

search & seizure!

12. But I'm warning you, it's not just the lit that they're looking for, that doesn't tell 'm as much as other things they're looking for. What the lit tells them is what they've already heard by the thousands, by the millions! The lit is not what you really have to guard the most, except in order to keep it for your use. And of course Homes that depend on litnessing & distributing lit, they don't want to lose all that precious lit that they've paid for to get printed to distribute, so they'd better hang on to theirs! Even if you've got quantities of it, try to hide it someplace, in the closet or under the floorboards or in the attic.

13. We found that since the police are reluctant to do the job anyhow & they don't really want to do it & they're just obeying & sort of fulfilling at least the letter of the law, they'll say, "Yeah, we searched the place. Yeah, we confiscated everything we found."—And a lot of times they do a pretty sloppy job. They don't really tear up the floor or tear into the attic or go through the ceiling. Some of our enemies have "gone through the ceiling" already to stir'm up, but they don't go inside the walls or other places that you could hide things.

14. They're even making cabinets now in the United States with secret compartments where you can hide things! The safe is no longer safe, because people know when they see a safe that there must be something valuable in it or it wouldn't be locked up! It wouldn't be made of thick steel unless it had something valuable in it, & they've got all kinds of ways of opening safes, even using a stethoscope to hear the tumblers as they turn the combination lock until they can just turn the combination & open the safe without even blowing it up!—Or if it's small enough they'll pick it up & stuff it in their car trunk & carry it off. Or if it's too big to do that, safe-crackers & safe-blowers will stick plastic explosive on the door & blow up the lock! They know there must be something valuable in there or you wouldn't have it!

15. We've always found the safest place, not only for our things but even for ourselves, is anonymous, an unknown place, to be unknown, a hiding place that people would not expect or suspect to be a hiding place. That's your safest place.—

Not in an obviously locked briefcase, trunk, suitcase, locked door or even closet, but some place or some compartment or some closet they don't even know exists that is in the panelling of the walls or something that you can't even tell that it's a hiding place. That's what the rich people are doing now, they're smart. They hide their most precious things in secret compartments in desks or secret drawers, something that doesn't even look like a drawer or a cupboard, but is. They press a secret button or a secret lever & it opens up & they can put their stuff in & shut it again.

16. It's good if you can have more than one way & one side to get out of a house. In one house we lived in I used to figure out how we could climb out a window & over the back wall so we wouldn't have to go out the only one or two front doors, in case somebody was out there we didn't want to meet or see, but that was a difficult problem too. It's a difficult problem even where you have a walled home, where there's a big high wall around your home. You think you're nice & secure, but you've only got one front door, so instead of protection it turns out to be a trap!

17. So it would be good to have a house, if possible, with a back door. The officials usually come to the front door because that's where the address is, it's seldom that they really think you're that dangerous that they've got to surround the house with gunmen. Usually it's just one or two cops that come to the front door & knock, at first for just a few simple questions. They're quite polite & they just want to know a little more about you & check your passports & a few things like that. Normally the System police are very nice, they're taught PR & to be polite & not to be mean or anything. We've had a few rotters, but most of the police that have come to our doors in the Family have been polite & just wanted to ask a few questions. Of course, if their questions & your answers aroused their suspicion, then they came back for a genuine investigation!—And maybe later on, not only just a real tough questionnaire, but a thorough search! And if they couldn't find what they were looking for then, they came back & confiscated everything!

18. Usually you get some wind of it though, a little ahead