

When CSIS rings your doorbell

With the G20 Summit approaching, political activists accuse the federal spy agency of trying to undermine democracy and freedom of speech. So far, 28 have been interviewed by agents

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Activist Stefan Christoff, in his Montreal office Thursday, says he will going to Toronto to protest outside the G20 summit at the end of the month.

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Each visit would begin in more or less the same way, usually early in the morning or late at night, as a CSIS agent would ring the doorbell and flash his credentials.

Then the questions would begin:

How long have you known Stefan Christoff ?

Is Stefan Christoff an anarchist?

Is he planning to protest at the G8 summit?

But it's only when Canadian Security Intelligence Service agents continued to drop in on Christoff's friends and acquaintances, after the Vancouver Olympics and now into summit season, that the local activist became alarmed.

"The first couple of visits were disconcerting, but now it has become a pattern," said Christoff, 29, a

