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# FEND BILL RIGHTS

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Chicago Committee to **DEFEND**  
**THE BILL**  
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February 9, 1966

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I hope that sometime in the future we can find the occasion to discuss in depth the content of our work and our rather exciting experience. Nationwide, we are at long last breaking through on the HUAC issue, which carries within it the whole germ of the mccarthyite sickness. This mccarthyism (or more historically, HUACism) has been a determining force in undermining our ability as a nation to cope with foreign and domestic problems. Without it, our present insanity in Vietnam would be impossible.

In gratitude,  
*Richard Criley*  
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 Secretary

II. Holdings on Appropriations, 1954-1955

Number	Date	Total in \$	Number of Donors	Name of Donor
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Richard Criley, Secretary