to circumvent an order to halt its 38-year investigation of the party by employing "back-door methods" to continue pursuing the small, left-wing political group.

To support this charge, the party made public an order by FBI Director Clarence Kelley advising FBI field agents that they may continue investigating party members who have engaged in activities indicating they are "likely to use force or violence in violation of a federal law."

Kelley's order was issued despite government admissions that the FBI has been probing the party since 1938 without producing any evidence of wrongdoing by the party or its members.

After reviewing this record, Attorney General Edward Levi ordered the bureau on September 13 to end its investigation of the party. Levi acted after concluding that the probe did not conform with the Justice Department's new guidelines covering domestic security investigations.

*These guidelines state, in effect, that the FBI cannot spy on a group solely for purposes of gather-

ing intelligence or because it suspects that the members might do something illegal at some future time.

Under the guidelines, the FBI can investigate an organization or individual only if it has evidence that it has engaged in some specific illegal act or if the evidence discloses activities of a nature that could result in violent or illegal acts.

The party is suing the FBI and other federal agencies for \$40 million. It charges them with illegal harassment and intimidation over several years.

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