

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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Dear Friend

*For 12 years, Kenneth Donaldson was held in a Florida mental hospital without any treatment. On 15 occasions, he tried unsuccessfully to secure a court hearing on his confinement.

*On July 1, 1972 your bank began photostating and storing copies of every check you write. The purpose of this new federal policy is to enable government agencies to trace your financial dealings -- and the many private things about you they reveal -- without your knowledge or permission.

*Mary Gutierrez is an Air Force officer. The Air Force refuses to grant her family the same housing, medical and dental benefits that are given to the families of male officers.

*In May 1970, 13,000 people -- innocent and guilty alike -- were swept up in our nation's capital in the largest dragnet arrests in our country's history.

*Noah Menard was arrested by the Los Angeles police and held until the police decided they had no reason to make any charges against him. His arrest record was sent to the F.B.I. Although he has never been convicted, the F.B.I. refuses to stop disseminating his record to potential employers.

*Ernest Fitzgerald was a cost analyst for the Defense Department. In Congressional testimony, he brought to public attention billions of dollars of defense contract "overruns." He was fired.

But what can you do?

We hope you will join the American Civil Liberties Union to make your voice count in defense of the liberties

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of all Americans. Across the nation 180,000 men and women belong to the ACLU. Through their membership, they work for the protection of their own rights -- and the rights of everyone else -- to freedom of inquiry and expression, privacy, due process of law and equal protection of the laws.

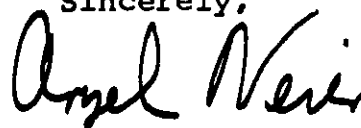
This year we will be in a court in more than 5,000 cases. Some of these cases are on behalf of a single person -- such as Kenneth Donaldson. (On November 28, 1972, we won a jury verdict in Tallahassee, Florida awarding Mr. Donaldson \$38,500. damages for being held in a mental hospital without treatment.) Other cases, such as our defense of the victims of dragnet arrests, involve thousands of persons. Still other cases, such as our challenge to the surveillance of bank records, directly affect many millions of Americans. All are designed to fulfill the promise of the Bill of Rights.

In the courts, in the state legislatures, in town councils, in school boards and in the Congress, the ACLU works to maintain and enhance American freedoms. We are at work wherever civil liberties are under attack.

Today the attacks seem to come with increasing frequency. We need your help if we are to do what must be done.

Won't you join us today? The more you contribute, the more we can do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aryeh Neier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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