

U.S. Drops Subpoenas Of L.A. Film Makers

Los Angeles

Federal subpoenas for four persons who allegedly were seen in Los Angeles less than a month ago with four fugitive leaders of the terrorist Weather Underground were mysteriously withdrawn yesterday by the U.S. attorney's office. →

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney said he could give no reason at this time why the subpoenas were withdrawn, but he said a federal grand jury next Thursday had been cinematographer Haskel Wexler, Emile de Antonio, a producer of documentary films, Wexler's son, Jeff, and Mary Lampson.

All four were reported to be working on a film that involved top leaders of the Weather Underground, sources close to the investigation reported.

All four planned to refuse to cooperate with the grand jury probe, but that was not believed to have been a reason for the subpoenas being withdrawn.

One source close to the case alleged the Weather Underground members were spotted with those subpoenaed at Los Angeles' Martin Luther King Hospital less than a month ago during the

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(Report on procedure followed in preparation of FBI's "Elsur file.")

physicians' strike there.

Allegedly posing as a local television camera crew, the Weather Underground members were said to be interviewing striking doctors while Wexler and the others subpoenaed filmed the interview.

Fugitive Weather Underground members Bernadine Dohrn, Jeff Jones, Cathlyn Platt Wilkerson and Kathy Boudin had absolutely no connection with KCET, the local public television station, informed sources said.

Earlier reports that as many as six persons were subpoenaed, some of them minor actors and actresses, were erroneous, the source said.

The U.S. attorney's office spokesman emphasized that the subpoenas had been withdrawn "for the time being" and that it was "conceivable" they could be renewed at a later time.

But no indictments are now contemplated, the spokesman said.

The four subpoenaed individuals have called a news conference for today to elaborate against them.

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