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GOVERNMENT SUED FOR ORCHESTRATED "POLITICAL ROUND-UPS" OF PROTESTORS MASS ARRESTS USED FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING BY F.B.I. ON POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

The Partnership for Civil Justice, Inc. and the National Lawyers Guild Mass Defense Committee filed a lawsuit in D.C., recently for violations of the constitutional rights of political activists, legal observers and passersby who were subjected to arrest and detention on the morning of September 27, 2002 in advance of several days of planned protests against corporate globalization and war in Iraq.

"D.C. and federal law enforcement authorities executed an illegal and unconstitutional coordinated plan to sweep the streets of political activists and place them in preventive detention," said Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, attorney with the Partnership for Civil Justice and the National Lawyers Guild representing the plaintiffs in *Barham et. al. v. Ramsey, et. al.*

"On September 27th, police officers told those being rounded up that they were just 'following orders.'" stated plaintiffs' counsel Carl Messineo, attorney with PCJ and NLG. "This complaint sues Chief Ramsey, Mayor Williams and every supervisor in the chain of command who is responsible for issuing and ratifying those blatantly unconstitutional orders. These plaintiffs are sending a clear message: there will be zero tolerance for the criminalization of dissent in the Nation's Capital. There will be accountability for these unconstitutional mass arrests and punitive tactics."

The mass arrests were also used for a mass intelligence gathering operation by the F.B.I. on lawful political activity. Using the false arrests, confinement and compulsion of identification information including fingerprints and photographs, the D.C. police allowed the F.B.I. to collect intelligence and identification information on the political activists and persons associating with or in the proximity of the demonstrations.

The plaintiffs bringing this action include protestors, National Lawyers Guild legal observers, and passersby, including nurses attending a nearby conference, the Executive Director of Greenpeace, a professor, and bicyclists, all of whom were suddenly surrounded by pop-up police lines of armor-clad riot police brandishing clubs who would not let plaintiffs leave. Plaintiffs were rounded-up, taken away on busses, shackled and hogtied right-wrist to left-ankle and detained for up to 30 hours, many being released on the streets outside of the Blue Plains police training center in the middle of the night with no knowledge of where they were and no access to transportation.

"The hallmark of a democracy is the ability of people to take to the streets, sidewalks and parkland and express opposition to government policies without the threat of illegal arrests or government surveillance and cataloguing of their lawful political activity. Our ownership and responsibility for the Constitution and Bill of Rights is collective. We are confident that people will stand in opposition to the efforts of the MPD, Justice Department and FBI to target political speech and assembly and that they will not remain silent and allow these brazen repressive tactics to continue and fester," said Ms. Verheyden-Hilliard.

The complaint seeks, in addition to damages for the government's illegal conduct, a permanent injunction barring the use of illegal tactics used by law enforcement to disrupt and infringe upon constitutionally protected speech and

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SF DEPUTY FIRED FOR PREYING ON TRANSGENDER INMATE

San Francisco Sheriff, Michael Hennessey, fired one of his deputies, Anthony Hughes, on Monday, November 4th for sexually assaulting and preying upon at least one transgender inmate. A week after being served with former inmate Tumeka Godwin's civil rights complaint, the Sheriff's office took the — almost unprecedented — step of firing a department employee based on an investigation stemming from accusations of abuse.

"I'm ecstatic! Said Tumeka Godwin, plaintiff in *Godwin v. Hennessy, et al.* Deputy Hughes deserves to be fired for what he put me through. But I'm not going to stop fighting. I'm not the only one he did it to. I'm just the only one who spoke up."

Speakers at the press conference covered Ms. Godwin's complaint, the run-away abuse transgender people suffer at the hands of law enforcement personnel, and needed reforms in jail policies. In addition, speakers and community members expressed their appreciation of Sheriff Hennessey's decisive and progressive response to Tumeka's complaints.

It's incredibly rare for a law enforcement agency to take this kind of stand against abusive law enforcement personnel, said Chris Daley, an attorney with the Transgender Law Center. I'm hopeful that after long years of advocacy by individuals and community groups this firing is an indication that all San Francisco officials will begin taking complaints of abuse seriously.

Ms. Godwin's civil rights complaint, filed on October 5th in California Superior Court, alleges that Deputy Hughes assaulted her over a period of approximately three months in late 2001. On multiple occasions, Deputy Hughes — who supervised Tumeka's housing block — ordered her to strip naked, masturbate, show him her body, and dance for his arousal, said Jana Carter of the law firm of Carter & Schear in Oakland and a member of the National Lawyers Guild. Firing Deputy Hughes is a commendable first step. However, the City's failure to properly train and supervise him, as well as other Sheriff's Deputies, must be corrected.

The National Lawyers Guild has been working on policy recommendations for the Sheriff's Department and San Francisco County Jails for two years. The

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GUILD BRIEFS

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10 US Policies, Human Rights, Accountability and Alliances
Speakers in celebration of Int'l Human Rights Day. 6:30 reception, 7-9pm program. New College, 777 Valencia, SF. Info: AFSC; 415/565-0201 x28

12 NLG Immigration Committee meeting noon - 1:30pm
Simmons & Ungar, 50 California St., Ste. 470, SF.

12 Premier of video "Welfare Mothers Speak Out!" and launch of Global Women's Strike 2003 and the Global Anti-War Petition. 7pm-9pm Friends Meeting House, 65 9th St. SF. Contact 415/626-4114; or sf@crossroadswomen.net Sponsored by Every Mother is a Working Mother Network; endorsed by NLG.

13 NLG Holiday Party 5:30-8pm Thomas Steel Building, 301 Pennsylvania, SF (at 18th St. on Potrero Hill).

14 Lynne Stewart Defense Committee meeting 10-Noon
NLG office, 558 Capp St. 415/285-1055.

14 Protest against war 10:30am Union Square, SF.

14 Women In Black silent vigil against war 1:00-2:30pm
Union Square, SF. All women welcome (wear black).

14 An exhibit based on the book by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo and Eddie Adam: "Speak Truth to Power; Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World" 3pm Koret Auditorium, Main Branch, San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street at Grove Reception and book signing to follow program

14 Benefit Concert for Middle East Children's Alliance
Freight & Salvage, Berkeley. 8pm www.kailaflexer.com/bridges/ or 510/548-1761 for info. \$17.50 at door.

JOBS — AVAILABLE & SOUGHT

Policy/Advocacy Staff Attorney - San Francisco, CA
An established non-profit policy and advocacy organization, Latino Issues Forum, seeks a Staff Attorney with at least 3-5 years experience and a Staff Attorney who is a recent graduate or with 1-2 years experience in litigation or other advocacy. Excellent research, writing, oral communication skills required. Ability to communicate in Spanish preferred. Salary and benefits competitive with other comparable non-profits. Send resume and references by email or fax. Contact: Hilda Estrada 415/284-7222 or lifcentral@lif.org

Summer Interns. NYLPI hires between five and seven law students to work each summer. Though these positions are usually unpaid, NYLPI understands the budgetary restrictions of law students and therefore will consider work-study possibilities and will assist students in finding outside funding. Students interested in employment at NYLPI for the summer of 2003 may send a resume, three references and a writing sample to Denise White, 151 West 30th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001, or e-mail to dwhite@nylpi.org. Applicants are encouraged to apply before 12/13.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

The Guild's work responding to the aftermath of 9-11 has led us to two new projects. The Immigration Committee will meet on Thursday, December 12, 2002 to plan for two legal clinics, one in the S. F. Tenderloin, and one at Laney College. The Tenderloin clinic, organized by a social worker who works with the S. Asian population, will provide immigration, government benefits and employment counseling. The Laney clinic will advise the foreign students about their visas. Please attend this meeting, or call (415/285-1055) or e-mail Riva (nlgriva@nlg.org) at the office for more information.

BOALT HALL STUDENTS AGAINST WAR

Over the past three weeks, Guild students from several different schools have worked together to issue a position statement voicing their dissent to Bush's nebulous war on terrorism and the impending war on Iraq. We're now building a campaign around the position statement and raising funds to have it placed in the Western Edition of the *NY Times*.

The full position statement is available at our website: <http://www.wakeupaboutthewar.org/>. To see a mock-up of the advertisement, go to: <http://www.boalt.org/wakeup/w-examad.pdf>.

As of this writing, active campaigns are going on at 9 different law schools including teach-ins, encouraging our professors to talk about the war in class, and having conversations with our colleagues. In the Bay Area, Guild members have been extremely supportive. Last week, at our kick-off house party, Lucas Guttentag from the ACLU Immigrant Rights Project spoke. At a teach-in last night, Marc Van der Hout and Ann Fagan Ginger (among others) spoke.

To get the advertisement published, law students are being asked to contribute a minimum of \$25 to have their names listed and law professors are being asked to contribute a minimum of \$50. In just a week of fundraising, we've already collected over \$9,000. While much of the money will be raised at the law schools, we really need the help of community endorsers.

If you support the campaign and could help financially, please send a check made out to "NLG-Boalt" to:

Wake Up Action
283 Simon Hall
Boalt Hall School of Law
Berkeley, CA 94720-7200

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

On behalf of all of the law students working on this, thanks so much for your support.

best,
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Did you like the graphic on the Holiday Party invite? See more at www.cafeshops.com (or cafepress.com) keyword: warposter or Remixed Propaganda shop for more great graphics you can put on shirts, mugs, etc.

SAVE MONEY AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT WITH OPEN OFFICE

by Christian Einfeldt

Rust never sleeps, and Microsoft is coming up with a plan to dominate the Internet the same way that it has dominated the computer desktop industry.

Fortunately, there is something that you can do about it, and this time, your political activity will actually save you money, rather than cost you money and time: deploying reliable, stable open source software such as Open Office.

Microsoft's plan to dominate the Internet is based on a software package called Palladium. Palladium is ostensibly an anti-piracy and anti-viral program which requires all software on your computer to have an authentication password before Palladium will allow it to operate on your computer. Microsoft, of course, will supply the password. [Ed. note: Palladium will be shipped installed with all Microsoft Windows operating systems.]

Palladium will also require a password before it will allow your computer to receive any data from any web site on the world wide web. Those passwords, too, will be handed out by Microsoft.

How will this affect your civil rights and the First Amendment? Microsoft will be in the position of denying passwords to web sites it deems criminal or offensive.

Once Microsoft's censorship committee identifies such a web site, Microsoft would send out a blast email to all Palladium-bearing computers registered with Microsoft, telling those Palladium computers to block web site XYZ. No data from web site XYZ would then be accepted by any Palladium equipped computer.

Boy, just the kind of news we needed after the Republican romp through the 2002 election, right? Take heart. The solution is right around the corner. It is called open source software. Open source software, by definition, is governed by an end license user agreement which provides that the user can make improvements to the software, and make as many copies of the software as the user sees fit. Improvements to the software must be made available to the public without charge.

Open Office is an example of open source software. Open Office is an office suite program similar to Microsoft Office. Open Office will read, write and save your Microsoft Word and Excel programs. Open Office is the product of a joint effort between Sun Microsystems and Open Office.org.

Sun has made the vast majority of its paid office suite, Star Office, open source code in the form of Open Office. In exchange, volunteers with the Open Office.org project have devoted thousands of hours representing millions of dollars in development expenses to improving and proliferating Open Office (and therefore, Star Office). Open Office and Star Office are code equivalents. With the exception of a few fonts and a database found in Star Office which are not found in Open Office, Open Office and Star Office are identical.

Sun sells Star Office, tech support, and hardware to businesses which will most likely respect Sun's copyrights, generating significant revenue in the process. Open Office is the give-away version of the software, to satisfy consumers and small businesses which generally commit most of the software piracy. At the same time, Open Office is ever more widely proliferated on desktops in Europe, Latin America, and China, thereby gaining a code equivalent *con't back page*

WOMEN'S CAUCUS HABEAS TRAINING

Hundreds of women currently incarcerated in California may be eligible for relief under a new provision allowing women prisoners who killed their batterers to file habeas petitions!

The Women's Caucus of the SFNLG is helping to coordinate a state-wide effort to help these women gain their freedom. To this end, the SFNLG will be co-sponsoring an all-day CLE training for attorneys, legal workers, students and anyone who wants to help incarcerated survivors of domestic violence gain their freedom.

The all-day training and CLE will take place on **January 25, 2003** at Bingham McCutchen, 3 Embarcadero Center, 25th Floor. Trainers will include Professor Mike Brennan from the USC Post Conviction Justice Project; Eliza Hersh, from the Habeas Corpus Research Project; Nancy Lemon from Boalt Hall. Please mark your calendars now. Contact Jana Carter for more information. (510) 832-3500 or janacarter@earthlink.net. The NLG is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S BEHIND THE WAR?

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 pm

ANTI-WAR TEACH-IN

Stop the War Against Iraq!

Horace Mann Middle School — 3351 23rd Street, near Valencia, San Francisco

(24th St. BART, MUNI #14, 49, 26)

Program Includes

- Richard Becker, Intl. Action Ctr. "The U.S. & Iraq in Historical Perspective"
- Dr. Henry Clark, W. County Toxics Coalition "Big Oil's War Against the People from Iraq to Richmond, CA"
- Barbara Lubin, Middle East Children's Alliance "War Against Iraq: The Humanitarian Disaster"
- Gloria La Riva, Nat'l Cttee. To Free the Cuban Five "The Bush Administration: "Fighting Terrorism," Protesting Terrorists"
- Elias Rashmawi, Free Palestine Alliance "The Palestinian Struggle and the U.S. War Drive in the Middle East"
- Clarence Thomas, Sec'y-Treas. of ILWU, Local 10 "The War on Labor"

Sponsored by the A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) <http://www.internationalanswer.org/> www.InternationalANSWER.org and www.VoteNoWar.org

For more info or to get involved call 415-821-6545

\$5-20 Donation Requested, no one turned away for lack of funds

CRITICAL RESISTANCE SOUTH: BEYOND THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA APRIL 4-6 2003

Call for Presentations: www.criticalresistance.org

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assembly. The attorneys at the Partnership for Civil Justice also represent the plaintiffs in the litigation stemming from the IMF/World Bank Protests of April 2000 as well as the Counter-Inaugural demonstrations from January 2001, both of which also seek relief from similar tactics employed during those demonstrations, including the unlawful use of “pop-up” police lines and mass false arrest and detention.

Copies of the complaint, *Barham et. al v. Ramsey*, et al. are available from the Partnership for Civil Justice and online at www.Civil-Rights.net.

NLG MEMBER HELD AT GUNPOINT: UN PROTESTS ARMED ISRAELI RAID ON STAFF MEMBER'S HOME

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has protested to the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) the treatment of one of the Agency's international staff members and her family, who were subject to degrading searches and unjustified detention.

In the early hours of 22 November, an IDF combat unit of 20 to 30 heavily armed troops surrounded the Bethlehem home of Allegra Pacheco, UNRWA's Field Legal Officer. She was held at gunpoint in the open air for two hours while her house was searched, her mobile phone was taken from her and her car was used as a prop for IDF weapons. Ms. Pacheco repeatedly pointed out her UN status to the troops, who ignored her.

In addition Ms Pacheco's husband, Abed Al-Ahmar, who is recognized by the UN as a dependent of a staff member, was forced to partially strip before being taken into IDF custody. UNRWA has since learned that an 11-day detention order has been issued for him.

“An armed raid on a staff member's home and degrading treatment of her and her spouse is disruptive of her ability to carry out her official functions,” UNRWA said in a statement. “This is completely contrary to the undertakings made by the Government of Israel to facilitate the work of the Agency.”

UNRWA, which understands that Mr. Al-Ahmar is being held without just cause, has requested his release. Currently 23 of UNRWA's Palestinian staff in the West Bank are being detained by the Israeli authorities. All but three are being held without charge. UNRWA has requested explanations for each arrest but has received no reply and is refused access to its staff after their arrests.

West Bank and Gaza Emergency Relief Fund:
http://al-awda.org/wb_fund.htm

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recommendations have not been wholly adopted nor implemented by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department. Please join Tumeke's legal team and the National Lawyers Guild in calling on Sheriff Hennessey to implement the recommendations set forth in the Model Protocols on the Treatment of Transgender Persons by San Francisco County Jail, submitted on August 7, 2002. These protocols are sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild and the City & County of San Francisco Human Rights Commission, and were written by Thomas Steel Fellowship recipients Murray D. Scheel and Claire Eustace.

GUILD LAWYERS CONTINUE TO DEFEND UCB STUDENTS

by Michael Froehlich, UC-Berkeley (Boalt Hall)

When 79 members of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) were arrested in the Spring as part of a sit-in at UC-Berkeley, they expected to be arrested. But the 41 students involved did not expect to undergo such brutish treatment by the University. Over seven months later, the University is still trying to suspend the students for their protest. With the help of Guild lawyers, the students are fighting back.

At the time, SJP was protesting the University's silence in the face of Israeli occupation of Palestine and the University's sister school in East Bethlehem. In addition, SJP was calling for—and continues to call for—the University to divest its business portfolio from those businesses that profit from the occupation.

In June, SJP's eleven Guild criminal defense lawyers convinced the court to dismiss all criminal charges. In addition, the court entered a rare factual finding of innocence in each case pursuant to Penal Code Section 851.8.

Nevertheless, the University took a hard-line against the students. While eight students entered into plea agreements, 33 students stood in solidarity to fight the charges. In the recent history of the University, no students had faced these severe penalties.

A motive for the University's selective prosecution of these pro-Palestinian students soon came to light. A public records request by Linda Sherif of the Anti-Arab Discrimination Committee, working with the Guild lawyers, revealed dozens of letters from alumni urging the University to crack down on SJP and threatening to withhold donations if the University did not treat the students harshly.

The hearings got off to a rocky start at the end of September, as the University continuously flaunted its own rules and state law. Guild members, Dan Siegel, Anne Weills, Noreen Farrell, Jason Cox, and Jose Luis Fuentes, immediately filed a writ of mandate requesting that the Alameda County Superior Court order the University to obey the law. Ruling that no final decision had been made, Judge Richman refused to intervene.

The SJP legal team then recruited more lawyers to represent the students in the student disciplinary hearings. Presently, in addition to those named above, Anthony Matricciani, Billy Corman, Carol Strickman, David Weintraub, Heather Mills, Hunter Pyle, Jana Carter, Jonathan Siegel, Matt Ross, Omar Figueroa, Paul Ross, Seth Chazin, and Tom Meyer, have all joined the defense.

As of this writing, it is still unclear what will happen to these students. The University has begun to reschedule the student conduct hearings, but the semester has almost ended. The students still face potential suspension for their non-violent sit-in.

The Berkeley Daily Planet recently reported that the cost of the hearings to the University will likely exceed \$400,000. (At a time when the University is pleading poverty in its union negotiations, this is especially egregious.) Given the institutional strength being brought to bear against these students, they face an extraordinary fight. But with the country barreling towards war, it is more important than ever that the Guild defend the political rights of students and others to dissent and speak out about what is right.

WAR ON TERROR HIJACKS STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

by Shahid Buttar

Since the tragic events of 9/11, Americans have been victimized by an ongoing series of additional attacks – not by terrorists, but rather by those who claim to protect us from them. The erosion of civil liberties in America has even extended into our most prestigious academic institutions.

From Miami to California, professors, students and on-campus speakers have faced reprimands for suggesting that the attack on the World Trade Center represented anything more than “evil” virulence aligned against our god-blessed country. The conservative American Council of Trustees and Alumni started “Campus Watch,” the academic version of Ashcroft’s proposed TIPS program. And now Stanford Law School has officially joined the growing chorus hoping to discredit dissent.

In early November, a controversy erupted at Stanford over the Law School’s invitation to Lynne Stewart to mentor students interested in pursuing careers in criminal defense. Ms. Stewart was invited to serve as the law school’s David W. Mills Public Interest Mentor on November 11, based on her long and illustrious experience as a prolific criminal defense attorney. She is among the country’s most prominent defenders of politically unpopular clients, including anti-apartheid activists, Black Panthers, leftwing radicals, and more recently, accused terrorists. She is also the first lawyer in the country to be indicted by the Ashcroft Department of Justice based on illegal surveillance of confidential attorney-client communications.

The week before her visit, conservative students mobilized a nationwide effort to pressure the law school and university administration to renounce its recognition of Ms. Stewart, seizing upon her unrelated statements in the New York Times appearing to endorse the use of “directed violence...against the institutions of capitalism.” Within days, the law school publicly rescinded its prior invitation.

Stanford Law School set a dangerous precedent in permitting political agendas to trump academic freedom. Worse yet, Ms. Stewart was scrutinized on account of her speech. As during the McCarthy era, this decision reflects a widespread fear of entertaining dissenting voices in an increasingly vitriolic climate. We have today once again sounded the alarm that dissent in America is unwelcome. The media has already restricted the terms of debate. The academy now follows suit.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Ashcroft claimed that critics of the government’s agenda are “giving ammunition to the enemy.” These words trumpet – both to the American public and the watching world – our national government’s hostility to free speech. Activists today justifiably fear accusations of “disloyalty,” as a deep-seated intolerance leaves less and less room for the needed discussions that might help us constructively address the complex social, political and economic issues surrounding terrorism. Without that critical debate, this country’s attempts to address the underlying causes of the World Trade Center attacks will likely fail – and we will all be left vulnerable as a result.

Now, more than ever, we must guard against short-term tradeoffs made in the name of political expedience. From mass

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detentions to secret evidence, the attacks on civil liberties are affecting an expanding swatch of the American public. Academic institutions should be the country’s most adamant defenders of active dissent. However, Stanford Law School’s revocation of Lynne Stewart’s invitation sends a frightening signal for campus free speech.

Stanford law students committed to academic freedom join civil libertarians around the country in demanding that the Attorney General, administrators at Stanford Law School, and others who would chill the voices of dissent pause to consider lessons from American history. From the Civil War to the civil rights struggle, free, robust, and untrammled debate has consistently proven our greatest engine of social and political progress.

Shahid Buttar is a 3rd year law student at Stanford Law School, and a member of the Stanford Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

NLG SUPPORTS STEWART

The Chapter arranged two events during Lynne’s recent visit to the Bay Area. We arranged a live interview of her and Steve Bingham on KPFA’s Sunday Salon with Larry Bensky, which began on Lynne’s cell phone in the taxi rushing to get her to the station. That evening, there was a full house Women’s Building event which began with Chapter member Susan B. Jordan speaking eloquently about the need for attorney client privilege. Then Bato Luis Talamantez, former political prisoner and longtime activist, spoke of the need for courageous lawyers like Lynne, movement lawyers who take the heat for their clients. He told of being visited by Charles Garry when shackled after the George Jackson shoot-out, and how attorneys of that caliber are tremendously appreciated. Jordan said she has never been thanked like that before, and has asked Talamantez to make his speech into an article for circulation to Guild attorneys around the country.

The banner in this photo was made by Penny Schoener for the event, who then gave it to Lynne. This graphic was designed by Marissa Kunz of Poor News Network.



Bato Luis Talamantez & Lynne Stewart

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lent presence on larger portions of those markets for Star Office.

So how will open source software stop Palladium? Palladium will need to be widely proliferated to be effective. Palladium lumps open source software into the same bag with pirated software, because it cannot control data shared on the open source network, even though open source is completely legal.

Right now, about 30% of servers on the world wide web are Linux servers. Linux is an open source operating system. Like pirated software, Linux boxes appear as dense untamed forest to Palladium. In addition to preventing piracy, Palladium is aimed at clearing those open source forests.

To a Palladium desktop, a web page from a Linux server looks like an "untrusted" document, because by its very nature, open source does not seek to *prevent* copying of the source code, but seeks to *encourage* it. As a result, documents created by open source software will not have a unique authentication identification. A unique identification is contrary to the open source goal of *encouraging* proliferation of the open source code.

At some point (maybe not at first), Palladium will refuse to go to web sites which are run on Linux, because those web sites are sending "untrustworthy" files. Once that happens, servers running Linux will become irrelevant. People using Palladium desktops therefore will not visit Linux-based sites, because they will not be able to get any information from those sites. Only Microsoft-approved sites will be visited by Palladium/Microsoft desktops.

In other words, it's a numbers game. The more open source software, the more difficult it will be for Palladium to lock out open source users. By contrast, the more Palladium boxes, the more necessary it will be for each user to have Palladium, since their non-

Palladium cookies will not be accepted by Palladium servers.

By distributing Open Office (and Linux) to your friends and acquaintances, you can help to broaden the base of the open source network. You can download a copy of Open Office for free at <http://www.openoffice.org> or contact me and I will send you a disk for free: einfeldt@earthlink.net

For more information see these websites:
about Palladium: <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/tcpa-faq.html>
on-line brochure of open office at http://www.openoffice.org/about_us/presskit.html

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

The chapter has now set up 3 email listserves to keep you informed about what is going on with the Guild. (Courtesy of our friends at Electronic Frontiers Foundation.) The first one, called SFNLGannounce is just to make it easier to send out emails from the office, like many of you have already been receiving. This will be for chapter related events and reminders and will only send email from the office. The second email listserve, SFNLGmembers, is for you and all our chapter members to use for announcements and requests that you think would be of interest to our membership. The third listserve, NLGcivilliberties, will be used by the demonstrations and post-9-11 hotline attorneys, for announcements about legal observing, post-9-11 civil liberties work.

If you did not get an email from us about SFNLGannounce, we do not have an email for you. We would like to have all chapter members subscribed to at least this listserve, for important chapter information. Any of these listservers can be easily subscribed and unsubscribed to. Please email the office with your email address, at nlgstf@nlg.org. Thank you!

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