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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 24, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

FOIPA Request No.: 1364365-000 Subject: GINZBURG, RALPH

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 30 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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Sincerely

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section

Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
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- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
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- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service he release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/8/64

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SUBJECT:

RALPH GINZBURG, dba Fact Magazine, Inc. 110 West 40th Street New York, New York ITOM (00: NEW YORK)

There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau the original copies of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCIA) "Daily Bruin" for Tuesday, 9/29/64; Wednesday, 9/30/64; and Thursday, 10/1/64, which pertain to the speech made at UCLA on the Westwood Campus by RALPH GINZBURG. Enclosed to the Philadelphia and New York Offices are xerox copies of pages 1 and 2 of the UCLA "Daily Bruin" of Tuesday, 9/29/64, and Thursday, 10/1/64, issues.

As a matter of/interest to the Bureau in the ITOM category, the Bureau's attention is called to page 3 of the "Daily Bruin" of Wednesday, 9/30/64, to the article by LEE HEFLIN entitled "Invitation to a Naked Lunch." It is noted that this is in effect a book review of the book entitled. "Naked Lunch," written by WILLIAMABURROUGHS.

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The original publications are furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of considering whether these papers should be considered by the Department of Justice as proper documents to be displayed to the Federal judge in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is the trial judge in the GINZBURG trial. This is based Non the fact that the Federal judge in the Grand Rapids case * utilized such flagrant statements following the trial to point out to the Circuit Court that the individuals were attempting to try the case in the newspapers rather than in the court. It is further pointed out that certain statements made by GINZBURG to the press and his speech might possibly be considered by the judge as contemptuous statements against his court and might possibly consider holding GINZBURG ingcontempt of court for such remarks

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It is further pointed out that the original publications are furnished in view of the fact that GNZBURG was to have reported on his survey that he made with psychiatrists as to the suitability of Senator BARRY GOLDWATER being a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. It is to be noted on page 2 of the 10/1/64 edition that the article pertaining to GINZBURG reflected that the University denied him permission to announce the results of his psychiatric survey on the mental ability of Republican Presidential Candidate BARRY GOLDWATER.

For the further information of the Bureau and auxiliary offices, it is to be noted that

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Deputy District Attorney JIM CLANCY, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, who is specifically charged with the prosecution of pornography cases arising in the Los Angeles County area, and prior to accepting this position was working very closely to the Citizens for Decent Literature Committee in this area, has advised that he has furnished

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information pertaining to the decision in the 69 page omnibus by Judge FOX to TOM SHEPHERD, a Los Angeles Councilman who is presently advocating stricter laws in the county and state on pornography. CLANCY has advised SA that SHEPHERD is due to make several speeches within the next week to ten days and will point out that the UCLA policy of allowing such individuals as RALPH GINZBURG to speak possibly reflected the attitude of the University in that they still maintain a professor on their staff who has been labeled by a Federal judge as an advocate of pornography.

It is to be noted that during the release of such information in the Eastern newspapers pertaining to this opinion by Judge FOX, none of the local papers in the Los Angeles area carried any such article.

It is to be noted that in the original information furnished by the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau in the letter of reference of 3/16/64, GINZBURG at that time was attempting to have his magazine "Fact" distributed in the Los Angeles area, specifically around the area of UCLA.

While the Los Angeles Office is not conducting an active investigation in this matter, any information obtained through established sources pertaining to GINZBURG or his activities in this area will be furnished to the Bureau.

This is to advise that information was received from the Philadelphia Office on 11/16/64 that the Third Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia sustained the conviction of Ralph Ginzberg who was convicted in United States District Court at Philadelphia on 6/14/64 for violating ITOM statutes within the jurisdiction of the Post Office Department. Ginzberg was found guilty on twenty-eight counts involving the mailing of his publications and following conviction appealed to the Circuit Court in Philadelphia.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER (ITOM)

The Postal Inspector at Philadelphia advised that although the formal opinion rendered by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals was written by three judges he understood informal opinions were written by the other Circuit Court judges and all the justices reportedly concurred in sustaining the lower court verdict.

The Postal Inspector advised that it is his understanding that Ginzberg will appeal this matter to the United States Supreme Court.

Ginzberg is identical to the person who recently published a magazine called "Fact" and gained some recent pre-election notoriety by printing in "Fact" the results of a survey made with psychiatrists as to the mental stability of Senator Barry Goldwater.

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While there has been no indication that any of Ginzberg's publications were transported interstate by any means other than mail we have been and will continue to follow this matter through the courts as a matter of interest as to appellate court interpretations and findings with regard to obscene matters.

INFORMATION CONCERNING

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GINZBURG HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN JAIL AND FINED

\$28,000. The publications were eros, o Aurterly selling for \$25 A year; Liston, A BI-Weekly Newsletter; and the Housewife's Handbook on HANDBOOK ON

SELICTIVE PROMISCUITY.

SINZBURG WAS TRIED WITHOUT A JURY BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE
RALPH C. BODY UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW MAKING IT AN OFFENSE TO MAIL

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS. HE WAS CONVICTED JUNE 14, 1963.

THREE RELATED PUBLISHING CORPORATIONSS, FINED A TOTAL OF \$14,000, WERE DOCUMENTARY BOOKS, INC., LIAISON NEWS LETTER, INC., AND EROS MAGAZINE, INC.

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"FINCE, EVEN ON THE VIEW OF THE COURT BELOW THAT MEMCIRS POSSESSED ONLY A MODICUM OF SOCIAL VALUE, ITS JUDGMENT MUST BE REVERSED AS BEING FOUNDED ON AN ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATION OF A FEDERAL CONSTITU-

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: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 27, 1966

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

OF RALPH GINZBURG PICKETING

AT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING

APRIL 30, 1966

1 - Administrative Division

Mr. Carl W. Belcher, Chief, General Crimes Section, Criminal Division of the Department, on 4-26-66, advised that he had been informed by General Services Administration (GSA) that a group known as American University Friends of Ralph Ginzburg were planning to picket on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the Department of Justice Building from II a.m., to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, 4-30-66.

Ginzburg is the individual whose conviction was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court on 3-21-66, in connection with sending obscene material through the mails. (Investigation handled by Postal Inspectors.) Since that time. Ginzburg has been vocal in his disagreement with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court and has made several speeches, including one at American University, claiming that his right of free speech guaranteed by the Constitution has been violated.

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SAC Purvis of the Washington Field Office has confirmed APR 29 1966

through that a group of American University students do plan to picket the Department of Justice Building on 4-30-66. Washington Field Office is obtaining further details which will be disseminated to the Department and to General Services Administration in order

that their guards may be aware of these plans.

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

DATE May 2, 1966

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Through its liaison with the U.S. Supreme Court, the Washington Field Office has been advised that the U.S. Supreme Court today denied petitions for hearing in the cases involving Ralph Ginzburg and who were previously convicted in separate cases dealing with obscene literature.

Ginzburg was convicted on 6/14/63 in U. S. District Court, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter (ITOM) Statute. (Case within jurisdiction of and handled by Postal Inspectors). He was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$42,000 on 12/19/63. This conviction was sustained by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on 11/13/64 and was affirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court 3/21/66. Ginzburg was the publisher of a quarterly magazine called "Eros" and also was responsible for mailing several obscene books including one entitled "The Housewife's Handbook on Selective Promiscuity."

It appears, therefore, that Ginzburg and have now exhausted all possible legal remedies and they will have to begin serving their sentences

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For information. Pertinent information concerning these cases and their effect upon our jurisdiction in ITOM cases have previously been furnished to all field offices.

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Washington, D.C. May 2, 1966

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF RALPH GINZBURG
of American University, Washington, D.C., advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 30, 1966, that was postponing a demonstration they had planned for that date because of rain. stated they had originally planned to picket the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., "in support of Ralph b6 b70
stated that this demonstration will be undertaken possibly on Saturday, May 7, 1966, or on another day when the weather is more favorable to such activity.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case relates to American University students who are planning to picket Justice Building tomorrow (5-7-66)

picket Justice Building tomorrow (5-7-66) in protest of conviction of Ralph Ginzburg.
Ginzburg was previously convicted for sending obscene magazines and books through the mails (Post Office case) and his conviction was affirmed by U.S. Supreme

Criminal Division of the Department and General Services Administration guards have been advised.

* 11 a. m., to 1:30 p. m.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Washington, D.C. May 6, 1966

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF RALPH GINZBURG

Reference is made to the memorandum dated May 2, 1966, at Washington, D.C., entitled "American University Students in Support of Ralph Ginzburg."

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 5, 1966, advised the attached leaflet, which is self-explanatory, was circulated on the campus of American University, Washington, D.C., on May 5, 1966.

The above source also advised a booth had been set up on the campus of the school to obtain signatures to a petition pertaining to the Ginzburg matter which the group contemplated presenting to Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

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Washington University Students in support of Ralph Cinzburg

SEX, THE SUPREME COURT, AND JUSTICE

(distribution)

On March 22, 1966, the United States Supreme Court delivered an adverse ruling toward Ralph Ginzburg, the former editor of Eros magazine. The decision had upheld his "criminal obscenity" verdict by a lower court, and thus Ralph Ginzburg, a man who had excercized his rights to publish the philosophy in which he believed, had been condemned to prison for 5 years and fined the sum of \$42,000. The impact of the decision was practically instantaneous, arrusing the concern of the world of art and literature, as well as University students, lawyers, and intelligent free thinking individuals everywhere.

EROS, delicately contrived, dynamically different and enlightening, as well as critically acclaimed by prominent artists everywhere, had been deemed "obscene".

Thus, the Supreme Court, in deciding against Ginzburg, had set in motion the forces of anger, outrage, and intellectual debate on the following issues:

MUST THE CITIZEN be subject to the force of a century-old law which does not define obscenity, and further, leaves the fate of those tried under it to the caprice of the judge and jury in each local area?

Should certain groups of puritanistic persons use the government to curb the rights of free speech and free press of others?

Can the 5 year, \$42,000 penalty leveled against Ginzburg be justified?

Does this decision afford smut hunters a valuable weapon by which to imperil the rights of free speech of any citizen - arbitrarily?

Does the government have the right to improvise morality, and further, dwss it have the right to impose this morality upon each individual?

IF YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT RALPH GINZBURG'S PERSONAL RIGHTS, AND MOUR individual rights, then you may be asking: "Is there anything that I can do to support Ginzburg and protect the individual rights of free speech and free press?"

YOU CAN TAKE POSITIVE ACTION

On the 7th of May, this Saturday, in fron t of the Justice Dept.,

Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets N.W., a demonstration in
support of Ralph ginzburg will be held. Hours are from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M..

Suggestions for signs include: SUPPORT GINZBURG, SUPPORT YOUR RIGHTS
THE PRICE OF ART: 5 YRS. and \$42,000.

SMUT HUNTERS IMPERIL FREE SPEECH
EDUCATION, NOT DEPRIVATION

FULL PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE (NEW YORK TIMES, DAILY NEWS, WASHINGTON POST, STAR, NEC, ASSOC. PRESS, UPI, etc.).

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DIRECTOR, FBI TO

SAC, WFO (100-45616) (P) PROM:

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF RALPH GINZINGS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Title is "CHANGED" to show new name of subject organization.

Re WFO airtel 5/2/66, captioned "AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF RALPH GINSBURG INFO CONCERNING."

Enclosed herewith are five copies of an LHM regarding plans of subject organization for 5/7/66.

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LHM being disseminated locally to Secret Service, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), WDC, and military intelligence agencies.

General Services Administration Central Protectore Porce advised of contemplated picketing of Justice Building, 5/7/66.

WFO will follow activity.

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GENZBURG APPEALS FOR LIGHTER TERM

special to The New York Times HILADELPHIA, Sept. 13— in their report.

An Appellate Court was asked Judge Harry An Appellate Court was asked here today to modify Ralph Chief Judge Harry E. Kalodner, Chief Judge Austin L. Staley Grazburg's five-year prison sentence on the ground that it had took the appeal under advisement.

a lower court. The request was made before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit by Harold E. Kohn, counsel for Gizzburg, a New York publisher under conviction for mail-

ing obscene literature.

Mr. Kohn charged that the trial of his client before Judge Raiph C. Body in the United States District Court, which resuited in his conviction three years ago, had been "fraught with error."

"In a legal system devoted to even-handed and reasoned justie, such a result cannot be antenanced," the lawyer argred. He asked the Appellate Court either to reduce the prison term or to instruct Judge Body to review the case.

At the time of his conviction, Ginzburg was the publisher of Eros magazine, Documentary Books, Inc., and Liaison News

Latter, Inc. Mr. Kohn complained before the Appellate Court that Judge Body and refused to supply the

defense with a copy of a presentence investigation conducted by the probation officers of the New York district where his client lived. He said he needed a copy to rebut what might be

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Dear

Your letter of September 29th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I certainly wish it were possible for me to answer your inquiry, I must advise the files of the FBI are maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed with his letter being used in reply to him. Ralph Ginzburg has been the subject of a Bureau investigation for Interstate Transportation of Obscene Material.

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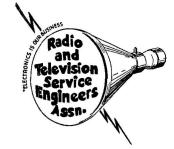


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September 29, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington D. C.

Sirs:

We have been receiving a Magazine the name is "Fact". This magazine is published bi-monthly by Fact Magazine Inc., llo West 40th Street, New York, New York 10018.

The Publisher is Ralph Ginzburg

Editor

Thanks.

is Warren Boroson

Inside the front cover is says FACT in large letters, then in smaller letters is says "An Antidote toe the Timidity and Corruption of the American Press.

Now what we would like to know is this a Communist Magazine, Communist front or in other words do they have anything to do with Communist.

Would appreciate very much any help you can give us.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Respectfully yours

Archie's Radio & T V Service

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I have received your letter of September 30th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your very favorable comment concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In reply to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Justice Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

This morning the enclosed advertisement appeared in our local newspaper, and I feel deep concern that our Editor would consider having such material printed. Of course, I realize such advertising is highly profitable for our newspapers; however, is the damage done by such advertising worth the additional money received?

It is my understanding that Mr. Ralph Ginzburg is a very influential Communist Party member, and I believe he would stop at nothing to get his Party propaganda spread as widely as is possible. We enjoy freedom of the press in this country, but will we enjoy freedom as a people for very long if there are no restrictions put on the printed word of our enemy who seeks to destroy our country and make slaves of its people? Freedom to remain as such must have some restrictions placed upon at or it will be destroyed.

My only son is in the Armed Services and he is doing what little he can to stem the tide of Communism and slavery in the world; however, shouldn't those with power to do so be trying to stem the tide and influence here on the homefront? Our newspapers have tremendous power along this line, and I feel that there is much the Editors could do to help in keeping this wonderful country of ours free from Communist take-over.

If my opinion of Mr. Ginsburg is unfounded, will you please set my thinking straight, for I do not wish to wrongly accuse an innocent man.

May I express my gratitude to you and your efficient Staff for all that you have done for our Country.

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Pictured above is Ralph Ginzburg, publisher of the most notorious and wanted magazines of the 20th Century.

First he launched the quarterly Eros, a magazine dedicated to the joys of love and sex. Eros was an instantaneous succes de scandale and over a quarter of a million people ordered subscriptions, despite the fact that they cost \$25. But the U.S. Post Office declared Eros "obscene" and drove it out of business (and, incidentally, obtained for Ginzburg a five-year prison sentence, which has since been appealed).

Then he brought out the cru-sading bimonthly Fact, which was the first major American magazine to inveigh against U.S. involvement in Vietnam, cigarette advertising in the mass media, and Detroit's ruthless disregard for car safety (Ralph Nader was a Fact discovery). The intellectual community was galvanized by Fact and bought-devoured!-over half a million copies, despite the fact that Fact was not available at most newsstands (most newsdealers found it too controversial) and it was priced at a steep \$1.25. But certain Very Important Persons got mad at Factincluding Barry Goldwater, who sued the magazine for \$2 million-and it, too, was driven out of business.

Undaunted, Ginzburg rallied his forces and last year launched still a third magazine, Avant-Garde, which he describes as "a pyrotechnic, futuristic bimonthly of intellectual pleasure." This magazine, he predicted, will be my wildest yet, and most universally wanted."

From all indications, Ginzburg's prediction is proving correct. Although still in its infancy, Avant-Garde already enjoys a readership of over one million, while its growth rate is one of the phenomena of modern publishing. Newsdealers report deliveries of copies sold out within a matter of minutes. Dentists report that Avant-Garde is the magazine in their waiting rooms most frequently purloined. And librarians order duplicate-and even triplicatesubscriptions in order to provide replacements for worn-out copies (and perhaps to obtain fresh copies for their own personal delectation). Everywhere, citizens who are normally upright, respectable, and lawabiding are being tempted to beg, borrow, or steal copies of Avant-Garde, the most spellbinding and desperately sought-after magazine in America today.

What makes Avant-Garde such a tutti-frutti frappe of a magazine? Why is it in such insane demand? How does it differ from other magazines? The answer is threefold:

First, Avant-Garde is such rollicking great fun. Each issue really socks it to you with uproarious satire, irreverent interviews, madcap cartoons, cherry-bomb editorials, deliberately biased reportage, demoniacal criticism, x-ray profiles, supernova fiction, and outrageous ribaldry. From cover to cover, Avant-Garde is a careening joy ride of intellectual pleasure.

Second, Avant-Garde stones readers with its mind-blowing beauty. It brings to the printed page a transcendental new kind of high. This is achieved through a combination of pioneering printing methods and the genius of Herb Lubalin, who is Avant-Garde's art director (and, incidentally, America's foremost graphic designer). In just the first few months of its existence, Avant-Garde has won more awards for design excellence than any other magazine in

Third, Avant-Garde captivates readers with articles that have something to say. They're more than just filler between advertisements, as in most other magazines. Perhaps the best way to prove this is to list for you the kinds of articles Avant-Garde prints:

Will the Vote for 18-Year-Olds Move America to the Left?

An Evening with New York's Scandalous Orgy-and-Mystery Theater
The Secret Plans of Leading Tobacco

The Secret Plans of Leading Tobacco Companies to Market Marijuana-If, as, and when pot prohibition is lifted. Yevgeny Yevtushenko's Epic Poem in Defense of Dr. Spock

Living High on "The Hog Farm"— A visit to America's most successful hippie kibbutz.

Pre-Mortem—At Avant-Garde's invitation, 28 celebrities (including Art Buchwald, Harry Golden, and Gore Vidal) dictate their.own obituaries. The Love Poems of Eugene McCarthy

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"In Gold We Trust"—A sature on
America's changing spiritual values,
by Dan ("How to Be a Jewish
Mother") Greenburg.

London's "Theatre of Eros"

My Son, the Revolutionary – A study of the family backgrounds of young American radicals.

Coming Attraction- "Sex is the closest I can come to explaining the way I sing," says San Francisco rock songstress Janis Joplin.

Has LBJ Secretly Converted to Catholicism?

Live Wires—A report on the three supercharged wire services that supply news to the nation's 200 underground newspapers.

R. Buckminster Fuller's Plan for a

Floating City in Tokyo Bay
Fractured Hip—A collection of hilarious malapropisms by squares attempting to sound ultra-cool.

Harlem's Beautiful New African Boutiques The Pedernales River Baptism-a-

thon: A Fugs Happening

Making a Scene-Stills from Andy
Warhol's film Romeo and Juliet in
which superstar Viva falls victim to

an unplanned gang-rape.

Phil Ochs: Kipling of the New Left
Abreast of the Times—A report on
the sudden return to breast-feeding
by America's most sophisticated and
sexually liberated women.

Allen Ginsberg's Script for a New Film by Charlie Chaplin The Psychology of Political Affilia-

tion—What character traits determine whether a person will become a Democrat or Republican, a radical or conservative?

Bob Dylan's Suppressed Novel

"Tarantula"

The Startling Increase in IRP

The Startling Increase in LBJ's Personal Wealth While President

In sum, Avant-Garde is a hip, joyous feast of gourmet food-for-thought. It's the quintessence of intellectual sophistication.

Small wonder, then, that critics everywhere have spent themselves in a veritable orgy of praise over Avant-Garde: "Reality freaks, unite! Weird buffs, rejoice! Avant-Garde has arrived bearing mind-treasures of major proportions," says the San Francisco Chronicle. "An exotic literary menu A wild new thing on the New York scene," says Encounter. "Ralph Ginzburg deserves considerable credit for having risked printing this...," says Life. "The fantastic artwork, alone, is worth the price of the magazine." says the News Project. "A fieldmanual by the avant-garde, for the avant-garde," says New York critic Robert Reisner. "Avant-Garde is MAGAZINE POWER!" says poet Peter. Schjeldahl. "Wow! What a ferris whee!! I was high for a week after reading it," says the pop critic of Caysler.

of Cavalier.

Avant-Garde's contributors include the most brilliant artists, writers, and photographers of our time. Not only does Avant-Garde feature works by such acknowledged masters as Picasso, Arthur Miller, Norman Mailer, Kenneth Tynan, Karl Menninger, John Updike, Allen Ginsberg, Roald Dahl, Henry Miller, Bert Stern, William Styron, Eliot Elisofon, Kenneth Rexroth, David Levine, Richard Avedon, Leonard Baskin, Dali, Genet, Beckett, Sartre, Burroughs, Yevtushenko, Warhol, et al., but, perhaps more important, it hunts down the wild cats who will be the literary lions of tomorrow.

In format, Avant-Garde more closely resembles a \$10 art folio than a magazine. It is printed on the finest antique and coated paper stocks by time-consuming sheet-fed gravure and costly duotone offset lithography. It is bound in 12-point Frankote boards for permanent preservation. The format of Avant-Garde, like its editorial contents, is intended to endure

Subscriptions to Avant-Garde cost \$10 per year. This is not cheap. However, right now, while Avant-Garde is still in its infancy, you may order a Special Introductory 8-Month Subscription for only \$3.99!! This is a MERE FRACTION of the standard price.

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Start your subscription with one of Avant-Garde's early issues. This is not to be taken lightly since early issues of high-quality magazines often become valuable collectors' items (especially if they're Ralph Ginzburg publications; early issues of Eros now sell for \$100; early copies of Fact are worth \$25; and copies of Avant-Garde published just a few months ago are already bringing \$15).

To enter your subscription, simply fill out the coupon below and mail it with \$3.99 to: Avant-Garde, 110 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018.

But please hurry. This Special Introductory Offer may be withdrawn without notice.

Then sit back and prepare to receive your first copy of the most wanted, arresting, and rewarding magazine in America today (and the only one put out by a publisher with real conviction).

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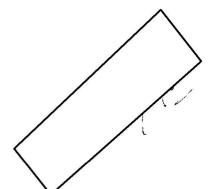
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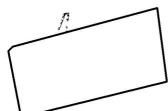
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Ginzburg Loses Appeal to Avoid Jail

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3
(AP)—New York publisher
Ralph Ginzburg, convicted of
mailing sex-oriented, obscene
advertising and books, has lost
a new bid to stay out of jail.

The 3d U.S. Court of Appreals, reacting swiftle to Cimzburg's plea last month to be placed on probation, Tuesday upheld a three-year prison term. That sentence had been previously reduced from five years.

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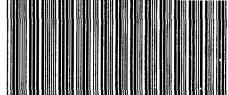
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