

The Liberty Defenders

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E. Howard Hunt's despicable memorandum for the White House on attorney Leonard Boudin, published in The Times of July 19, shows once more the unethical and unscrupulous machinations of President Nixon's aides in trying to discredit Daniel Ellsberg and his legal defense even before the trial concerning the Pentagon papers began.

Mr. Boudin, a man of the highest character, is one of the leading constitutional lawyers of this country and last year was a visiting professor at the Harvard Law School. As general counsel of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, he has made a notable record of winning civil liberties cases in the courts, especially the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hunt's claim that the Emergency Committee is "a Communist party front," that is, directed by members of that party, is utterly without foundation. Our committee is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to the Bill of Rights and defends the civil liberties of all comers in the United States, from left to right. It is controlled by no political party and its officers have varying economic and political viewpoints.

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