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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Conrades,

On November 20 the government responded to the YSA's legal motion demanding a halt to FBI surveillance of the upcoming St. Louis convention. The government argues they have a right to spy on the convention primarily because the YSA advocates the replacement of capitalism with socialism. This fact, they further state, justifies being at the convention even if members or supporters of the YSA are victimized in the future for attending the convention. Our lawyers will be responding to this latest development prior to a December 9 oral hearing before the federal district court.

Enclosed are two pieces of material in response to the government's answer: a news release issued by the Political Rights Defense Fund and a statement by YSA National Chairman Andrew Pulley.

These two items can be used to publicize this latest information and to gain more supporters for our right to hold the convention free of government harassment. Supporters of civil rights especially can be asked to send letters or telegrams of protest to FBI director Clarence Kelley (copies to the YSA National Office) against government attacks on our constitutional rights. Student governments, campus groups, prominent individuals and professors can also be asked to send letters of protest to the FBI. The more support we can gain in the next couple of weeks will be important in pressuring the court to make a quick decision after the oral hearing. All of these efforts can be combined with general convention-building activities.

Conradely,

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