

there should be no exchange of information so that what they talk about is definitely not based on fact. Rumors and gossip may fly around regardless of your attempts, but if no one really knows what you are doing it doesn't make much difference. There are as many rumors and myths circulating about the Fords and Rockefellers as any family in the United States. The Fords and Rockefellers are unable to take any steps to stop these, but very few of these stories are true. There are an equal number of stories circulating about Howard Hughes, and yet Mr. Hughes doesn't stop them, doesn't make any shouts, but doesn't verify them in any way.

If you train your children not to answer the questions of any strangers about your family's affairs or to volunteer any information under any circumstances, whether in class or out, and if you discuss your attitude toward privacy with your relatives or refrain from giving your particularly noisy relatives any information, then your privacy will be protected even though others may talk about you.

- VI. Government investigators have limited rights and you should not be buffaloed by their officiousness, gruff attitude or discourtesy. Keep in mind that you are entitled to an attorney at all times even in civil discussions; that is, if an agent from the Internal Revenue Service should appear at your home to discuss a civil liability, you, nevertheless, have the right to call your attorney and withhold discussion until he gets there. The difference between civil and criminal is not important if you want an attorney. It is every person's right to be counseled by anyone who is in the proper position to counsel and no one can stop you in this country - yet.

Your attitude toward government investigations, however, should be courteous, not necessarily totally cooperative or willingly cooperative, but courteous. There is no reason to personally antagonize any government agent, but neither should you give up any individual rights that you have as a citizen. The government does, under certain circumstances, have the right to review your economic condition and some of your affairs, but not all of them, and they must bring specific charges or discuss specific areas of investigation. They just can't come in on a "fishing expedition" to see what might be wrong or right about your affairs. Remember that until proven guilty you are assumed innocent and, if necessary, express this attitude in no uncertain terms. This is not to say that you are doing anything wrong, but just to guard you against the attitudes of many officious government agents.