

This represented a clear change from my previous position, a change which had nothing to do with changes in my personal political beliefs but solely with my fear of intimidation and harassment from defendants and persons working with and for defendants.

Since 1971, moreover, and as a direct result of the experiences with defendants in Minneapolis, Hillsdale, New York and at Quinpiac, I have refrained from open agitation against the government and severely restricted what I believe should be my right to free speech. While many former New Leftists have clearly changed their politics along with their behavior, this is not true for me and is solely the result of intimidation and harassment in the past.

INTERROGATORY NO. 28: State any ways in which any of your activities, or your life or life style changed or were altered contrary to your wishes, hopes or plans during the years 1968-1974, and which you claim, believe or infer are or may be attributable to any activities of defendants, identifying such activities and such defendants.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY #28:

When I went to Canada in 1967, it was with the presumption that I would finish my graduate career as soon as this was financially feasible. I had resigned from a Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin in the fall of 1967 because the political situation there made further study impossible. After three months of consulting work as a senior researcher helping to evaluate and plan the Canadian poverty program, I had enough money to resume my Ph.D. work. I was particularly encouraged when I was quickly offered an assistantship at several universities. I accepted a position at the University of Minnesota largely because my future wife and I liked the midwest and planned to live there. We were married in February and after a brief honeymoon in northern Wisconsin returned to an apartment I had rented earlier. Although the FBI was apparently made aware of our whereabouts during the honeymoon, we were not aware of any surveillance.

During the first few months of our arrival in Minneapolis the following happened. The assistantship was withdrawn, almost immediately after federal agents visited both the Admissions Office and the Chairman of the Department. I had been completely open about my political background when I had applied and when I visited the department in January. A picture of me during a demonstration that had appeared in Newsweek had been on display in the Chairman's outer office. Clearly, therefore, although the letter from Dr. Finestone suggested I might use the classroom "as a political platform", the real reason for withdrawing the assistantship was intimidation, and fear. When the Assistantship was withdrawn, and I was told about the visit - I naturally felt indignant and complained to the campus organization for Graduate Assistants. But without a formal contract - and unless I wanted to