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VVAW 4 freed

Contempt charges have been dropped against four members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War who refused to testify before a Tallahassee, Fla., grand jury. The four had declined to cooperate in what they called a "fishing expedition" during hearings on a police informer's claim that the VVAW had planned to disrupt the Republican convention. A federal appeals court ruled Sept. 26 that charges be dropped because the government refused to deny defense allegations that illegal wiretaps had been used against the veterans. Six other VVAW members, indicted by the grand jury for the so-called conspiracy, are free on bail.