Support Anti-war and International Solidarity Activists Stop FBI Repression: No Grand Jury, No Charges

On September 24, the FBI raided seven Chicago and Minneapolis homes of well-known anti-war and international solidarity activists. Their ranks included a number of trade unionists. Also raided were the offices of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul based Anti-War Committee and the Chicago Arab American Action Network.

The FBI took computer hard drives, cell phones, documents, newspapers and children's artwork. They took 28 boxes out of one Chicago home, including a framed photo of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. shaking hands with Malcolm X. The FBI subpoenaed 14 activists in Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan to testify at a grand jury. According to the FBI, the goal of the raids was to show material support for terrorism charges. It is outrageous! The U.S. government is trying to put people in jail for anti-war and international solidarity activism. These people have done nothing wrong. They have given money to no one. Their freedom is at stake.

Those targeted are well-known leaders in the anti-war movement and many helped to organize the huge protest against the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN in September 2008. This is the suppression of our democratic rights. It threatens our families, our children and our communities. This is a U.S. government attempt to silence those who support resistance to oppression in the Middle East and Latin America, by putting people in jail.

The targeted activists are refusing to be pulled into conversations with the FBI about their political views or their organizing against war and occupation. The activists are involved with many groups, including the Palestine Solidarity Group, Students for a Democratic Society, the Twin-Cities Anti-War Committee, the Colombia Action Network, Fight Back! newspaper, the Freedom Road Socialist Organization and the National Committee to Free Ricardo Palmera. Please show your support!

We demand:

- **Stop the repression against anti-war and international solidarity activists.
- **Immediately return all confiscated materials: computers, cell phones, papers, documents, etc.
- **No Grand Jury proceedings against anti-war activists.

Take Action:

On Monday, October 4th, National Call In Day with the three demands listed above.

- A. President Obama at 202-456-1111
- B. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder at 202-353-1555

On Tuesday, October 5th, Protests at FBI and Federal Buildings in your city

