

b. Seriousness of the Consequences of the Contempt

By their contumacious silence, these defendants have given the FALN a free hand to engage in terrorist bombings with no questions asked and with impunity -- which is exactly what they intend. As a result, the grand jury, has been completely obstructed from even beginning an investigation which will not be "fully carried out until every available clue has been run down and all witnesses examined in every proper way." United States v. Stone, 429 F.2d 138, 140 (2d Cir. 1970). The investigation of the grand jury, so totally frustrated by these defendants, would lead inevitably to those who have used, and would use, bombs in pursuit of alleged social change -- in this case, change rejected repeatedly by the people of Puerto Rico.

c. Public Interest in Terminating the Defendants' Defiance

Since 1974, the FALN has engaged in approximately one hundred forty-six (146) bombings, murdered five people, injured approximately one hundred (100) others seriously, including four police officers of the City of New York, and caused property damage exceeding three million (\$3,000,000). Seizures of FALN munitions, weapons and bomb paraphernalia in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and New York have resulted in the