

The Detroit Police Red Squad

...spied on more than 1,000,000 people. Are YOU one of them?

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For more than 30 years, a secret arm of the Detroit Police Department was tracking citizens to “root out” and “expose” subversives. Their targets were political activists, Vietnam War opponents, black nationalists, labor unionists, civil liberties advocates and many others engaged in social, cultural and other “dissident” activities.

The concentration was local, but the reach was global.

Any person or organization that suspects they were spied upon during the years 1937 to 1974 should request an application for their file. All requests are confidential and there is no cost to obtain the file information.

“The release of the files is a proper end to the official lawlessness that symbolized McCarthyism, the Cold War era and government’s unwarranted fears of peaceful assembly to protest and dissent. Such unconstitutional secret police surveillances threaten the core of our freedom.” —Professor Edward J. Littlejohn, Wayne State University Law School. Trustee, Detroit Red Squad Program

Send for your file application

Upon receipt of your request, an application will be mailed to you. Please indicate whether for an INDIVIDUAL or ORGANIZATION file.

The search for retrievable information may take several weeks. You will be notified of the status of your request, and the material will be sent when ready for distribution.

Please send me an application form so that I may seek any information gathered by the Detroit Police Red Squad.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Individual,

Organization

MAIL TO: Red Squad Notification and Distribution Compliance Program, 800 Palms Building, Detroit, MI 48201

Or call 313—961-7010, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm E.D.T.

Inquiries must be made before September 10, 1991, when the court order authorizing the program is scheduled to expire.

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Are YOU one of them?

For more than 30 years, a secret unit of the Detroit Police Department was tracking thousands of law-abiding citizens, subversives, labor organizers, black radicals, Communist sympathizers, black radicals, labor unionists, civil liberties activists and many others, against a backdrop of national and state "drainback" activities.

The concentration was to "check the books" on you.

Any person who spent time in jail during the years 1937 to 1974 should request an application for their file. All requests are confidential and records are sent to victims by the Detroit Police.

The release of the files is a proper end to the official lawlessness that symbolized McCarthyism, the Cold War era and government's unwarranted fears of permissiveness to protest and dissent. Such unaccountable and secret justice surveillances threaten the core of our freedom.

Professor Edward J. Littlejohn,
Wayne State University Law School,
Detroit, Detroit Red Squad Program

Send for your file application

Simply complete your request; an application will be mailed to you. Please follow the order for application: 00254X12-21024-12.

The cost of the records is minimal. In addition, many files were closed; you will be notified of the status of your request, and the records will be sent when ready for distribution.

Please send me an application form so that I may seek any information gathered by the Detroit Police Red Squad.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Workplace

MAIL TO: Red Squad Information Dept., Wayne State Univ. Library,
4810 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48202
Special 2-508-47010, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm EST

Application must be made before September 30, 1991, when the records will be destroyed unless requested to appear.

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