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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM setting forth results of efforts to obtain a copy of the photograph of subject which appeared in the May, 1971 edition of "Newsweek" Magazine. Three copies of the LHM are enclosed for WFO.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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KEN REGAN, Owner, Camera Five, third floor, 27 West 27th Street, New York, New York, advised that he personally took the photograph of ABBIE HOFFMAN that appeared in the May, 1971 edition of "Newsweek" Magazine. He stated that he was on assignment of "Newsweek" Magazine in Washington, D.C. at the time that he took the photograph of ABBIE HOFFMAN. He said that there are other photographs of ABBIE HOFFMAN that he had taken in addition to the one that appeared in "Newsweek" Magazine. He declined, however, to make available copies of the photographs in question stating that since he was on assignment of "Newsweek" Magazine, he wanted to "check" with the editors of "Newsweek" Magazine before releasing copies of these photographs to the United States Department of Justice.

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[redacted] Washington Bureau, "Newsweek" Magazine, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., telephone number (202) 298-7880, telephonically advised that KEN REGAN, Camera Five, 27 West 27th Street, New York City (NYC), contacted him on May 26, 1971 concerning a request by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents on May 26, 1971 that REGAN furnish photographs taken by him of ABBIE HOFFMAN in Washington, D.C. during May Day demonstrations.

[redacted] stated that KEN REGAN was on exclusive assignment for "Newsweek" Magazine at the time that he took the photographs of ABBIE HOFFMAN in Washington, D.C. He stated that the photographs are owned by KEN REGAN. He stated that it is the established policy of "Newsweek" Magazine not to make available to "anyone" any material obtained by any of their staff or any individual working in a free-lance capacity under contract to "Newsweek" Magazine because it places the individual in "jeopardy" in his future effectiveness as a member of the news media. He stated he advised KEN REGAN not to furnish the photographs to the FBI.

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67C KEN REGAN, Owner, Camera Five, third floor, 27 West 27th Street, New York, New York, telephonically advised that he consulted with [REDACTED] Washington Bureau, "Newsweek" Magazine, on May 26, 1971.

He stated that his own professional policy is in agreement with that of the policy of "Newsweek" Magazine concerning the furnishing of photographs taken by him to either the United States Government or to any defendant. He said that if he did so he would be unable to operate as a free-lance photographer. For this reason, he declined to furnish copies of the photograph of ABBIE HOFFMAN taken by him in Washington, D.C. during the May Day demonstrations.

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ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, Aka.  
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Remyairtel 5/14/71, advising of the 5/11/71 appearance of subject on a Chicago television program, airtel submitted under the caption "DAVID TYRE DELLINGER AKA, ETAL (TRAVEL OF DEFENDANTS), ARL-CONSPIRACY; COC (OO CHICAGO)."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM setting forth a transcript of the appearance of HOFFMAN and wife ANITA on the program "Howard Miller's Chicago," 5/11/71, WBBM-TV, Chicago.

Copies are being designated to the offices as indicated below for information. The recording is being retained in Chicago file 176-5 Sub E(1B128).

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On May 11, 1971, Hoffman and his wife Anita Hoffman appeared as guests on the local Chicago television conversation show "Howard Miller's Chicago." This program is aired over WBBM-TV, Chicago. ANN Hoffman

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Set forth on the attached pages is a transcript of the recording [REDACTED]

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HOWARD MILLER's Chicago Show

AL PARKER:

Welcome to "HOWARD MILLER Chicago," an hour of topical conversation from the heart of mid-America and now here with our guests is HOWARD.

HOWARD MILLER:

Thank you very much AL PARKER and good evening ladies and gentlemen, it's a delight to be with you again to present our guests on this show. The name of the program someone thought to call it, was "HOWARD Meets the HOFFMANS." Properly I suppose it should be said "The HOFFMANS Meet HOWARD" because I think I'm here more often than probably the HOFFMANS; at least out of jail more often and I believe that there is probably never been conceived a television show that brought people together with a wider diversity of attitudes and philosophy and a conduct of life than this program tonight. So how it ends nobody will know but we welcome to our panel ABBIE and ANITA HOFFMAN on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

I think first off I had best acknowledge, a ABBIE and ANITA that a, one of the main reasons you are making these frequent television appearances is because you have both written books. A, this is a frequent a, excursion of yours and to the ethereal so to speak ABBIE, writing a, books. I think this is the third or fourth in a series.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Third or fourth, yeah.

HOWARD MILLER:

A, ANN or ANITA as you call yourself ANN in this book as the authoress, is this your first attempt?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Um-hun, yes.



HOWARD MILLER: And have you decided to go straight and start writing books now, both of you or are you going to continue to break the law?

ANITA HOFFMAN: I don't think the books are too straight, so ah...

HOWARD MILLER: Well there are ah, your's is pornography and that's straight literature these days and it's about the only thing that sells.

ANITA HOFFMAN: Thank you.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: She wrote it sitting in the gallery of a, a the judge's a, forget his name a, here in Chicago.

HOWARD MILLER: Judge HOFFMAN?

ANITA HOFFMAN: Yeah.

HOWARD MILLER: A fine judge.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: In his courtroom ah, she had nothing to do so she wrote the book and ah, all the pornographic sections were just fantasies of her and the judge.

HOWARD MILLER: I believed that it was. Ah, ABBIE so frequently you have been referred to as the clown prince.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: You've got to say the name of the...

HOWARD MILLER: We shall, sooner or later, ah I usually don't publicize books that I ah...

ABBIE HOFFMAN: We don't either.

HOWARD MILLER: Oh.

ANITA HOFFMAN: That you disagree with?

HOWARD MILLER:

No; no, no, not that I don't disagree with but I mean that isn't the main thrust of the program, rather than to publicize the book to develop the author's line, the author's tact, I started saying ABBIE that you have frequently been called the clown prince of this movement, whatever this movement is that you represent. And I just ah, how serious you should be called the clown prince, how seriously you take yourself. Ah, is this all a put on?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

It isn't enough to know the difference between put on and reality, meaning sometimes when I'm in Washington I kind of wonder about what's a put on and what's a reality in terms of the government. For example, there's a lot of ah, you know we learn a lot of things in the fourth grade about courts, ah, you know, about free enterprise, about anybody can grow up to be President, Columbus discovered America even though there were loads of people here. We learn all these kind of cliches and then ah, you know one wonders whether or not the United States isn't a put on.

HOWARD MILLER:

Why, poor boys have become Presidents. Almost anybody if he seeks the Presidency, certainly has the right to achieve that ah, goal. He may not achieve it because of our selective system and political parties but certainly has a right. Ah, so you can't debunk the thought that there is the privilege, the opportunity there.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, there, there are ah, ah, society, ah, power structure maintains itself in power by using a variety of techniques, sometimes the courts and sometimes the manipulation of certain kinds of language ~~image~~; for example, if I say to you the word crime, you don't think of a statistical, you know survey the way that RAMSEY CLARK wrote about in crime in America. For example, he points out that the Board of Elect, Board of ah, Trustees of General Electric were involved and indicted on the price fixing scheme in 1967, which robbed the American public of more money than all the armed robberies, burglaries, muggings put together; but when I say the word crime or more particularly when you say it, ah people flash on a, on a young black guy with a gun coming out from behind the bushes, you know, holding up a middle aged white couple. That's what we see. So, so it's certain, you know, it's not in the interest of the power structure, it's not in the interest of the "Chicago Tribune" or ABC Television that people have in their mind when they hear the word crime, the Board of Electric, ah General, ah Board of Directors of General Electric or bank, you know banker....

HOWARD MILLER:

But isn't it delightful ABBIE, don't you have to admit that under our system of jurisprudence and law that those men....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

But did you understand what I was saying....

HOWARD MILLER:

These men were brought to tow, brought to court and were fined a multiple millions of dollars for this exercise and illegality, so you see that system works. Oh, sure they were convicted and their corporate structure were made to pay multimillions of dollars, ah as fines for that price fixing. So you see the power system or the court system does work.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

But it's re-, ah aside from even the amounts of what the fines were, which is sort of written off on the business. It's so ridiculous to even compare that to like ah people who were spending years in jail before they even had trials.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I didn't see that many in Cook County Jail last time....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Yeah, I mean....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I'm not so sure they did time.

HOWARD MILLER:

Who are you referring to now?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Board of Directors at General Electric, I didn't see them in Cook County Jail.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well their's was not an offense ah that called for prison term ah as punishment, but rather a fine.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

That's kind of strange their....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

White collar crimes never do, ah you know, business, civil, you know you call it a civil case and that means no jail.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well you're not in jail and how many times have you broken the law and you're still out.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well how many times has he been in jail?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, in a way I'm a, I'm a I mean a perpetual jail because now even coming here lawyers have to argue the case in court for me to have the right to travel. I'm on something like about 50 or 60 thousand dollar bail now. I have just been arrested again even though, ah I had less to do with organizing these demonstrations than General MITCHELL himself and ah, you know ah, we ah, you know that, we ah, we're watched 24 hours a day by at least four agencies in this government and....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well don't you think you deserve to be a security risk when you advocate the destroying the system?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

The book itself for me, for me to be forced to publish my own book, where 30 major publishers rejected it for me to be forced to do that, for me to have a book that the "New York Times" even will refuse to advertise is, is in a way putting me and my thoughts in a jail.

HOWARD MILLER:

But there are things in this book though ABBIE, I think you'll have to admit and ah, here we'll acknowledge the book is called "Steal This Book", and actually what it is, is a description of how to break the law,

HOWARD MILLER:

of how to skirt the law. Well you can't expect a legitimate publisher to accept a treatise such as this and publish it because I doubt seriously if it's going to have readership on the basis of a, of a pay tome and you can't expect a newspaper to advertise something that indicates how to break law.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, I'm, ahmm, I'm not exactly sure about that because the day they advocate for example, how if they would advocate how you would start a bank. That to us would be a way of advocating how to break the law. You know if General Motors is involved in breaking the law, we could name a number of laws that their involved in breaking. You know pollution laws, a safety laws, a....

HOWARD MILLER:

I don't know that their guilty in breaking any laws as of now.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

The American, the American telephone company, a few years ago also was involved in a similar scheme in which the government found that they were involved in robbing the American public of ah, couple of billion dollars and yet nobody would suggest that AT&T doesn't have the right to advertise. So again its a question of what you consider crime. I don't consider shoplifting in the same breath that I do in terms of ah, taking a meat for example and adding faulty chemicals to make it look good, of using false promotions, you know of using all the other kinds of trickeries that super-markets use, you see.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well of course people like that when they're caught, when they're apprehended, the ah district attorney will file suit and they will go to jail as properly they should. There shouldn't be two laws, nobody argues the fact there should be two laws but there should be law and it should be abided by all people whether their boards of directors of General Electric or whether their ABBIE HOFFMANs or ANITA HOFFMANs.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Ah, I was involved in the trial about a year ago here in town. Did, you heard about that....

HOWARD MILLER:

I heard about it, I read a little about it.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, one thing I learned in that trial and I've been traveling to other countries, ah quite a bit during the last year and most people conclude that if there was one person responsible for what the government itself called a police riot, it happens to be the fair mayor of this town, but you cannot conceive of the mayor of this town and the chief of police and the superintendent of police being put on trial for conspiracy to incite riot. You can't conceive of that because the courts are not there to punish people like Mayor DALEY or for that matter to assert any kind of justice. They're there to protect the power and the property of... people like Mayor DALEY.

HOWARD MILLER:

The citizenry. To protect the citizenry of the City of Chicago.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, I wouldn't exactly say that. Ah, ahmm, in Washington this weekend ah, people were picked up on the basis of how they looked, ah the color of their skin, their age, not because they were committing any particular kind of act, just because they happened to be on the streets. I don't know if you would agree with that, but the federal courts themselves did and accused the attorney general of committing what amounts to 13,000 illegal arrests.

HOWARD MILLER:

ABBIE lets take a break here, we'll be back in just a moment on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

ABBIE, I sometimes feel that you would rather be a comedienne on a program like this and be funny because you have an acute sense of humor, than be serious. However, I wish you would though be serious for just a moment because there are a couple of questions that I think maybe I can hope to find out about you and perhaps you'll find out about me, if you don't already know, of about your seriousness in this movement. First off you advocate the destruction of, the destroying of our system of government. Is this what you profess to believe?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yes.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Yes. Ah, this country, ah you know is one-sixteenth of the world



ANITA HOFFMAN:

population and it controls 55 percent of the world's resources and ah, that's criminal right there, that alone. We, we were just reading this afternoon about China, which even the most ah, you don't have to be....

HOWARD MILLER:

What do you mean by resources, 55 percent of the resources? You mean the natural resources?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

All it means are copper mines in Chile. Yeah, natural resources.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No more in Chile. (laughingly)

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, that's right. (laughing)

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Give them back.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well that's not true, that's not true but go ahead and take it from there.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, it, they have lost long range lease agreements but uhhh, ah you know we were reading about China and, and you don't have to be like a left wing, or communist ah, reporter to write articles which are coming out now about how nobody there has to worry about being hungry. Nobody has to worry about ah, not having a job. And then you know, you think of Harlem, you think of Bedford Steywant (phonetic). We're from New York so ah, I mean ah, they just burned down ah....

HOWARD MILLER:

Of course I don't know what you call ah, hunger is but I would think that when the Chinese population gets an average of couple of bowls of rice a week, that

HOWARD MILLER:

that is hunger as we have never known it in this country by great numbers of people.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well there, Indians are....

HOWARD MILLER:

You see you, you people I think make these charges against the United States without having documentation of what you say. Ah, if you were going to destroy this system then what system would you employ? If we have 55 percent of the natural wealth of the world in this country, maybe it's our system to develop that.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Maybe ah, the reason there are still hungry people in this country is because most ah rich people are hoarding it to themselves. People who are, rule this country.

HOWARD MILLER:

We have the highest standard of living of any nation in the world. For a mean average, for a mean average, for a mean average. By far, the mean average of the United States of America is the highest standard of living in the world.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

But that's, that's from raping the rest of the world anyway. I mean in Cuba they have free telephones and free rent, and nobody goes hungry in China. People are going hungry here.

HOWARD MILLER:

Nobody goes hungry in China at all?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

No and they have a place to live.  
I ah, they don't have rat problems  
in Chin...Yeah.

ANITA AND ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Simultaneous.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Hey HOWARD, how come all these  
intellectual questions. Where's  
the name calling already? I mean....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well I know that, I know that  
frequently it, it must be very  
refreshing for you to speak  
seriously to someone, seriously  
rather than make mockery of what  
you stand for. I think that if  
you really want to present a cause,  
I think you really, if you want  
to present a cause...(ABBIE and  
ANITA laughing)...ABBIE, I would  
think that if you wanted to present  
a cause, you ought to do it with  
some degree of a seriousness to  
the approach of the thing, if you  
don't want people to continue  
to think of you as the clown prince,  
if you really have....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

I thought he was pretty serious  
before. I must say, I mean....

HOWARD MILLER:

If, if you really have a thrust,  
I would think that you could  
propose that thrust in a manner  
without being the comedienne.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

The last time I thrust I got  
a broken nose. (laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

That's right, your just getting  
over that assault on a police  
officer in Washington, D.C. Are  
you under arrest for that ABBIE?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yes, I think a couple of charges, Catch 22, the usual crap, we'll walk out.

HOWARD MILLER:

Your lawyer's have assured you that you can beat this rap too.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Oh yeah. We got more lawyers than the Justice Department.

HOWARD MILLER:

What do you propose than ABBIE? Ah, I still haven't found a way to get an answer from this question. What do you propose is a form of government then?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Haven't. Haven't. Communism, communism. (laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

If your going to destroy the system that we have in America, you would like to have this a communist state.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yes.

HOWARD MILLER:

Are you a member of the Communist Party?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

(laughing) Ah, ah, I, I, I swear to God I'm a member of the Communist Party.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

And I'm a homosexual.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I'm a drug addict.

HOWARD MILLER:

Are you actively working ah....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

And I'm carrying the mayor's baby.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

You are? (laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

Are you actively working in the Communist Party?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Oh my God, I heard of taking LSD, I mean... Huh?

HOWARD MILLER:

Are you actively working in the Communist Party?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, I wouldn't use the word work you know, that is kind of a dirty word for us sorts.

HOWARD MILLER:

You don't believe that work is....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I hang, I hang around there and get my instructions.

HOWARD MILLER:

All right now ABBIE let me ask you first if you believe in any....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I was out voted about coming on this show.

HOWARD MILLER:

If you believe in any law at all. Do you believe any law or regulation should exist any place in society?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yeah.

HOWARD HOFFMAN:

You mentioned the power structure a short while ago. Don't you have a power structure in the Yippie Movement? Aren't you and JERRY RUBIN, ah some of your cohorts leaders in that movement and isn't this ah, a means of showing power over the rank and file of the Yippies.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Our national headquarters is in Butte, Montana, and we've never visited it, but I don't think its that, there always is the tendency of people who work within the system or support it

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

to attribute to a movement the same hierarchical structure that IBM has or a university has or a bank has and that's why....

HOWARD MILLER:

But you give orders don't you to Yippies?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Ah, well lets, lets take ah the demonstrations in Washington. I'm accused of having given a speech in Oklahoma, where I said a couple of words about why don't you go to Washington, you know and have a good time and a, ah I'm in no way connected with the May Day Collective. When we've gone on television, ANITA said go to Washington. I haven't said nothing but it would be impossible for the government to indict a pregnant woman, you know, they'd, they'd....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, to indict a woman even at this point, I mean they don't even ah, they only know the same leaders from Chicago Convention 68.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well, you can't blame the government for your pregnancy though. And if you break the law....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, well look at who they indicted for the May Day demonstrations. Look at who they've indicted for the May Day demonstrations, JOHN PROINES, RENNIE DAVIS, and ABBIE so far, probably DAVE DELLINGER, probably JERRY RUBIN.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

They'll indict DAVE, DAVE DELLINGER. He was in the hospital two weeks blind before the demonstrations took place.

HOWARD MILLER:

But haven't you in large measure been responsible for the people going to Washington.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Of course not. Ah, first of all there's like ah, whole groups of people who working on it in Washington. Women playing a very, very major role in organizing those demonstrations as women played in the streets on Monday and no women have been indicted, let alone any even new people, the government can't even think up new names. I mean it's ridiculous.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Dear, I was not active the way I was active in Chicago, you know in terms of going to meetings, of asking people to come or travel around the country; no, it's not active but, but the government tends to watch old movies, reruns.

HOWARD MILLER:

We're going to be back now with the HOFFMANS in just a moment on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

All right lets go to the calls now and our public wants to join the panel. Number one, you're on "Chicago" with the HOFFMANS.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Oh hello, this is a question for my wife's favorite revolutionary. Do you think we're dangerously moving toward the right collectively and are you developing methods, ABBIE, to divert unemployed scientists and engineers to create our free society?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Um, that's a good que---

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Yeah, uhm, we do have engineers and scientists ah, who are creating, you just have to read whole earth catalog, really to ah, see that all their people are inventing houses made out of foam, all kinds of ways and AB, ABBIE's book still, this book is really a manual on how to survive, how to live in the future which means not working, living for free, because....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

For example, some telephone engineers devise a device that you attach to the phone and make it receive all calls for nothing, that's in the book.

HOWARD MILLER:

Providing your willing to break the law to do it.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, what's, what's a little law.....

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay sir, thank you very much for your question; number five you're on "Chicago."

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

If your having a revolution, HOWARD what's a law or two, I mean...(laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

What about you number five, you're on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

ABBIE, I would like to know in, ah the way you view society in the future ah, you say that people relate to their works; in other words an artist wouldn't call it work but relate to what he is doing, same thing for an engineer or a doctor. Now what would happen ah, for people who would have to do more menial type things in society.



UNKNOWN MALE CALLER (CONT'D): How would they relate to what you are doing? I think a, I know you once said something about somebody worrying about whose going to pick up the garbage, I think on some other show and you said that, you know, guys like you who worry about it. Would you have some real solution to that problem?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

I think it uhm, it can be shared, like that's what they do in China. Um, professors, diplomats have to spend time working in rice fields. All those kind of menial tasks I think if they're shared by everyone then nobody has to devote his life doing them. It becomes an equal burden.

HOWARD MILLER:

But isn't this a misuse of great brains and intelligence if you remove an engineer or a scientist from his laboratory.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

But maybe everybody has great brains and intelligence. I think we believe that most people are really creative and have that potential in them.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well you certainly don't think that all people are suited to do the same job, though. You can't take a laborer who has never studied chemistry and....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Nobody's suited though for menial labor. I don't think any human being probably is. Everyone is capable I think of better things, so we all just have to share that kind of work.

HOWARD MILLER:

But in our system don't we allow them that opportunity to strive for those better things and achieve those better things.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

In this, in this system because we, we ah, this system uses competition because it believes people are basically evil so they have to, you know, inculcate them with competitive goals, you know; in fact, in his question implied, you know, a false dichotomy. He said whose going to do the dirty work. You see, it's only in this system that ah, we have a concept of, you know, noble work and dirty work. If you don't have that concept, then there really is no division.

HOWARD MILLER:

But if you don't have that concept, your not being realistic though, are you ABBIE?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

And people seen picking up, people seen picking up the got---; yes they'll think you are, yeah, ah I mean I, I....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Because even within a family like we share a what would, you know we, ah women through the ages have always had to do that kind of work.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I do the laundry, we share the custom, we both write books and nobody....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

And that gives us time to do....

HOWARD MILLER:

But neither of you have come up  
a Salk vaccine yet.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, well ah, well ah....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We like our books.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

It's already, it's already been  
done anyway. We're, we're aiming  
for bigger things.

HOWARD MILLER:

But you see just as you say, you  
but you like your books. You didn't  
want to discover the Salk vaccine.  
Nobody's denying that maybe you  
could have, but the point is we  
can't all do the same things.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

But I, but I don't think....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Oh, we're not saying that, ah you  
know.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

First of all, I don't think the  
people that discovered the Salk  
vaccine relate exactly to what  
they do in this work. They find  
some joy in it. In other words,  
they don't a, they aren't relating  
with something that they gotta do  
you know, they probably don't sleep  
late; they probably get up early.  
We sleep like four hours a day,  
eat about one meal you know and  
people think we're the biggest  
lazy bums in the country, which is  
okay with us because we're only doing  
what we do because of the joy of  
doing it not because of any....

HOWARD MILLER:

But your also making a lot of money at doing what your doing, are you not?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We give it away, I mean ah, 25 Grand that ah, ABBIE got for the movie rights to "Revolution For The Hell of It" we used to bail out DARUBA (Phonetic), a Black Panther, whose now a disappeared and we lost it.

HOWARD MILLER:

But you still make a lot of money and you live very very well...

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No.

HOWARD MILLER:

through our system.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, not well at all. We live in a three room railroad flat in the lower east side. These are the only shoes that I've got, I mean....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well this, but this is part of the image that your living too, but I assume that when you drive or fly back to New York tomorrow it will be in a classy airplane.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

It will be on tickets that we got from this show, I mean we just had a great meal at the hotel and everything.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

You paid man.(laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

Yeah, but this is the way you travel all over and this is why you do.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Because we, well if we rip it off, you know so much the better, but....

ABBIE HOFFMAN: But we live by that book. I mean we live on forged credit cards and....

ANITA HOFFMAN: Mean I stole it, well, we steal a lot of stuff so....

HOWARD MILLER: We'll go back to the phones. I know you don't live on forged credit cards because I'm sure you don't have to with the royalties that you get from the book.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Yeah, but that would be cheating man, that would be living in sin.

HOWARD MILLER: And once she started living on forged credit cards I'm sure that would be one more rap against you in the courts.

ANITA HOFFMAN: Because the money that a, the money that we bring in a, can go for better things you know, things that further....

HOWARD MILLER: Number three your on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: A Mr. HOFFMAN,

HOWARD MILLER: Yes number three.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: Can I have your opinion on ANGELA DAVIS?

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Ah, sure....

ANITA HOFFMAN: Our heroic sister, I mean....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, she....We also, we went to the same school me and ANGIE. She's a being nominated for president of the alumnae association. It's probably the only election I'll ever vote in but a....

HOWARD MILLER:

So your answer is that she is a soul sister and....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I think a, well I think her trial is tremendously important, it's like a pretty interesting they can't even find a judge to do it but a, a, I think it's a, we plan to go out there you know a, the law, the good law willing and a you know a, a help in any way we kind in her trial once it starts and RUSSEL (Ph) MC GEE, there happen to be two people on trial but you know how the personalities....

HOWARD MILLER:

And you'll be out there to testify in her behalf if it's required.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, we'll be out to help a raise money, to help a cross statelines to raise....

HOWARD MILLER:

Thank you very much for your question sir, we'll be back now in just a moment with the HOFFMANS on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

ABBIE and ANITA one thing that you could do which would be a positive force for good is speak out against drugs, do you or do you speak out for drugs.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We speak out against heroin and a, speed. I mean a we think they're bad drugs. They're death inducing drugs. In fact a, we suspect the government of really helping, help spread them in youth culture, a....

HOWARD MILLER:

But you do tell your followers,  
your people a, that they....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We don't have any followers....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well, I think if the Yippie  
Movement is as large as it is  
suppose to be, you certainly  
must have followers, people  
who will hang on your advice  
and your words. If 500,000  
will go someplace or read your  
books, they certainly a, you've  
got followers.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We've got some neat tricks but  
we have yet to pot the waters  
of Lake Michigan.

HOWARD MILLER:

What about marijuana?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Oh, super, yeah we're on it right  
now, loving every minute of it,  
thanks for sending it to the hotel.  
(laughing)

ANITA HOFFMAN:

And LSD....

HOWARD MILLER:

We'll go to the phones. Number  
two your on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Yes, I would like to direct to  
address this question to ABBIE.  
Can you hear, man?

HOWARD MILLER:

You're on, yes, yes..

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Okay, listen. You know who  
SHERMAN SKOLNICK is?

ABBIE HOFFMAN: I, I a, a I saw him walking down the street the other day, yeah.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: Okay, well just for the benefit of the audience, he's a law investigator here, and he's done a lot of....

ABBIE HOFFMAN: All right, yeah, oh the guy....

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: Yeah, he's done a lot of really good things to a find corruption in the Justice Department.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Oh, he thinks we're CIA agents.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: What?

ABBIE HOFFMAN: He thinks we're CIA agents, that the guy?

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: Yeah, right.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Oh gees, I know which one you mean, yeah right. I got him.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: Look I'd like to know how much credence there is to that and I'd like to know if you know anything about it cause like it's been, it's shaking up a lot of us here man.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Oh, your kidding me. You got to be kidding.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER: No, I'm not because he's a, he's no pig believe me.

ABBIE HOFFMAN: Well, I, I mean I can't underst---

ANITA HOFFMAN: I mean why would we organize the May Day demonstrations, I mean, (laughing) (ABBIE and ANITA simultaneously)



HOWARD MILLER:

Well I think the believability of it is that they feel, they feel ABBIE in the need that the movement has been infiltrated, because we do have some very clever undercover agents in Washington, so obviously if they wanted to infiltrate any movement, they could. And whether it's you or RENNIE DAVIS, I heard it proposed that RENNIE was a member of the CIA; but regardless, the chances are there aren't many of you close to you who are members of the TI Party....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I've had my doubts about RENNIE, yeah. I'll watch him carefully.

HOWARD MILLER:

No seriously now for a moment. All right, seriously would you suppose that there are people very close to the government, to the so-called establishment, a who are part of your movement though, that are close to you people?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well when you get into the a, liberal areas in other words, a you know a lot of the supporters, like reporters you know or editors for fancy liberal magazines and a newspapers, a there is a lot of a, let say cohabitation with the people in Washington but a, a I, we haven't been invited to RICHARD M's house much for dinner. (laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay sir, thanks for your good question though because I've heard that rumor too many times, not about you ABBIE or you ANITA but I have heard about other members of this so-called Yippie Movement. We'll go back to phones and number six your on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Uhm, yes, I have a two-part question um, does ABBIE believe in JERRY RUBIN's um belief in his new book that a radicals must be prepared to kill their parents and if so, has he killed his parents yet. And also, referring to his recent claim on ABC TV in Boston that he earned \$200,000 last year, doesn't he think a, he would be more in tune with his philosophy if he gave his lectures for free and for example, your HOWARD MILLER Show for free instead of charging for them in a capitalist-oriented manner and also has he paid his taxes on this income?

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay sir, a three-part question. Do you believe in the RUBIN philosophy to kill your parents?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

JERRY has killed his parents; I have to give him credit for that, but a, I think it wasn't his new book. In his new book, a wherever he explains that particular philosophy, but I think when we're talking about cultural revolution, your talking about killing the institutions and the value systems of your parents, in fact....

HOWARD MILLER:

Aren't you rationalizing; did he mean that and if he did, why didn't he say that?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

A, well, I wrote it in "Woodstock Nation" so I can explain what I mean. You want to ask JERRY what he means....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well, why should you have to explain what you meant? Why wouldn't it serve as a statement of fact or principle?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Okay, we'll leave it hang in mid-air then.

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay now, the gentleman also said that you made \$200,000 last year....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

I thought that was JERRY. I....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

That was JERRY, yeah.

HOWARD MILLER:

Oh, was it JERRY you said sir?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I, I made four hundred thousand. JERRY's just a new comer.

HOWARD MILLER:

Do you file an income tax on that? On your earnings?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, in fact the government is, a the IRS, which has a much better intelligence apparatus than the FBI, which of the four agencies watching me, the FBI is the worst. They just have EFREM ZIMBALEST and a good PR department, but IRS has done quite a bit of research and is assessing me taxes for civil rights groups that I was in, you know, in 66, 67, in fact they're assessing me \$12,000 for money raised and given to the Chicago Conspiracy a defense here in Chicago, uhm....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

And for years in which we were literally starving, I mean you know....

HOWARD MILLER:

But you do file, to answer this question, you do file an income tax and you pay the IRS....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

A, I try not to, I mean that's now being hashed out in the courts, you know.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well your, you've not been indicted on evasion of taxes have you?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, but a, when we were in Cook County Jail, the people who belonged to the the name I can't say, a, a the Italian group. You know which one, you know which one I mean?

HOWARD MILLER:

You know the IRS doesn't audit on honest people, there's no reason....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

They a, they a think that that's how they're going to get us, a you know through the use of the IRS, but a I would say in terms of not charging money for speeches a for books, a, a the trial here in Chicago and the appeal costs something like \$10,000 and a as I say, the profits from this book go a to the radio station WPAX, which broadcasts antiwar news to servicemen and servicewomen and a, a profits from other books went to committee to defend the panthers, went to other trials, went for bail money and a, I just think you know a, that a school administrations, rich school administrations a, television shows, you know, public relations can afford to pay for a myself, ANITA and brothers and sisters who get ripped off and put in jail.

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay, thank you for your call sir.  
Number seven, you're on "Chicago".

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Hello.

HOWARD MILLER:

Yes.

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

I would like to know, ask ABBIE  
where did he get, where did he  
actually do his research for his  
book? Was it just on the basis  
of street knowledge or....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

A lot of people did research for  
it. About at least six different  
people have a and specialist like  
a the people who do, did the  
a telephone stuff for engineers  
and uhm, all of us have been....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Television people yes.

HOWARD MILLER:

These are people who have con-  
tributed their knowledge to  
you so yours is a compilation  
of all their knowledge.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Yeah.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, they get a cut, they get  
a cut to the book too, but a, a  
for example there's a section on  
how to live free in Chicago, a, a  
that a lot of people from Chicago  
"Seed", which in terms of survival  
information, has the best of any  
underground newspaper in the  
country, so they did help out a....

HOWARD MILLER:

You keep elaborating that ex-  
pression survival, survival from  
what?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, ah, your going to live a, outside the system, you have....

HOWARD MILLER:

Outside the law?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, you have to devise certain methods of putting food in your mouth, living on land, etc., etc., so that involves a certain system; although, some of the methods are legal, some are illegal, you know I don't make the distinction. Neither me nor the Chicago Police Department get hung up in those technicalities that I'm saying HOWARD.

HOWARD MILLER:

We're going to be back now in just a moment on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

ABBIE and ANITA will you tell me about WPAX, now this is a radio syndicated format that you send to troop overseas, a WPAX call letters that you just made up. Now what stations broadcast ah, those syndicated programs that your making?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, uhm, first of all its mainly news and music that the Armed Forces network won't broadcast for its own peculiar reasons and a, we have a studio in New York we send a ta--- We offered the tapes to the Armed Forces network, South Vietnam, loads of governments, ah, North Vietnamese will play it on radio Hanoi.

HOWARD MILLER:

So, in other words your doing almost the same as Tokyo Rose did to our troops during World war II, basically I think.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We're not advocating desertion or uhm assassinate your officers or anything like that, it's really just a, supplemental news which they don't get, uhm...

HOWARD MILLER:

Like what?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Uhm, well, like news about uhm May Day, about veterans against the war, the hearings....

HOWARD MILLER:

Have any of these tapes ever been a looked at by the Justice Department to see whether or not you a-work....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

They probably will be. (laughing)

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

They watch us make love, not make tapes. (laughing)

HOWARD MILLER:

Has this not started? Have these tapes started already, the flow to the North Vietnamese?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, they have, we sent about 40, 50 hours already, a and a, a as far as we know it hasn't gone on the air yet but we expect it any day for them to start on the air.

HOWARD MILLER:

Are you using the U.S. Mails to get it over there and how does, how do you process it then into North Vietnamese language?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We use our own air force.

HOWARD MILLER:

Seriously, how do you get it over there?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We can't say, unfortunately HOWARD the Central Committee will not allow me to divulge that information.

HOWARD MILLER:

But you' are making tapes weekly to send over there and their being broadcast on North Vietnamese radio.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We're not the only ones. There's a group here in Chicago, radio free people, which makes some excellent tapes. There's groups all around the country that make, JOHN LENNON and YOKIWONOW (Ph) made an original half hour tape that's being played. Uhm, but there is a news communication gap. for example, soldiers in the Mecong Delta (Ph) wrote us and told us that it wasn't for three weeks ah, that they even knew that there was an invasion of Laos taking place, and there they were their own troops in the Mecong Delta (Ph) and ah, we are offering it to radio station in Frankfurt, Germany, and Tokyo, and we hope to within six months to reach 75, 80 percent of a, servicemen and servicewomen that are overseas.

HOWARD MILLER:

What sort of message do you try to get to our troops overseas, ABBIE? What do you feel is necessary for them to know?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

I think they just have to know really the truth of what's happening there, like....

HOWARD MILLER:

As you see the truth?



ANITA HOFFMAN:

No, well like I'm pregnant, so this is like an item that's specifically, really upsets me that there are areas of South Vietnam which were....

HOWARD MILLER:

You mean that they don't know your pregnant?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

No. There's areas of South Vietnam where the heaviest bombings occurred where 60 percent of the birds, 60 percent of the babies that Vietnamese women are giving birth to are deformed, which is from the herbicides in the water and fallout from a, from our bombs. Now that's something....

HOWARD MILLER:

You mean fallout from a dynamite bomb?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

I, I just know that if they, between their second and seventh week if they drink a liter of water a day, chances are nine out of ten that their babies will be deformed. And you don't, you don't hear about that much here but like I, I should think that that would be....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well I don't think that in the history of man, it's ever been heard that a dynamite bomb has a fallout ANITA.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

(simultaneous with ANITA)

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

When your having this intense bombing, like (simultaneous with ANITA).. nobody, no country has ever had this intense, the intensive bombing that's going on Vietnam.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

It comes to about two Hiroshimas every ten days, the equivalent of....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

It does do things to the atmosphere and to the land itself that are irreparable and do a....

HOWARD MILLER:

Let's go to the phones now and number one your on "Chicago" with the HOFFMANs.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

But a, I might just say something about the broadcast HOWARD....

HOWARD MILLER:

Wait just one moment, please.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We might, we might for example read "Newsweek's" account of the May Day arrest in Toto, a you know and we pay a lot of rock music and soul music a that's not played....

HOWARD MILLER:

Do you think that you cover the news that their getting? Do you feel that you color it so in your eyes its truth but may not be truth in the eyes of society as we know society?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Well, let's say we present the news that the voice of the pentagon doesn't present but a I, I, would you, would you accuse the a people working in the USIA? You do not I'm sure.

HOWARD MILLER:

I'm not even accusing you of anything, ABBIE. I'm just saying a, a, is it news that only you judge, is it only news that you judge as vital news for them?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Ah, the collective that works from the station, you know....

HOWARD MILLER:

The Central Committee.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Sure.

HOWARD MILLER:

All right number one, now you're on.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I don't believe there is an animal....

UNKNOWN FEMALE CALLER:

ABBIE?

HOWARD MILLER:

Yes, go ahead please.

UNKNOWN FEMALE CALLER:

ABBIE, I would like to know, do you or any of your friends have any plans for demonstrations at the 1972 Democratic or Republican National Conventions? Also who do you foresee as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency and would it be of any consequence who was nominated?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, I just have to say about the convention that I'm sure that like the government will have to indict them, the Democratic and Republican Parties because they know that as soon as the places and dates are announced at the conventions, people will just be flocking there. They'll be, you know it will be huge. It gets....

HOWARD MILLER:

Now is this an assumption on your part, or do you know that this is an organized plan, that both conventions will be a.....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

It will probably be both, I mean but I think that a, the, I don't even think that there's going to be that much organization because I think people have it in their heads that they'll just be there.

HOWARD MILLER:

Both Republican and Democrat.

ABBIE and ANITA HOFFMAN:

Simultaneous.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

For example a, a, we organized the be-in, the first be-in, a well the first in the East in Central Park in a 1966 was it or 60....

ANITA HOFFMAN:

67.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

So we got married there, so and a and a the next year it was somewhat organized you know, and the next year less and this year less but more and more people came, it's just now sort of an event, a, a an annual event of a our new nation you know in contrast to the East-nobody organizes the Easter parade on Fifth Ave., you know a....

HOWARD MILLER:

They just come.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

They just come, I think....

HOWARD MILLER:

I think the other part of this young lady's question was who you feel is going to be the a candidates for Presidency of the United States. Would you care to say?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I, I would a think a, MUSKIE from Maine will be it. I mean he's being groomed and it is a, you know it is a grooming process and it has to do, the old god is very omnipotent in the Democratic Party and you can, you know you can tell a in terms of the political debts, in terms of the fund raising dinners, the decisions are made long before I can, oh, a....

HOWARD MILLER:

Mr. MUSKIE would be more acceptable to you than Mr. HUMPHREY or Mr. NIXON on the Republican side or do you feel that they all represent the establishment pretty much?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, no I mean we don't a, we don't conceive that change can come about that way you know. In some other we, a the elections in Berkeley we....

HOWARD MILLER:

You believe in the Marxist a theory of it must be a violent revolution rather than a peaceful revolution?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, in fact, in fact the Marxists don't. I mean if your talking about the Communist Party, they believe only in peaceful change working within this system. You're a bit out of touch HOWARD.

HOWARD MILLER:

But certainly the Marxist philosophy is that you must have violence.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Their model is Chile. No, no, their model is Chile, a their model is the Ital--, Italian Communist....

HOWARD MILLER:

You'll have to admit that they don't want peaceful revolution. They, they, they need the overthrow by violence.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

But most of the people, who today are comprised with the Communist Party, do advocate peaceful change in within this system.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Chile, Chile was the pick of the peaceful, a that's a communist country, now wouldn't you say.

HOWARD MILLER:

Which one, Chile?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Chile, yeah and DAVID, MARKS, well, it wasn't an armed struggle. In fact, and the communists, if your talking about the Russian Communists; that's the, that's the model that they put forth to the third world of that kind of a change.

HOWARD MILLER:

Oh, what your saying is that your form of communism will achieve it without the violent revolution, rather than through the Russian system.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I'm, I'm a we're involved in a cultural revolution so we don't, we don't, it's not tied to a political ideology, it's tied to viewing America as a decadent empire and viewing what we're involved in as, as the birth of a new nation, new symbols, new flag, a, you know, new form of a human relationship with each other, you know non-exploitive.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

We also consider ourselves anarchists. I know, you know, how, you know as much as a....

HOWARD MILLER:

Well I would certainly think that an anarchistic is violent. We'll be back in just a moment on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

All right, we'll go back to the phones now. My guest tonight, ABBIE and ANITA HOFFMAN, they are here in the interest of a, two books that they wrote and we haven't had a chance very much to talk about "Trashing It" which is a book written by ANITA and this book called "Steal This Book," quite an invitation, a ABBIE's new book. His third in a series a, one is equal to the other and we'll go to the phones and number three your on "Chicago." Number three your on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN FEMALE CALLER:

Hello ABBIE. hello ANITA. A ABBIE I'm reading your book now "Steal This Book," and I think it's a real far out book, and at the end of it you have a picture of JANIS JOPLIN, and I was wondering if you had did JANIS JOPLIN and why you had her picture at the end of your book.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

A, I just wrote a an epilog to "Woodstock Nation" which is a total put down of the, of rock music and the rock a empire and a, you know JANIS is sort of a heroine but it is a, we knew her quite well, in fact she is the only person that I've ever seen shoot anything heroin and I described her kind of pretty vividly and disgustingly a, it a, just thinking about it now makes me shiver. Um, a if you saw JANIS sing, a like I saw her here in the Aragon Ballroom which is a good setting to see her, you would see, say that she was going to die soon,

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

because of a just some sort of, she was burning off futile energy. I mean it was just un--, you know it was non-involved energy, you know a. It's sad about a her and a JIMMY HENDRIX dying.

HOWARD MILLER:

In other words you became turned off as a result of a....

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

As far as we've seen her, we liked her the best of all the singers.

HOWARD MILLER:

Because of her private life you were turned off prior to her death?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

A, I'm, no we dug her because she was very stout. We liked a digged style whether it's her or even AGNEW you know, people like that....

HOWARD MILLER:

But you, but you weren't in agreement with her, a in her personal life when she used a the hard drugs.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

No, she was immoral.

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay, let's go back to phones now and number two your on "Chicago."

UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

Yes, thank you.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

Her immorality killed her.

HOWARD MILLER:

Go ahead please.

UNKOWN MALE CALLER:

A Herb--, A Harris survey a while back said around 73 percent of the American people want all troops removed from Indochina by the end of this year. Yet, only around



UNKNOWN MALE CALLER:

a hundred or so Representatives in the House have agreed to stop funds for the war after December 31. So I would like to know what the HOFFMANS think should be done to correct this. Do they think referendum should be held like they have in European countries, or do they think, how do they think the power should be brought back to the people?

HOWARD MILLER:

Okay, thank you for your questions. Want to take it ABBIE or ANITA? How should power be brought back to the people in your philosophy?

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, I'm thinking of the Vietnamese; we met a with the a North Vietnamese in the National Liberation Front in Paris and they described to us their system of power to the people and I, we're such a highly technological society, that I don't know if it's comparable but probably a good way to start is with a, their organized around always small groups of people and everything is voted on and a by small units so then build up in a person--- sort of a personal structure. Ahm....

HOWARD MILLER:

But if power should go to the people, why is it that you don't speak out to the North Vietnamese and tell them to lay down their arms, that their people too, that they should have the power over the power structure in the North Vietnamese Government. Why should they be drafted and sent off to war? Why should power to the people only revert to the person who goes to war in an American uniform?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

They only, they only have a volunteer army but I don't want to get into that kind of semantic difference, but there is a fundamental difference in fighting for your own land or being sent nine thousand miles a a....

HOWARD MILLER:

But aren't the South Vietnamese fighting for their own land?

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

A, it's a false partition, in this. it's false, but it's a partition created by us. It's not a ah, it's not a petition....

HOWARD MILLER:

We weren't even there when it was partitioned, ABBIE. Now you know that's not true. We weren't any where near Indochina, when the parallel was set out.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We were quite prominent through Mr. DALLAS at the Geneva Convention but you know, it's kind of old hat. I mean it's a, you know, it, it, often the a, the a, you know ahm, you know it's a, I think most people have seen through the put on of KARL (Ph) and a what the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong are doing in Vietnam, seen that as aggression. I think they've seen through that kind of language. I don't even think the Secretary of Defense uses that language any more. I mean I've heard him refer the war in different terms but a, it's just people like you that use that word.

HOWARD MILLER:

So a, the, the entire war structure is a result of only the South Vietnamese of, and the American forces and has nothing to do with the Viet Cong or the North Vietnamese at all, their government. You feel that they're blameless in this matter, when they're the ones who invaded South Vietnamese.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

There's, there's a no guerrilla force. There's no liberation force that can exist without the support of the people. They don't have an air force, they don't have a seventh fleet waiting off the China coast, you know, they don't have helicopters bringing them supplies. The supplies have to be handed from people, the people, the people....

HOWARD MILLER:

Only because a great nation like ours, capitalistic in its complexity, is able to build helicopters and the poor nations that have not had our system of government, not had our system of competition are without, of course, the abilities to do things that are progressive.

ANITA HOFFMAN:

Well, our nation's so great that I think that our soldiers over there don't know why their there and would like to be home. A, there not really fervent about what they're fighting for the way the Vietnamese are because they know that it means a real change in their lives.

HOWARD MILLER:

Well, it seems to me that there are fewer desertions in this United States Army over in Viet, North, South Vietnamese than there are in the Second World War, and these statistics proven by document.

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

We were in Europe and countries there now, probably 50,000 in Sweden, probably another 50,000 in Canada, there were at least 10,000 in France, all through Europe....

(Simultaneous)

ABBIE HOFFMAN:

I'll say this. Right here in Chicago and this is really unusual, we talked to a draft resistance worker here. Now out of a hundred percent that have sent their greetings letter, hundred percent young men, well, a, 30 percent know that they're getting out, you know, they're missing some teeth or you know, they're batty or, you know they got something. They know they're getting out. Okay. A, of the rest, 50 percent of that chunk don't even bother showing up. In other words, only 18 percent of the people show up and are willing to go into the army to fight this war. Half don't even show up, I mean that's, that's never happened a, a, I don't know maybe the Civil War wasn't too popular.

HOWARD MILLER:

We're going to be back in just a moment on "Chicago."

HOWARD MILLER:

We're a little bit late, thanks ABBIE, thanks ANITA for being here and we'll see you tomorrow night on "Chicago." Goodnight.

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN

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RE: ABBOTT HOFFMAN

HOFFMAN stated that people need to be taught how to survive without working and that his book teaches the poor how to "rip off" welfare.

Regarding the Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trial, HOFFMAN stated that he was positive that the defendants would be victorious and that the court system had already been exposed as being ludicrous.

HOFFMAN and his wife then answered telephone inquiries, and he reiterated his belief that once an individual attains a birth certificate, he is entitled to everything necessary to survive without working for it. He further advised that the book, "Trashing" contains a chapter dealing with the use of phony telephone credit cards.

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