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'Defense Fund vs. Cover-Up'

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To the Editor:

I would like to comment on Paul J. Kern's Aug. 28 letter regarding [legal] defense funds.

When money is carried in or left in laundry bags and handed to persons unknown in hotel lobbies or left in brown paper bags in telephone booths in motel and office-building lobbies, what more appropriate word than "cover-up" can there be to describe these funds, especially since arrangements for deliveries were made using code names? It is rash indeed to equate such funds with contributions freely given for defraying legal costs of "Davis, Berrigan, journalists, etc.," regardless of what view one takes of their actions.

During recent months and weeks a number of inappropriate and inaccurate comparisons have been made to justify actions in the Watergate affair. This is a difficult world and all the more reason to be sure we make proper distinctions. EMILY M. VOORHIS

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