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Kelley Says Aides Didn't Tell

Him About FBI Burglaries

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8-State Sweep In Illegal Gun

Investigation

Washington

Federal firearms agents conducted raids in eight states yesterday, seizing more than 1000 illegal pistols and other firearms, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms announced.

The raids came after investigation of illegal sales of weapons at gun shows and flea markets, according to Rex D. Davis, director of the bureau.

The raids were in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio.

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley has disclosed that his top aides told him nothing when he complained to them that someone in the bureau was lying to him about FBI political burglaries.

In a deposition made public yesterday, Kelley revealed that he had discussed the matter in a private meeting of senior FBI officials and that none offered information.

Kelley was questioned under oath November 3 by Leonard Boardin, the New York attorney representing the Socialist Workers party. The Trotskyist party has filed a multi-million dollar damage suit against the FBI for allegedly illegal harassment.

The Political Rights Defense Fund, which is financing the lawsuit, provided a transcript of the deposition to reporters on Wednesday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William S. Brandt then went to court in a last-minute effort to block release of Kelley's testimony on the ground that government officials had had no time to review the transcript for accuracy.

U.S. District Judge Thomas

Griese, who is presiding over the case in New York, ordered a party attorney to request news organizations to return the copies.

Syd Stapleton, the defense fund's national secretary, called the judge's instructions "a gag order and a dangerous precedent. We consider it an out-and-out interference with our First Amendment right to make information available to the public."

He noted that Kelley and government lawyers had two weeks to review the transcript and said, "We consider that more than reasonable."

Justice Department spokesman Robert Feldkamp said the government is not attempting to keep the substance of Kelley's testimony a secret but had only objected to the release because it violated an informal agreement between the Socialist Workers and the department.

"We had an unofficial agreement with the party that nothing would happen for 30 days. It's simply a violation of the agreement," he said.

The party did request that the copies be returned, but the request was not complied with.

In the deposition, which is a

way of taking testimony before trial, Kelley was asked what action he took after learning last spring that bureau officials had deceived him about the burglaries.

Kelley testified, "I talked with what we call the executive conference group, and I told them that as a result of some of the things which have been publicized, there is obviously someone or some people who have deceived me, letting me continue as I had in saying they stopped at a certain date.

"I did not, however, probe to determine what they knew, nor did anyone volunteer any information."

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