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ACLU telegram to/presidents, including Stanford and Berkeley (sent 5/29/69)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (taken by phone June 2 from ACLU-NYC by Bob Beyers)

~~ACLU urges five colleges presidents today~~

ACLU urges Stanford University to move to quash the subpoenas issued by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations for records of campus organizations and leaders at your institution. The attempt to force universities into revealing such information is an intrusion by government into the affairs and independence of any educational institution.

A similar experiences with the old House UnAmerican Activities Committee was regarded by students, faculty, and most university administrators as an attack on academic freedom a threat to the freedom of expression

association and assembly of the academic community. Rather than shedding light on the nature of campus disturbances, the Senate subcommittee's action will only serve to escalate tension and widen the breach between students and administrators.

In view of the serious constitutional defects of these subpoenas, we are prepared to offer full civil liberties and legal assistance challenging this assault on the First Amendment.

Ernest Angell, chairman  
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