SUBJECT: VVAW
FILE NO: HQ 100-448092
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FUNCTION OUT OF WDC., VVAV/WSO REGIONAL OFFICE,
521B STREET, NE, WDC., FOR PERIOD JUNE 1, 1974 THRU
JULY 4, 1974. ED DAMATO, A VVAV/WSO NATIONAL COORDINATOR,
IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, DC. EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WDC BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1974.

CAPTIONED SOURCE AS ONE OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING
VVAV/WSO REGION SOURCE WOULD WDC VIA
AIR ON OR ABOUT , AND WOULD REMAIN IN WDC,
UNTIL DEMONSTRATION TERMINATES JULY 4, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED
COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF ANY CIVIL
UNREST, BUT WOULD BE IN POSITION TO ASCERTAIN THIS TYPE OF
INFORMATION.

FEELS SOURCE'S PARTICIPATION IN VVAV/WSO. IN ADDITION,
SOURCE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO FULLY ADVISE WFO OF
PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING DEMONSTRATION, AS IT WAS
DEVELOPED.
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ROUND TRIP AIRLINE COST ______ TO WASHINGTON, $110.00.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR CAPTIONED SOURCE TO ______

IN ADDITION, BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH SOURCE $110.00 FOR AIRLINE EXPENSE.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY SOURCE WHILE IN WDC, WILL BE ABSORBED FROM SOURCE'S MONTHLY EXPENSES.

IF APPROVAL GRANTED, WFO REQUESTED TO FURNISH NAME OF CONTACTING AGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER.

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SLP FBI HQ CLR
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

SAC, ALBANY (100-22519) (P)

DATE: 5/14/74

Subject: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)

Re: Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/12/74, Bureau airtel to Albany, 4/25/74, Albany airtel to Bureau, 5/1/74.

Letter and LHM classified "Confidential" to protect confidential source.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM captioned Front De Liberation Quebecois aka FLQ dated 5/9/74.

On 4/10/74, Detective ____________ Oneonta Police Department, advised he was familiar with several members of the Oneonta Chapter of the VVAW/WSO. He stated that he had known ___ of the VVAW/WSO, Oneonta Chapter.

He stated that he was acquainted with ___ who was a recent VVAW/WSO member. He advised that contact with this individual could produce profitable results as ___ considerably older than most college students.

On 4/10/74, contact was made with ___ he was receptive to the contact. On 4/30/74, ___ recontacted and

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2-Director (RM) (Encs. 9) ENCLOSURE: 100
1-Buffalo (100-21623) (RM) (Enc. 1)
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6-Albany (2-100-22519)
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stated he had been a member of the VVAW/WSO for approximately seven years. He had known for some time of a drive on the Oneonta Chapter VVAW/WSO for approximately the same period of time. In his work as a mail clerk at the Veterans Administration benefits had recently run out and contacts with the local VVAW/WSO led him to believe the VVAW/WSO might be able to get him more liberal Veteran's benefits. However, he was advised that since his Veteran's benefits had run out, he was presently in need of money to support his family.

It would appear that furnishing information which he believes to be accurate. Most information furnished has been as a result of information furnished by the Government. He furnishes information freely and accurately. He indicated he would like to help the Government by furnishing information re the VVAW/WSO. He asked the first interview if he was aware if the VVAW/WSO concerned itself with intelligence operations of Police agencies. He advised the VVAW/WSO was not concerned over State and Local Agency intelligence operations. He stated that he had told him that "Mail Covers" were used by Federal Agencies on many individuals.

During the second interview, he was asked under what circumstances he had been advised of "Mail Covers". He stated that several members of the VVAW/WSO had told him several months ago that the State University College, Oneonta, N.Y., had told him that Federal Agencies used "Mail Covers" on subversive group mail. He thought that all incoming mail was opened and read when a "Mail Cover" was used.

On 4/30/74, he was still of the opinion that members of the VVAW/WSO chapters in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and National Headquarters did attend the "Regional Conference" scheduled for 5/4-4/74 at Buffalo, New York. He stated that this information was provided by

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that did attend the conference at Buffalo and that she was a student at State University College, Oneonta, N.Y. On 5/1/74, an established source verified was a student at State University College, Oneonta, N.Y.

that two members of the Oneonta Chapter VVAW/WSO worked in N.Y. and that was

On 5/1/74, established source advised that was a Senior Education Major at State University College, Oneonta, New York. Her husband is and they reside at Oneonta, N.Y., that or possibly from the New York City VVAW/WSO Headquarters was at State University College, Oneonta, N.Y. on 4/23/74. He advised that indicated he would be in Buffalo, N.Y., for the Regional Conference on 5/4-5/74.

The confidential source referred to in LHM is listed on the non-symbol source page.
Established source is:

State University College
Oneonta, New York

Confidential source is:
May 9, 1974

Front De Liberation Quebecois also known as "FLQ".

On 4/30/74, a confidential source with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine his reliability, advised that he is acquainted with [redacted]. Source advised that in [redacted] told the source that he was a member of the FLQ. Source advised that he had met several friends of [redacted] who were alleged members of the FLQ. Source stated that he was unable to recall the alleged FLQ members name. Source advised that he was in contact with [redacted] during the summer of [redacted] and at that time [redacted] asked the source how difficult it would be for [redacted] to enter the U.S. Source advised that at that time that he did not want to [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] is about 25 years of age, a [redacted] and lives in [redacted]. Source advised that he is in contact with approximately [redacted] and might possibly be in a position to furnish information concerning the FLQ.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-12620 Sub 1) (F*)

DATE: 5/16/74

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO)
IS

00: Chicago

Re Bureau teletype to all offices dated 3/22/74.

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, the San Antonio Division has Veterans Administration facilities in San Antonio, Waco and Austin, Texas.

Personnel of these facilities were aware of the possibility of demonstrations scheduled for March 29, 1974.

Contact with sources disclosed that there was no activity planned and no organization of captioned organization within the San Antonio Division.

Liaison was maintained with law enforcement units as well as Veterans Administration facilities. There were no incidents or demonstrations of any nature within the San Antonio Division.

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     RUEADWW/ ☐ The Vice President
            ☐ Att.: _____________________________
     RUEADWW/ ☐ White House Situation Room
            ☐ Att.: _____________________________
     RUEHOC/ ☐ Secretary of State
     RUEAI/A/ ☐ Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
                and National Indications Center
     RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the Army
     RUEBGFA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
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     RUEBJWA/ ☐ Attorney General (☐ By messenger)
     RUEBJWA/ ☐ Deputy Attorney General (☐ By messenger)
     RUEBJWA/ ☑ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
                and Internal Security Section
                and General Crimes Section
     RUEBJWA/ ☐ Immigration & Naturalization Service
     RUEOIAA/ ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))
     RUEOGBA/ ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

                   LEGATS:
                   SACS: b7c
                   DATE: 5/18/74
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                   SUBJECT: REC-110 100-44-8092-3669
                   SAME AS ATTACHED
                   (Text of message begins on next page.)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAV/WSO), 86-08 CHICAGO.

ON MAY 6, 1974, A SOURCE WITH WHOM THERE HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT
CONTACT TO DETERMINE HIS RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT HE HAD
ATTENDED THE REGIONAL VVAV/WSO MEETING IN BUFFALO HELD ON
MAY 4-5, 1974. A SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE BUFFALO CHAPTER OF
THE VVAV PLANS TO DEMONSTRATE MAY 10, 1974, AT THE STATLER
HILTON, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, WHERE VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE.
FBI
Date: 5/6/74

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

All information contained

(Priority)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-32040) (P)

Subject: RALLY AGAINST THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTERS, AT HOPKINS PLAZA, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, 5/18/74
IS-VVAW/WSO
OO: Baltimore

Re Bureau letter to Baltimore dated 4/24/74, under VVAW/WSO caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above, and for the information of WFO is one copy, which contains all known current pertinent information regarding subject rally.

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3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (Encl. 6)
(1 - 100-448092; VVAW/WSO)
1 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL) (Encl. 1) (100-47162; VVAW/WSO)
7 - Baltimore
(2 - 100-32040)
(1 - 100-27909; VVAW)
(1 - 100-30952; MLP)
(1 - 100-27321; RU)
(1 - 100-30810; AB)
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/1/74, Mr. Legal Department, VA, and Captain MELVIN KOMENDA, General Services Administration (GSA) Guard Force, both in the Federal Building, Baltimore, Maryland, were furnished information contained in LHM.

The sources used in the LHM are identified as follows:

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The LHM is classified "Confidential-Category 2" to protect sources through

Baltimore will follow this matter closely and will appropriately furnish the Bureau with any pertinent information received in the future regarding subject rally.
RE: RALLY AGAINST THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTERS AT HOPKINS PLAZA, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND MAY 18, 1974

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. Since that time, VVAW leaders have told members the VVAW is a revolutionary group, not "just another group of war veterans." Also, the membership has been told the VVAW has been asked to cooperate on an international level with many organizations, including communist and Maoist groups.

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Additionally, it was indicated that "anti-imperialist groups" consider the VVAW a potent organization of similar stature in the United States. In April, 1973, the group changed their name to VVAW/WSO so that non-veterans could become members. Current VVAW/WSO national officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate their membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine.

Review of the Military Law Project publication, "Highway 13," dated April, 1974, Volume 2, Number 5, reflected an article on Page Eight, titled "VVAW/WSO Demo."

In this article, it was indicated that on Saturday, May 18, 1974, the Maryland and Washington, D. C. chapters of the VVAW/WSO would hold a demonstration at Hopkins Plaza, in front of the Federal Building, which houses the VA in Baltimore, Maryland, to demand veterans' rights and increased benefits from the VA, single type discharge, amnesty, and President NIXON's removal from office.

MILITARY LAW PROJECT

Review of the April, August and November, 1973 issues, of the newspaper "Highway 13," reflect the following: The Military Law Project (MLP) is located at 1590 Annapolis Road, Odenton, Maryland, across the street from the Fort Meade, Maryland, military reservation. "Highway 13," originally put out by the Baltimore, Maryland area Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), became the MLP publication when MLP commenced operation in
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MAY 18, 1974

February, 1973, as a joint venture of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a pacifist group, and the Washington Area Military and Draft Law Panel (DLP) of Washington, D. C. The stated purpose of the MLP is to promote GI empowerment.

advised on October 29, 1973, that the DLP is an organization based in Washington, D. C. to advise interested persons as to their legal rights regarding draft and other military questions.

This source also advised on the same date, that MLP leadership continues to be in sympathy with the VVAW/WSO and that the MLP goal is to assist GI's in resisting military authority and to encourage dissatisfaction with the military.

This source further advised on September 28, 1973, that the MLP had sponsored weekly political education classes for its members, held over the period June to September, 1973, which had dealt with MAO's "Red Book," and the works of LENIN, MARX and ENGELS.

On January 31, 1974, advised that the MLP had moved and had set up a temporary location at 1316 Hawkins Lane, Annapolis, Maryland.

On May 1, 1974, and advised substantially as follows:
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The VVAW/WSO demonstration outlined above in the April, 1974 issue, of "Highway 13," is scheduled as indicated on May 18, 1974, and will amount to a rally in Hopkins Plaza commencing at about 12:00 noon. Speakers are currently being selected, and a public address system is being sought.

There is no plan to attempt to enter the Federal Building, nor any disruptive activity.

It is anticipated that some members of the MLP, the Attica Brigade and the Revolutionary Union will also participate in this rally.

A permit for authorization to hold this rally will be filed with the Baltimore City Police Department in the near future.

ATTICA BRIGADE

The Attica Brigade (AB) is a student based organization founded in New York City in the Fall of 1971. The AB considers itself to be an anti-imperialist organization which views "U.S. imperialism as the main enemy of the people of the world." The RU has significantly infiltrated the AB and plays a major role in the AB policies, decisions and activities.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION

The Revolutionary Union (RU) was founded in early 1968 and is a militant, semiclandestine organization. Its objectives, as set out in its publications, are the development of a
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united front against imperialism, the fostering of a revolutionary working-class unity and leadership in struggle, and the formation of a communist party based on Marxism-Leninism-MAO Tse-tung thought, leading to the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-12685)(<)

DATE: 5/21/74

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)  
        IS - VVAW/WSO

Re Springfield letter to the Bureau dated 11/14/73.

Investigation conducted in the Springfield Division continues to fail to disclose any VVAW/WSO activity within the Springfield Division.

Springfield has previously conducted investigation concerning alleged VVAW/WSO members whose names appeared on VVAW/WSO mailing lists. Summary reports concerning these individuals have been submitted under the captioned matters of  
        Akas, dated 11/2/73;  
        Akas, dated 11/8/73;  
        and  
        , dated 6/8/73. Investigation of these individuals as well as an alleged VVAW Chapter at 373 North Belle Air, Bourbonnais, Illinois, later associated with failed to reveal any VVAW activity on the part of these individuals.

No VVAW/WSO activity has been noted by informants within the Springfield Division.

Information supplied by Chicago informant has repeatedly noted inactivity of VVAW/WSO in the southern Illinois area. This information has indicated that VVAW/WSO has been concerned about the lack of activity in southern Illinois and the need to activate chapters in this area. Springfield has remained alert to the possibility that recruiting efforts may be underway in the southern Illinois area, however, no such activity has been noted.

Springfield will remain alert to the possibility that VVAW may strengthen their efforts to activate a VVAW/WSO organization within the Springfield Division and investigation will continue in VVAW/WSO matters within this Division in keeping with the guidelines set forth in Bureau letter dated 8/2/73.

2 - Bureau (100-448092) (RM)  
2 - Springfield (100-12685)  
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DEMONSTRATION AT US MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK,
SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VETERANS AGAINST
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MAY 18, 1974; IS - VVAW/WSO.

ON MAY 14, 1974, SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE VVAW/WSO WILL HOLD
A PARADE AND RALLY ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1974, AT THE UNITED
STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA), WEST POINT, NEW YORK, AND THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, LOCATED NEXT TO THE
USMA. ORGANIZATION HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ASSEMBLE AND
PARK VEHICLES AT THE USMA AND MARCH FROM THIS POINT TO THE
MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, WHERE
RALLY, WITH SPEAKERS, WILL BE HELD. GOALS OF PARADE AND RALLY
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ARE TO PROMOTE "UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR DESERTERS AND DRAFT RESISTERS; IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, AND ENDING AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL; A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETS; DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETS; KICKING NIXON OUT."

VVAW/WSO HAS OBTAINED PARADE AND RALLY PERMIT FROM HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK. USMA CELEBRATING ARMED FORCES DAY WITH SCHEDULED EVENTS ON THIS DATE. NEW YORK GOVERNOR MALCOLM WILSON ALSO SCHEDULED AS GRADUATION SPEAKER THIS DATE AT LADY CLIFF COLLEGE, HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

USMA, WEST POINT, N.Y. AND HIGHLAND FALLS PD, N.Y.

ADvised of demonstration.

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NEW YORK WILL COVER CAPTIONED EVENTS THROUGH SOURCES AND

SUTEL.

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Title is marked "Charged" to include full name of subject, as developed through investigation. Title formerly carried as [Redacted].

This investigation is based on information which indicates that captioned subject is engaged in activities which could involve violations of Title 18, U.S.C., 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage) and 2101 (Antiriot Laws).

On 9/8/73, [Redacted] provided a list of VVAV/WSO chapters showing [Redacted] in Kingstown, R.I., to be the contact person in the State of Rhode Island.

On 2/14/74, [Redacted] provided a current list of VVAV/WSO chapters, substantiating the above information.

VVAV/WSO was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAV/WSO engaged in various protest activities, but during late 1971, demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in 12/71 with VVAV/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAV/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAV/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, 8/72.
One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In 1/73, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAV/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified Government information to be used against U.S. interests, and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such activity. There were also indications at this meeting that VVAV/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAV/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAV/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

On 2/19/74, [redacted], Registry of Motor Vehicles, Providence, R.I., was contacted and advised that [redacted] holds a current Rhode Island license and listed the following descriptive data:

Driver's License No: [redacted]
SSAN: [redacted]
Height: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Eyes: [redacted]

On 3/8/74, a knowledgeable source at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, was contacted and advised that [redacted] born [redacted] at Providence, R.I., attended the University of Rhode Island, from which he graduated. The source stated that subject received a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture and, further, that subject listed his parents as [redacted].
BS 100-45167

On 3/22/74, Det. Sgt. [redacted] No. Kingstown, Rhode Island, Police Department, was contacted and advised subject presently resides at [redacted] St., R.I.

stated that he has had contact with the subject at the town meetings, and knows of no connection between subject with any revolutionary activities. further advised that a check of arrest records revealed none identifiable with the subject.

On 4/16/74, Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification, Providence, R.I., was contacted and advised that a review of records revealed the following arrests for subject:

From 1964-69 - Four (4) minor traffic charges - no fines imposed.

11/14/69 - Simple assault - East Providence Police Dept. - 30 days probation.

On 4/16/74, [redacted] clerk, East Providence, R.I. Police Department, was contacted and advised that subject had come into the East Providence Police Dept. on 11/14/69, complaining of potholes in the road. Further advised that subject and was subsequently charged with further advised that subject pleaded nolo contendere to this charge and was given 30 days probation.

On 4/26/74, an advertisement appeared in the Christian Science Monitor for Project Relief, an organization to aid the famined in Africa. Endorsing sponsors of this organization include LEONARD BERNSTEIN, SEN. EDWARD BROOKE, WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR., ET AL.

was listed as the director of this organization.
Contacts with appropriate security informants have revealed no information connecting subject with any revolutionary activities.

In view of the fact that no information has been developed indicating subject's involvement with any revolutionary activities, it appears that subject's name on the VVAW/WSO list is incorrect.

Investigation of subject has revealed no connection between the subject and any revolutionary activities. Therefore, Boston will conduct no further investigation into this matter.
Clerk, Office of the Registrar, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island.
Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
Service Unit - Room 6524
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Type of References Requested:
- Regular Request (Analytical Search)
- All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
- Subversive References Only
- Nonsubversive References Only
- Main References Only

Type of Search Requested:
- Restricted to Locality of
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- Buildup
- Variations

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Address

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: KANSAS CITY (132-16283) P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, 601 EAST 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MAY 17, 1974, IS CIVIL UNREST.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED MAY 17, 1974, THE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING, 601 EAST 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI WAS POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED UACR.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO); IS - VVAW/WSO

TO: SAC
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

MAY 23, 1974

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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Also insure that [REDACTED] division is advised code name of source.

[REDACTED] division telephone number for source to contact while in your division, in the event such contact is deemed necessary by source.

ELS: lm

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TELETYPET TO:

RE: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
    WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

CONFIDENTIAL

ALSO FURNISH RESULTS OF VVAW/WSO REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO
FBI HEADQUARTERS AND INTERESTED OFFICES BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION.

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NOTE:

CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)     DATE: 5/7/74

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-77703) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) IS

ReBu 0-1 dated 5/1/74, which is attached.

A review of captioned matter at Los Angeles indicates the Regional Office of the VVAW recently moved from the Los Angeles Division to the San Francisco Division at San Jose, California. As of 2/1/74, in the Los Angeles Division, there is currently the sub-regional office and what are termed by VVAW literature, seven Chapter Offices.

Los Angeles therefore will prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Bureau within 30 days.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
SAC, Los Angeles (100-77703) 5/17/74

Director, FBI (100-448092)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)

Bourlet 5/7/74.

Referenced letter stated that an LHM will be submitted to Headquarters within 30 days indicating the Regional Office of the VVAW moved from the Los Angeles Division to the San Francisco Division at San Jose, California.

Significant data of immediate interest may be submitted by LHM on an interim basis between reports. Headquarters desires that a report be submitted in this case in accordance with instructions contained in the Manual of Instructions (MOI), Section 87B, page 8.

NOTE:

In the Los Angeles Division there have been recent veterans protests and U. S. Senator Alan Cranston's office was occupied during 2/74. During 3/74, there was a planned "takeover" of the Federal Building in Los Angeles. At the VVAW/NWS National Steering Committee Meeting, 12/73, the California-Nevada Region reported that a local chapter was forming in Lompoc Federal Prison at Lompoc. In view of this activity, there is a need for a report in this case. MOI, Section 87B, states that, after initial report, reports should be submitted on a semianual basis. No report has been received from the Los Angeles Division concerning this matter.

MAILED 10
MAY 17 1974
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO); IS-VVAW/WSO; 00: CHICAGO

SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST,
ADVISED MAY 6, LAST, A HANDOUT WAS OBTAINED CALLING FOR
A VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION AT
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) HOSPITAL, WOOD, WIS., ON
MAY 17, 1974. MAYNARD ENOS, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL PROTECTION
AGENCY, FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., WHO WAS AT THE VA HOSPITAL
TO HANDLE THIS DEMONSTRATION, ADVISED INSTANT DATE 17
PEOPLE CONGREGATED ON FRONT LAWN OF VA HOSPITAL IN ORDER
TO DEMONSTRATE. THE GROUP WAS ADVISED BY ERNEST KENNINGER,
CHIEF OF HOSPITAL POLICE, DEMONSTRATION WOULD CONSTITUTE
VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 218, UNAUTHORIZED
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DEMONSTRATION OR SERVICE IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY OR ON
OTHER VA PROPERTY. THE GROUP WAS ADVISED IF THEY FAILED
TO DISBAND, THEY WOULD BE PUT UNDER CUSTODY. AT THIS
TIME, THE GROUP STARTED CHANTING AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
PLACED UNDER CUSTODY OF HOSPITAL POLICE WITH NO VIOLENCE
OR INCIDENT AND TRANSPORTED TO U.S. MARSHAL, MILWAUKEE,
BY PADDY WAGONS FURNISHED BY MIPD.

U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE, MILWAUKEE, ADVISED
INSTANT DATE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED AND NOT
FORMALLY CHARGED AS A COMPLAINT WAS NOT FORMALLY FILED
WITH THE USA'S OFFICE BY THE VA HOSPITAL POLICE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REMINITEL TO BUREAU, MAY 6, LAST; AND CHICAGO NITEL
TO BUREAU, MAY 10, LAST.

SOURCE IS MILWAUKEE WILL SUBMIT LHM REGARDING ACTIVITIES BEING
HELD MILWAUKEE, WIS., INSTANT DATE AND MAY 18, NEXT
END

MBT FBIHQ CLR
MR. 782 CI CODE

2:36 PM / MUSCLE MAY 19, 1974 CFP
TO DIRECTOR (169-449692) ATTN INTD
FROM CINCINNATI (169-19743) C 2P

AMNESTY MARCH AND RALLY SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) AND COMMITTEE
TO THROW THE BUM OUT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 18, 1974; SM - VVAW.

ON MAY 18, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ON THIS DATE,
APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN,
ASSEMBLED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL (VAM) ON
VINE STREET AT 9:30AM. INDIVIDUALS PICKETED HOSPITAL FOR
APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AND PROCEEDED TO MARCH TO ST. FRANCIS
CHURCH ON LIBERTY AND VINE STREETS WHERE THEY GAVE SPEECHES
AND GAVE OUT LEAFLETS. AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30, THEY PROCEEDED
DOWN VINE STREET TO FOUNTAIN SQUARE, CHEATING AND SINGING

END PAGE ONE

1-cc to VAM 7/10/74
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All information used
on or after 5-16-74 is classified 5-16-74 1:30 PM
AND PASSING OUT LEAFLETS ALONG THE WAY. ADDITIONAL SPEECHES
WERE MADE, GROUP DISPERSSED WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARRESTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE CINCINNATI NITFL TO BUREAU MAY 17, 1974.
CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT, US SECRET SERVICE, GENERAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA), POSTAL INSPECTOR, AND VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION ARE ALL AWARE.

SOURCE HEREIN IS [REDacted] 62
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED; UACB. 670

END

JXS FBI HQ CLR
Records: Autopsy in 165-184369-10 (RW/CI)

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TO DIRECTOR (162A-448392) ATTN: INT

FROM CINCINNATI (162-1974) P 5P

MAY 17, 1974

ATTN: VVAM ASO

TPC:

TELETYPE

ON MAY 16, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE VVAM AND
THE COMMITTEE TO THROW THE BUMB OUT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY
15, 1974. VVAM IS ACTING AS THE COORDINATING GROUP AND IS
ATTEMPTING TO ENLIST SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF
OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS. VVAM CHAPTERS FROM COLUMBUS
AND DAYTON, OHIO, ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. (162-19632-3674)

END PAGE ONE
THE VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAW IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS". ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE US. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAW/MSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAW/MSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

COMMITTEE TO THROW THE BUMB OUT IS A FRONT GROUP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

END PAGE TWO
THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) WAS FOUNDED IN EARLY 1968 AND IS A MILITANT, SEMI-CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION. ITS OBJECTIVES, AS SET OUT IN ITS PUBLICATIONS, ARE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNITED FRONT AGAINST IMPERIALISM, THE FOSTERING OF REVOLUTIONARY WORKING-CLASS UNITY AND LEADERSHIP IN STRUGGLE, AND THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNIST PARTY BASED ON MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT, LEADING TO THE OVETHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY FORCE AND VIOLENCE.

SOURCE FURNISHED A FLYER BEING DISTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS OF VVAW AND COMMITTEE TO THROW THE BUMB OUT, CALLING FOR AN AMNESTY ASSEMBLY, MARCH AND RALLY TO BEGIN AT 9:30AM MAY 18, 1974, AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL (VAH), CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND TO CONCLUDE AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE, AT 12:30PM, SAME DATE. FLYER STATES THAT ASSEMBLY IS TO MAKE NUMEROUS DEMANDS RANGING FROM AMNESTY TO ABOLISHING VETERAN DISCHARGES THAT ARE OTHER THAN HONORABLE TO THE REMOVAL OF NIXON FROM PUBLIC OFFICE.

END PAGE THREE
ON MAY 16, 1974, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THOSE
PARTICIPATING IN ASSEMBLY AND MARCH WILL BE PERMITTED TO
USE THE GROUNDS OF THE VAH, BUT WILL BE DIRECTED AWAY FROM THE
HOSPITAL, ITSELF. PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED IN THE
VAH, ITSELF, NOR ARE THEY BEING ALLOWED TO USE OF ANY
FACILITIES OTHER THAN THE CORDONED OFF AREA OF THE PARKING LOT.
SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE GROUP INTENDS TO MARCH FROM
THIS AREA TO FOUNTAIN SQUARE, IN DOWNTOWN, CINCINNATI, A DISTANCE
IN EXCESS OF THREE MILES.

NEITHER OF THE ABOVE SOURCES IS AWARE OF ANY PLANNED
VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING
DEMONSTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FIRST SOURCE IS

SECOND SOURCE IS MAURICE C. HITE, CHIEF OF POLICE, VETERANS

END PAGE FOUR
ADMISTRATION HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

SECRET SERVICE, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA), VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND CINCINNATI, OHIO PD, ALL CINCINNATI, OHIO, ARE AWARE OF DEMONSTRATION.

CINCINNATI FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

END
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATION

FEDERAL BUILDING, 601 E. 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MAY 17, 1974. IS CIVIL UNREST.


SOURCE ADVISED THE DEMONSTRATION IS TO CONSIST OF A GUERILLA THEATER AND LEAFLETTING WITH APPROXIMATELY 8 INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE. NO POLICE CONFRONTATIONS EXPECTED.

VVAV WAS FOUNDED IN THE SPRING OF 1970 BY YOUNG VIETNAM VETERANS IN NEW YORK CITY. VVAV MEMBERS HAVE LED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.
ADM CIRCTIVE. SOURCE IS LOSE SOURI PD, SECRET SERVICE AND FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE ADVISED.

KANSAS CITY WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT WITH SUMMARY TELETYPE.

END

RMS FBI WA DC OR CLR
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, TOKYO

DATE: April 19, 1974

SUBJECT: PACIFIC COUNSELING SERVICE (PCS)
IS (TOKfile 100-731) (P)
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
IS (TOKfile 100-448092)
 OO: CHICAGO

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG)
IS - C
(TOKfile 100-7321)
OO: NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau, Albany, Chicago, Columbia, Newark, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Washington Field are 31 copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "Activities in Japan of Activists of Pacific Counseling Service (PCS), Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), and National Lawyers Guild (NLG),"

31 - Bureau (Enc. 31)
2 - Albany
2 - Chicago (VVAW/WSO)
2 - Columbia
2 - Newark
2 - New York (NLG)
2 - Pittsburgh
4 - San Francisco (PCS)
2 - Washington Field
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

Tokyo (1-100-721) (1-100-1005) (1-105-5374) (1-109-894)
(1-100-1183) (1-100-1235) (1-100-1262) (1-100-1216)
(1-100-1237) (1-100-1215) (1-100-1236)

RNB: RAR
(42) ENCLOSED
dated as above, reporting the activity of anti-military dissidents in the Far East.

Albany is requested to attempt to identify (LNU) and to furnish Tokyo any available background, including propensity for violence, in form suitable for dissemination.

The letterhead memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect sources and techniques of non-identified source page.
NON-SYMBOLIZED SOURCE PAGE

This U. S. Naval Investigative Service Office, Yokosuka, Japan.
ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN OF ACTIVISTS OF PACIFIC CONSULTING SERVICE (PCS), VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), AND NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG)

On April 17, 1974, a confidential source abroad, advised that during the period of April 4 - 8, 1974, a series of meetings were held in Tokyo and Yokosuka, Japan, by representatives of the New People's House (NPH), Okinawa, the New People's Center (NPC), Yokosuka, Japan, Semper-Fi House (SFH), Iwakuni, Japan, and the San Francisco Collective, San Francisco, California. NPH, NPC, and SFH serve as local headquarters for PCS, VVAW/WSO, and NLG. The San Francisco Collective is an amalgamation of dissident and anti-military organizations in San Francisco, California, responsible for recruiting and training activists for staffing and for financially supporting civilian dissident movements in the Far East.

The following persons were present at the various meetings:

(San Francisco Collective)
RE: ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN OF ACTIVISTS OF PCS, VVAW/KSC AND YLC

(all)

(New People's House - Okinawa)
(Semper-Fi House - Iwakuni)
(New People's Center - Yokosuka)

(LNU) - a U.S. citizen from Ithaca, New York, claims to be graduated from Cornell University in 1972 and was active in student movement at Cornell in late 1960s and early 1970s.

The meetings discussed recruitment, fund raising, etc., but no details are known. It was also mentioned that [redacted] and [redacted] will go to Okinawa from Yokosuka in April to act as defense counsel in a court-martial.

The meetings are described as being more radical than usual, probably due to the presence of [redacted], a visitor from the San Francisco Collective.
MESSAGE RELAY

Date: 5/17/74

Transmit in CODE (plaintext or code) via teletype the attached PRIORITY (precedence) message.

FROM: Director, FBI

TO:

RUEADWW/ ☐ The President
RUEADWW/ ☐ The Vice President
☐ Att.: ____________________________
RUEADWW/ ☐ White House Situation Room
☐ Att.: ____________________________
RUEHOC/ ☐ Secretary of State
RUEAIA/ ☐ Director, CIA
RUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Indications Center
RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the Army
RUEBGFA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
RUEOLKN/ ☐ Naval Investigative Service
RUEADSS/ ☐ U.S. Secret Service (PID)
RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General (☐ By messenger)
RUEBWJA/ ☐ Deputy Attorney General (☐ By messenger)
RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
☐ and Internal Security Section
☐ and General Crimes Section
RUEBWJA/ ☐ Immigration & Naturalization Service
RUEOIAA/ ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))
RUEOGBA/ ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

100-446092-3676

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSA)

5/18/74

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Foreign Liaison Unit:
Route through for review
Cleared telephonically with __________________

5/17/74
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THE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING PASSERS BY, WAS BETWEEN 60 TO 70 PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM LEFT DURING THE SPEECHES WITH ABOUT 35 PEOPLE REMAINING TO LISTEN. THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES OR INCIDENTS. LHM FOLLOWS.

TO DIRECTOR
FROM BALTIMORE

RALLY AGAINST THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTERS, AT HOPKINS PLAZA, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. 5/18/74, IS - VVAW/WSO (00 BALTIMORE)

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SUBJECT RALLY COMMENCED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:10PM, 5/18/74 WITH COMBO ENTERTAINMENT IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO DRAW ATTENDANCE FROM THE PEOPLE WALKING IN AND ABOUT THE HOPKINS PLAZA AREA, WHICH LASTED UNTIL 1:00PM.

THERE WAS A VVAW/WSO SIGN WHICH LISTED THEIR FIVE DEMANDS AND THERE WERE FIVE SPEAKERS, EACH OF WHOM GAVE A SHORT TALK ON ONE OF THE DEMANDS: UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY, IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS TO END ALL AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS, INCREASED VA BENEFITS AND KICK NIXON OUT. THE SPEECHES ENDED AT 2:33PM, AND BY 2:15PM ALL HAD LEFT.

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THE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING PASSERS BY, WAS BETWEEN 60 TO 70 PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM LEFT DURING THE SPEECHES WITH ABOUT 35 PEOPLE REMAINING TO LISTEN. THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES OR INCIDENTS.
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO); IS - VVAV/WSO; 00: CHICAGO.

FIRST SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED ON MAY 18 LAST, CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION IS SPONSORING A RALLY AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING, MILWAUKEE, WIS., ON MAY 23, NEXT. APPROXIMATELY 20-30 EXPECTED TO ATTEND. NO DISRUPTION OR VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED.

DEMONSTRATION IS IN SUPPORT OF 16 PEOPLE WHO WERE ISSUED CITATIONS AS A RESULT OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) HOSPITAL, WOOD, WIS., ON MAY 17, LAST. CITATIONS REQUESTED APPEARANCE OF 16 BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE, 10:30A.M.,
MAY 23, NEXT. (C) U
SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN
PAST, CONFIRMED THE ABOVE ON MAY 18, LAST. (C) U
GSA SECURITY FORCE, SECRET SERVICE, MILWAUKEE, AND
LOCAL POLICE ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
SECOND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
MILWAUKEE WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

END

SLP FBI HQ CLR
DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK.
SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO), MAY 16, 1974; INTERNAL SECURITY - VVAV/WSO

RE BUREAU NITEL, MAY 15, 1974 AND NEW YORK TELCAL TO BUFFALO,
MAY 16, 1974.

REFERENCED BUREAU NITEL GRANTED AUTHORITY FOR TO ATTEND CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION. REFERENCED NITEL FURTHER INSTRUCTED
BUFFALO TO FURNISH NEW YORK WITH SOURCE'S CODE NAME AND NEW YORK
TO FURNISH BUFFALO NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACTING AGENT.

THIS HANDLED BY REFERENCED NEW YORK TELCAL, MAY 16, TO BUFFALO.
SOURCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
CONTACTING AGENT AND INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT SHOULD ANY PLANS.

END PAGE ONE

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A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST

HAS BEEN ADVISED ON MAY 16, 1974 THAT DEMONSTRATION WAS POORLY ORGANIZED BY REGIONAL COORDINATORS.

SOURCE ANTICIPATES 15 TO 20 VVAV/WSO MEMBERS FROM BUFFALO WILL TRAVEL TO DEMONSTRATION AND GOOD SUPPORT SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER. SUPPORT BY REMAINING CHAPTERS IN THE NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION EXPECTED TO BE POOR.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 18, 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- At 12:00 Noon, Assembly at "Buffalo Soldier Field" Near West Point
- 1:00 P.M., March through U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- 2:00 p.m., Rally at Highland Falls, New York; 5:00 p.m., Picnic

Which is anticipated to be located on the farm of Ted Lee, a member of Mid-Hudson Chapter of VVAV/WSO.

Upon Source's return, Buffalo will deliver Source in accordance with SAC letter to...
NR 005 BU CODE
8:12 PM NITEL MAY 16, 1974 JRB
TO: DIRECTOR
NEW YORK
FROM: BUFFALO (100-23034) 2P
ATTENTION: INTD

DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK,
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16 MAY 1974
FOR VIOLATION OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITY TO ARISE DURING DEMONSTRATION,
CONTACT WILL BE MADE ONLY IF SECURE CONDITIONS EXIST.

FOR INFO OF NEW YORK SOURCE ADVISED ON MAY 16, 1974 THAT
DEMONSTRATION VERY POORLY ORGANIZED BY REGIONAL COORDINATORS.
SOURCE ANTICIPATED 15 TO 20 VVAW/WSO MEMBERS FROM BUFFALO WILL
TRAVEL TO DEMONSTRATION AND GOOD SUPPORT SHOULD BE OBTAINED
FROM NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER. SUPPORT BY REMAINING CHAPTERS IN
NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY Region EXPECTED TO BE POOR.
ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 18, 1974 ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

AT 12:00 NOON ASSEMBLY AT "BUFFALO SOLDIER FIELD" NEAR WEST
POINT; 1:00 P.M. MARCH THROUGH U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT;
2:00 P.M. RALLY AT HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK; 5:00 P.M. PICNIC
WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE LOCATED ON THE FARM OF
MEMBER OF MID-HUDSON CHAPTER OF VVAW/WSO.

UPON SOURCE'S RETURN, BUFFALO WILL DEBRIEF SOURCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SAC LETTER 72-3.

END
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

ALWAYS

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

(PRIMARY)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-443092)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-15674) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAV/WSO)
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
(NSCC), MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
4/11-15/74
16 - VVAV/WSO

OO: Chicago

Re Milwaukee nitel to Bureau dated 4/16/74.

2-Bureau (Enc. 10) (AM-RM)
2-Albany (AM-RM) (Enc. 2)
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2-Chicago (AM-RM) (100-50772) (Enc. 3)
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1. "National Office Report"
2. "Outline of Amnesty Demonstrations"
4. "The Counter-Spy Campaign"

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Washington, D. C., stated he was a Marxist-Leninist;

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
U.S. Imperialism -- On the Offensive

U.S. Imperialism has been continuing in its blatant subversion and military involvement in the third world. We must consistently be aware of its moves and counter them at every turn.

The war in Indochina is continuing. Over the past year, we have the perfect example of its veracity when we look at the more than 50,000 dead, 200,000 political prisoners in South Vietnam. Also, the U.S. has continued in its military and economic aid to Thieu in Saigon (more than $2 billion).

In Cambodia, the U.S. continued to be the main prop of the puppets in Phnom Penh, has used U.S. forces against the liberated zones of Cambodia, and has even stationed U.S. troops off the coast of Cambodia for possible invasion.

In Korea, we see the continued stationing of 45,000 U.S. troops and the direct blocking of peaceful reunification. At the same time, the U.S. government has been intensifying military tension between South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea -- tension which could lead to a new war.

In the Phillipines, U.S. special forces have been carrying out counter-insurgency actions against the New People's Army. But at the same time, over 25 special forces have been killed, and two Phantom jets shot down by liberation forces.

The continued presence of the 7th Fleet, along with military bases and troops in Taiwan (an integral part of China) and Guam -- this along with the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty which constitutes the ever present possibility of U.S. involvement in a "hot spot."

In Africa, the U.S. continued to support the Portuguese colonialists in their suppression of the African people in their struggle for liberation from early colonialism.

In Latin America, the U.S. government has toppled the people's attempts to kick U.S. businesses out of their countries, supports corrupt dictatorships and robs the people of their natural resources.

All in all, the U.S. situation dictates continued action for an end to U.S. involvement in Asia, Africa and Latin America. We must continue our fight to smash U.S. imperialism.

BUILD VVAW/WSO!
BUILD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT!
END U.S. AGGRESSION ABROAD AND AT HOME!!!!!!
UNITY - STRUGGLE - VICTORY!
COLLECTIVE REPORT

The National Collective operates on a collective decision-making basis. This does not mean that everything we do is talked about by each member of the collective, for otherwise we would never get anything done. Rather, the collective lays down its own internal policy guidelines and makes decisions on major questions. The general day-to-day work is then handled by specific members of the collective who are assigned to a certain area of responsibility -- i.e. we operate on the principle of division of labor. When regions or chapters need information on a specific area of responsibility, they should try and speak with the designated member of the National Collective for that area. To facilitate this, we have listed below the primary responsibilities of each member of the National Collective:

**BRIAN ADAMS -- AMNESTY, EXTERNAL LIAISON**

**RICH BANGERT -- VETERANS AFFAIRS, RESEARCH, COUNTY FAIR, SPEAKERS BUREAU, PRESS, G.I.s**

**ED DAMATO -- INTERNAL LIAISON, AMNESTY, G.I.s**

**BARRY ROMO -- EXTERNAL LIAISON, WINTER SOLDIER**

**SAM SCHORR -- FUND RAISING, FINANCIAL BOOKS, INCORPORATION, MATERIAL SALES**

**MARLA WATSON -- INTERNAL LIAISON, PRISONS, WOMEN, OFFICE MANAGER**

UNITY - STRUGGLE - VICTORY

BUILD VVAW/WSO
Before preparing this report, we carefully reread the internal report presented at the Antioch NSCM. In that report, we discussed various tendencies that existed in the organization, as well as the areas of strengths and weaknesses that are the mark of VVAW/WSO. During the first four months of 1974, we have seen that some of the tendencies mentioned in the last report have lessened, while others have intensified. The struggles against individualism, rumor-mongering, defeatism, disunity through unprincipled criticism, and organizational diffusionism still exist, particularly the last two. We do not expect these tendencies to disappear overnight, but we feel it important to point them out again in the hope that we can all re-evaluate our roles in combatting these weaknesses within the organization. The question to ask is, have we recognized these tendencies in ourselves, and if so, then how can we begin to struggle against them? Individual growth, chapter growth, regional and national growth and the building of the anti-imperialist movement hinge on the willingness to struggle and learn from our mistakes and our practice.

Also in the previous internal report, we discussed the growth of VVAW/WSO in certain areas and the lessening of activity in other areas. Since that report, we have seen continued growth in the regions of Ohio, New York and California. In addition to the continued development of these regions, we have observed that other regions have joined their ranks. Since the last NSCM, we have noticed the increasing strength of the Colorado and Maryland/Virginia/Washington, D.C. regions. In each of these cases, we find that the work of the regional offices was the decisive factor in these regions' development. It must be pointed out that the work of these regional offices owed itself to the fact that chapters encouraged the strengthening of the regional offices and thus, unity in the region began to develop much more quickly. Also, in building an organization -- either citywide, statewide or nationally -- we have seen that an exchange of political discussion and programmatic work is the key. Individually, it is difficult to fully grasp the importance of events, the proper planning of outreach and the political direction of our work; but when an exchange of ideas takes place, we can learn from each other, recognize our strengths and weaknesses and re-evaluate our work much more effectively. This is occurring in the above listed regions.

However, the work of the organization is not limited to just these five regions. We find that elsewhere in the country, chapters are struggling to find a course and a perspective in which to carry on the building of the anti-imperialist movement through VVAW/WSO. Two chapters, in particular, that are doing this are Milwaukee and Chicago. The Milwaukee chapter is extremely strong, and though the Chicago chapter has recently been involved in internal struggles, Chicago's strength is building. Both of these chapters have the potential for building an incredible amount of unity and viable, on-going work. There is a problem, however, in that both chapters are singular in their regions. This does not necessarily mean stagnation in the regions because both chapters recognize the importance of building their respective regions and are at varying levels in seeing that this type of work is carried out. We expect that in the near future, both chapters will be well on their way to getting their regions organized.
Other areas around the country also have their problems. Some areas such as Massachusetts/Vermont/New Hampshire/Maine, Delaware/E. Pennsylvania, Great Plains, and Florida have good activity going on, but it does not seem to be as consistent or coordinated with the same level of unity as exists in some of the stronger regions. The above listed regions vary in strength, with some sustaining a higher level of activity than others, but the same trend exists in each of them—a lack of real unity in work between chapters, and the inability of the regional offices (for one reason or another) to see that chapter work is better coordinated and made more cohesive. This is particularly true in the Florida region where incredible internal hassles are still going on. We would again encourage the Florida region to struggle with their problems, while keeping in mind the over-all goal of VVAW/WSO work.

Other regions are at a very low level of activity, and some regions simply do not exist. Louisiana and Connecticut/Rhode Island should definitely be classified as "defunct," since VVAW/WSO does not exist in these areas at all. We have discussed these areas with Alabama/Mississippi/Tennessee and New York/N. New Jersey, and both regions have expressed a willingness to handle the mail from these inactive areas. New York has expressed that they are able to attach Connecticut/Rhode Island to their region and we would strongly suggest that this be done. Other areas that are basically defunct are New Mexico/Arizona and Idaho/Montana. These areas may have to remain separate for the simple reason that there is not a strong, adjacent region to annex them to which would be capable of taking on this extra work at this time.

Regions such as Texas and Washington have chapters involved in active work, but the regional offices are either non-existent or functioning at a very low level. This type of situation forces a sort of isolation upon the existing chapters and also prohibits growth in other parts of the region where VVAW/WSO does not exist. This situation is very unfortunate and we would suggest that chapters in these regions establish their own system of communication (both between chapters and national) so that the regions can continue to grow. As the chapters become stronger, then one of them could take on the responsibility of functioning as the regional office.

Other problem areas include E. Missouri/S. Illinois and Alabama/Mississippi/Tennessee. The problem in these areas is that regional work has become stagnated and the work in these two areas is confined to one city/town. There is no real strategy for building their regional organization, thus, the organization has become "ingrown" to a large extent. This is particularly strange in the Alabama region where only a month ago, the Bogue Chitto chapter was energetic about getting a region back together and was doing good outreach into other parts of the state. This energy has since waned and regional development has again become stagnant. As far as the situation in North and South Carolina is concerned, there is little to report on. There is a regional office which is doing some good work and trying hard, but organizing efforts have borne little fruit. The situation in the Carolinas is very sketchy at the moment, though there are some dedicated people in the region.

This is our perception of the work and problems of the regions and it is based on the correspondence we have received from the various chapters and regional offices. Generally, we feel that what is needed is good people to work in these pro-
biem areas; people who are able to recognize what work needs to be done in order to build the organization and the anti-imperialist movement. VVAV/WSO cannot grow if we maintain a disunited, in-grown, isolationist attitude towards our work. We would strongly recommend that the organization, and particularly these problem areas, try to understand that alone and isolated, chapters will fall apart. Being part of an international organization means that we cannot work in a vacuum; in order to maintain and build the organization, we must accept the fact that we all make up our organization and we must not continue to react to our own feelings. We must approach our work with a positive attitude and with the goals of VVAV/WSO constantly in the forefront of our minds.

Internationally, we have seen the continued growth of the London chapters and the further development of the Japan chapters -- particularly in their relating to VVAV/WSO as an organization. We feel that it is time for these chapters to have some say as to what course the organization will follow. Owing to the distance and unavailability of their locations, this presents somewhat of a problem, but it is a problem which must be resolved if we are to consider them a viable part of the organization.

Over the past years, a major stress of each NSCM was discussions and resolutions calling for an increase in intra-organizational communications. During the past several months, we have finally begun to see this becoming a reality. The level and quality of correspondence from the chapters to this office has increased measureably. In addition, various requests made from this office have illicited the response of chapters across the country. This has shown that the organization is beginning to come to grasp the importance of good communication and responding to requests which help us gather information. We think that this development is excellent and hope to see it continue. This of course does not mean that we can rest on our laurels and not strive to improve (in certain areas such as monthly amnesty and prison reports, there is much room for improvement), but the basic fact is that there has been a marked increase in communication and we must continue to build this vital link in the organization.

One unfortunate situation that has arisen from this increased volume of mail is the fact that we, in the national office, have sometimes become back-logged with work. Because of this, we are finding it more difficult to correspond with those regions that do not communicate with us. We would like to be in a position to write to these chapters (to go more on the offensive) and find out what the problems are in these areas and discover why the organization is faltering. We have not written to the defunct regions in some cases, and this failure may be part of the overall reasons why these regions have withered away. In the future, we will strive to make sure that contact of some sort is again initiated with these areas. The office is not in a position to send coordinators to these areas for visits, so it remains that the only link with weak areas is through the mail or telephone.

In general, we have seen the organization continue to build during the past four months throughout the country. We seem to be reaching a period of stabilization. Those regions that were building in strength over the past year remain viable. Those regions with weak leadership and little sustained activity remain the
same also. A clear line is being drawn between success in organizing and failure. The reasons for this diversification in the uneven development show clearly in the attitudes and political outlooks of the people in the region. Where politics is in command the region grows; where lack of political direction is found, the regions flounder.

We strongly hope that these perceptions are taken seriously so that we can begin to recognize our strengths and weaknesses and deal with them accordingly, enabling us to continue to build VVAW/WSO and the anti-imperialist movement.

DEFUNCT REGIONS PROPOSAL

Included in the Internal Report is a summary of the perceptions of the National Office on the varying levels of regional organization. We feel that the time has come to realistically ascertain just what constitutes a region and just how that should be reflected in the voting procedures of the organization. The following guidelines, we feel, are equitable and should be adopted at this meeting.

A REGION
1. Communication with the National Office
2. Day to day work based on the objectives of the organization
3. Contacts in other parts of the region capable of forming chapters

A REGIONAL ORGANIZING CONTACT
1. A person or an unorganized group of people unable to meet the requirements listed above, in an area of the country apart from an organized region.

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS
1. Chapters outside the United States doing day to day work and communicating with the National Office.

VOTING PROCEDURES
1. Regions have five votes
2. Regional Organizing Contacts have one vote
3. International Chapters have one vote each

There are presently four international chapters in Okinawa, Yokosuka, Iwakuni, Japan, and London, England. There are presently four regions that do not meet the regional criteria. They are Connecticut/Rhode Island, New Mexico/Arizona, Idaho/Montana, and Louisiana. A Regional Organizing Contact would become a Region by presenting to the National Steering Committee an outline of the requirements of becoming a Region.
EXTERNAL REPORT

VVAW/WSO has continued to push forward in its efforts to unite with other progressive and revolutionary organizations. The fruit of this has been the developing of relations which allowed us to increase the effectiveness of the varied united actions around the anniversary of the Paris Peace Agreement, various anti-Nixon demonstrations, and support for our own actions on Vietnam Veterans Day.

As we have moved into these united actions, we have not lost either our independent, nor our anti-imperialist stance. We have continued to present a high level of politics rather than just reformism or moral outrage. This stance has not been lost either on the government, or on opportunist elements in the people’s movement which have sought to divert us away from our anti-imperialist direction.

The government attack has centered on FBI investigations and harassment, with particular emphasis on trying to tie the organization into the activities and structure of the Symbionese Liberation Army. This has resulted in numerous newspaper articles trying to connect us with the SLA, plus the arrest and indictment of one member, Bob Hood, on trumped-up charges in northern California. The government’s work has also resulted in a virtual blackout on our on-going activities in both the legitimate press and television. At the same time as VVAW/WSO is slandered and attacked, other organizations concerned with veterans work are pushed forward by the media, recognized by government officials and even encouraged and supported by other "progressive" organizations.

The emergence of an organization such as the American Veterans Movement is not, and should not be, surprising. Its existence can be laid: (1) directly at our feet due to both the opportunist elements in our organization (who pushed good people out due to elitism and inaction), and to certain opportunist persons who left VVAW/WSO to become "leaders" in their own organization; and (2) the line which basically separates vets from the rest of the people’s movement does not raise anti-imperialist demands and bases reliance on the government and its agencies to bring about change will always be pushed by the government and the people it represents.

Government reaction to this line can be seen in the amount of play given AVM as opposed to VVAW/WSO. For example, the AVM in Los Angeles took over Senator Cranston’s office with purely reformist demands. This action received national coverage. Donald Johnson, the head of the VA flew out twice to meet and discuss problems with them. Senator Cranston met with them, and Senator Kennedy flew from the east coast to meet with them. VVAW/WSO has been having actions around the VA before, during and after the Cranston office takeover. We have consistently put forward demands concerning the continued Indochina War, as well as veterans demands and yet, we barely get local coverage, let alone having the head of the VA come out and see us.
The reason for the publicity is not that AVM has a mass base, because the American Veterans Movement has none. But they do have the potential of diverting the righteous indignation of veterans from an anti-imperialist stand to a veterans reformist stand which plays into the hands of the ruling circles.

Regrettably, at the same time as the reactionaries push forward this type of opportunism, certain movement organizations have been pushing them forward also. We have the example of the Indochina Peace Campaign. IPC, which claims to only deal with issues directly involving Indochina and has on occasion refused to back or aid other organizations (i.e. refusal to issue support around the Karl Armstrong case, and even refusal to attend a press conference around the VVAW/WSO take-over of the Saigon Information Bureau in Washington, D.C.), has given wide coverage and publicity to the Cranston take-over and even provided its opportunistic leadership with speaking engagements.

At the same time as we increase our watchfulness around the activities of certain opportunistic and reformist groups, we must not let ourselves view the leadership in the same light as we view the membership. Honest people at the local level of these organizations must be united with, worked with and hopefully won to an anti-imperialist position.

Our position nationally in the movement as a whole has allowed us to unite with such diverse elements as the National Council of Churches on the right, to the Revolutionary Union and October League on the left. This work and this unity must continue.

Internationally, our contacts and relations have grown and strengthened. We have developed relations with people's groups in Korea, Cambodia, the African Liberation movement, Germany and Italy. As our work continues, we must constantly remember our internationalism along with our local work. We must constantly push forward the united effort of all progressive people in the United States for an end to U.S. imperialism.

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AMNESTY REPORT

Overall, VVAW/WSO's amnesty work looks exceptionally favorable. While it was only a little over a year ago that we really began doing serious work around the issue, today our program is well on the road to implementation. In the past year, we have adopted a unified national strategy -- in itself no small step forward -- and have moved on into putting it into actual practice through our DUPs and mass outreach programs. At present, DUPs are already functioning in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Long Beach, Denver, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Buffalo, New York City, Washington, DC and Miami. Plans for our national action in support of universal and unconditional amnesty in D.C. this July are well underway (see below), and it appears as though it will be a tremendous success. While our relationships with some of the groups working on amnesty have been a bit tenuous, by and large, we have established very cordial relationships with most of the groups in the amnesty movement. In particular, our relationships with a number of the Canadian exile groups have been exceptionally strong.

While the specifics of the national action this July will be discussed below, there are a few general statements regarding it that should be made first. It is absolutely essential that the entire organization makes a maximum effort to insure the total success of the July action in Washington. We should all be viewing it as our absolute, number-one priority. Politically, the action is vital to successfully put forth our concept of amnesty as an anti-imperialist issue -- one that the government and the establishment media have done all they can to fog. While we can read about case-by-case amnesty for Canadian draft resisters, just about nothing is ever said about the need for amnesty for badly discharged vets and a single-type discharge. We cannot allow veterans to be separated from the amnesty demand if it is going to have any political meaning at all. But correspondingly, we cannot allow opportunistic elements to cloud the call for amnesty by confusing the political, anti-imperialist reasoning behind why vets should receive an amnesty in the first place with mere pleas for reform in the VA and discharge system. If we do our work thoroughly, our July action can do a lot to insure the success of this. The only way our program will have a meaningful impact is to continue doing the necessary grassroots work of building a real community base for amnesty and at the same time, taking direct, massive action such as is planned for Washington to forcefully demand it.

In spite of the progress we have made, there are still a number of problems in regards to our work around amnesty that should be discussed:

(1). Paranoia about working with other groups -- In many ways, the National Office may have led to some overreaction on the part of the organization to the type of manipulation, etc., we discussed at the Yellow Springs NSCM of the amnesty movement. We criticize ourselves for allowing this to happen. While we still maintain the absolute necessity of knowing what the rules of the game are in this regard, we must also realize the need and importance of working with other honest groups. To a certain extent, attitudes created by the N.O.'s
description of certain groups active in amnesty work may have inhibited this by leaving the impression that all groups working on amnesty were similarly suspect. Not only is this incorrect, but it will drastically limit our effectiveness in doing our work, such as building support for our programs and actions. For example, with the July D.C. action, we will need to constantly build honest, principled alliances, coalitions and relationships with other groups for united work on the amnesty issue. We cannot allow ourselves to become isolated from the rest of the amnesty movement.

(2). Inadequate Communication with the National Office on Regional Amnesty Work -- At the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was decided that all regions and chapters doing consistent work on amnesty and discharge upgrading would send in monthly progress reports to the N.O. While a few regions and DUPs have been very conscientious about this, the majority have not. As a result, it's extremely difficult to make an accurate assessment of the progress, problems, etc. of our amnesty work. In terms of some of the discharge upgrading work that is being done, not only are we unsure of the manner in which it is implemented (how counseling proceeds, how cases are prepared, etc.), but it is difficult to ascertain which are full DUPs, which are basically referral services and so forth. If we are to continue to strengthen and expand the scope of our work, problems such as this will have to be resolved. If the monthly reports do not seem to be a good solution, perhaps a sort of monthly general questionnaire could be drafted by the amnesty/discharge upgrading workshop.

(3). The Case Against an "Independent Single-Type Discharge Movement" -- We feel perhaps the most serious error so far made in our amnesty work is around the question of a separate single-type discharge movement. This position has been repeatedly advocated by at least one chapter of VVAW/WSO (San Francisco) and should be thoroughly understood before it can lead to real mistakes in our work. We feel that it is not only an incorrect position, but one that holds potentially very adverse results for our overall strategy and amnesty campaign. As a result, it will be discussed here at some length.

We must realize that VVAW/WSO, as stated above, is not isolated from the rest of the movement. The idea of working around amnesty and discharges spread like wildfire across the country, and was picked up and promoted by a few organizations that represent the interests of those who objectively oppose the type of amnesty we are committed to. This concern was shared by the entire organization, who, when presented with the analysis of how the amnesty movement was shaping up on a national level, recognized the danger of losing the issue to money and the interest of those who objectively oppose a meaningful amnesty. As a result of this development, the organization recognized the fact that it had to firmly grasp the politics of the situation and "put politics in command."

It was decided that the organization would have to have a coherent, national strategy -- independent of the reactionary position being put forth by some "liberal" government officials, the mass media, and even groups who voiced "support" for universal and unconditional amnesty. Out of this understanding came our national strategy on amnesty as adopted by the Yellow Springs NSCM. Advocating
even less sense. In fact, it plays right into the hands of those that are precisely determined to see that an "independent" (i.e. apolitical and therefore, meaningless) single-type discharge movement is in fact formed. The last thing they would want is for VVAW/WSO to play an active, energetic role in developing a truly political campaign for universal and unconditional amnesty: a leadership in the amnesty movement under the banner of VVAW/WSO.

It would be incorrect for VVAW/WSO not to give leadership to the amnesty movement and the struggle for a single-type discharge. We are an organization with leadership experience and should be proud of it. To neglect to offer leadership is an abdication of responsibility; benefits those who oppose us, advocated continuing ineffectiveness, and denies our ability to learn from our past practice.

In describing the work of the S. F. DUP, the OCSTDN and their relationship to VVAW/WSO, Bad Paper News said that the DUP and the OCSTDN "have consistently received the support and invaluable participation of VVAW/WSO. Many of the project workers, supporters, and the less-than-honorably discharged veterans are members of VVAW/WSO. It is hoped that not only will this support continue but it will continue to grow." We feel that this type of reasoning, as well as anything else, highlights our disagreement with the call for an independent single-type discharge movement. We feel that we are not merely "giving support" but are, or should be, directly involved in organizing the movement for universal and unconditional amnesty: that those vets with less-than-honorable discharges should be directly organized into VVAW/WSO, an existing mass organization primarily based among G.I.s and veterans, without going through the unnecessary and incorrect steps needed to create yet another organization.

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NCUUA

The National Council for Universal and Unconditional Amnesty is beginning its second year in May. The Council had many difficulties during the first year in developing a program that can be worked on by all forces and political tendencies represented. At the most recent meeting, held in Washington D. C. at the beginning of March, a program was adopted that we feel is significant and well thought out. This program revolves around the personalization of the amnesty issue. It will focus on two individuals, Dick Bucklin, a deserter who returned from Sweden, was court-martialed, received a 15-month sentence and a dishonorable discharge; and Bob Johnson, a black Conscientious Objector who was sentenced to five years in jail for walking away from his alternative service. Between these two men, the categories of amnesty covered include: veterans with less-than-honorable discharges, military resisters, civilian resisters, and prisoners.

We feel that this program is one in which we as an organization can fully participate in, and one that should be worked on in all areas of the country; for these two cases in all their variety, speak directly to the issue of amnesty for all war resisters. We in the National Office strongly urge that the National Steering Committee vote to continue working in NCUUA during its second year.
the line of a separate single-type discharge organization for badly discharged vets, we feel flies directly in the face of this national strategy.

We will use as an illustration the experience of the S.F. DUP. There, a clear distinction was made between the DUP and VVAW/WSO, and yet another organizational structure was later set up, the Organizing Committee for a Single-Type Discharge Movement (OCSTDM). As described in the S.F. DUP newsletter, Bad Paper News, the development of this proceeded as follows: "For a time, the day to day work of building a movement for a single-type discharge was carried on by the local chapters of VVAW/WSO. Now...the day to day political work is being assumed, more and more, by the "Organizing Committee for A Single-Type Discharge Movement." The reasoning that led to this development, coupled with the repeated failures to identify the DUPs as part of VVAW/WSO, needlessly turns flip-flops to explain the role VVAW/WSO is playing in the amnesty movement and in setting up DUPs as an integral part of that movement. There is no need to do this. VVAW/WSO is a mass, anti-imperialist organization primarily based among G.I.'s and veterans. It is perfectly fitting that these badly discharged vets should enter VVAW/WSO directly to engage in the political struggle for amnesty and a single-type discharge.

We aren't an opportunistic group with a laundry list of front organizations. We are a mass organization. Why should we organize a separate, independent mass organization? If we followed this line of reasoning to its logical conclusion, we would have to set up separate organizations to deal with each of our objectives. That would be utter nonsense! A mass, anti-imperialist organization has no business setting up more organizations. It's duty is to organize people around, and into, the existing organization; in this case, VVAW/WSO. The appeal and effectiveness of VVAW/WSO, as one of the leading mass anti-imperialist organizations in this country, is not strengthened by assigning work around certain objectives to separate organizations. The appeal and effectiveness of our organization is strengthened by our practice. We fail to see the advantages to the anti-imperialist struggle by this line of reasoning.

We should and must be out front about who we are and what we are doing! We have no business being deceptive or manipulative. If a single-type discharge movement organization had already been in existence, perhaps all this would be different and we would need to work with what was an existing organization. This is not the case, however.

Perhaps even more to the point, our organizational strategy is not to build an independent single-type discharge movement. Doing so will inevitably cause some blunting and splitting of our organizational efforts. At the very least, it would create two needlessly separated, duplicated organizations. Secondly, our organization has no intention of organizing a single-type discharge movement on a national level: one mass organization has no reason to give birth to another mass organization. Given our understanding that any strategy for universal and unconditional amnesty and a single-type discharge should, and must, be a national strategy, the idea of building a separate independent single-type discharge organization makes...
AMNESTY REPORT

AMNESTY DEMONSTRATION

The National Action in Washington, D.C. will take place from July 1-4. The regional demonstrations will be occurring on the weekend of May 17-18. This means that the regional demonstrations will be occurring in about a month and the national demonstration will occur in less than three months. It is time to begin to get down to brass tacks and work to build both these demonstrations to insure their unqualified successes.

As was decided at the Yellow Springs NSCM, these two demonstrations would be seen as a national kickoff for sustained activity around the amnesty issue. In addition, the inseparable ties between the war in Indochina, and the kicking out of Nixon from office are to be included as part of our overall demands. (The last slogan, KICK NIXON OUT, was agreed to by all of the regions who let us know about their decisions after the proposed demand was published in the national newsletter). We cannot stress enough the importance of building these demonstrations and what it represents both to VVAV/WSO and the movement for universal and unconditional amnesty in the United States.

At the present time, each of the regions should be well into preparing for the regional demonstrations. This would entail (if people follow the guidelines drawn up by the National Office) an imaginative action at a VA facility, a public meeting, and a march and rally on Saturday, May 18th. If other plans have been adopted they too should be well underway. We feel that these regional demonstrations, if occurring on the same weekend, will add immeasureably to the building force of the July demonstration in Washington, D.C.

As for the Washington demonstration, plans are coming along fine. The Washington, D.C. region has begun the process of negotiating permits for the various sites listed in the outline, as well as march and campsite permits. We have obtained a lawyer who will help negotiate with us, and the Parks Department, who maintains jurisdiction over the sites. As it stands now, negotiations are proceeding smoothly, and we expect little or no problem with them.

Other areas are also well on their way to taking shape: obtaining speakers, assembling a logistics committee to work on the planning of the demonstration, developing leaflets, posters, stickers, etc.

The prime focus for the organization now is in building for the demonstration. The action will be coming at a crucial time; what with the development of a strong veterans movement, the chance of re-intervention in Indochina, and the recognition by the vast majority of Americans that the crook in the White House is about to get sent to the chair. It will be important during the next two and a half months to insure that these points (our demands for the demonstration) receive as wide a publicity as possible. This will be done in part by the regional demonstrations and part, in the overall activity of the chapters. Public meetings, speaking engagements, the selling of Winter Soldier, continued work around the VA and the dis-
charge upgrading projects, news releases, press conferences, etc., etc., are the
way in which to develop this consciousness. In addition, chapters should be soli-
citing the support of fraternal organizations in the hopes that the march and rally
on July 4th will be large and politically relevant.

The National Office will soon (within the next two weeks) have available to all
chapters in the country, posters for Coming to Washington, and stickers to be plas-
tered up from coast to coast. We are prepared to do up to 100,000 stickers and
approximately 50,000 easily pasteable newsprint posters for your use. We envision
every lamp-post in America with an advertisement for the demonstration. We see
even the Guru Maharaji shrinking from the sight of all his posters covered over
with politics. WE CAN DO IT!!

The demonstration will be as successful as we make it. It is up to each and
every one of us to insure maximum organizational participation as well as maximum
support from fraternal organizations who agree with the four demands. Again, in
closing, we will reiterate that the regional demonstrations will occur in a month
and the national demonstration will occur in two and a half months.

UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL WAR
RESISTERS!
A SINGLE-TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETS!

BUILD THE DEMONSTRATION!
BUILD VVAV/WSC!

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WINTER SOLDIER REPORT

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, the Steering Committee accepted the report
from the workshop on the newspaper that called for increased efforts at selling
and distributing the paper. From the looks of things, the paper is still incredibly
far from paying for itself. Last year, the paper cost us over $12,000 in expen-
ses, including bounced shipments. The pattern seems to be repeating itself this
year. We have already spent $4,000 in the first quarter of 1974 and costs are ris-
ing every month. We have already shelled out $115 for bounced shipments -- wast-
ed money. Throughout all of 1973, the National Office acquired a very few num-
ber of subscriptions, an absurd situation for a paper that gets out over the whole
country (25,000 copies a month). We again stress the need for members and chaps-
ters to develop their skills at selling the paper, trying to avoid just giving it away.
Subscriptions should be pushed in an effort to at least have the supplies for the pa-
paper paid for. If you are doing monthly, regional mailers with the paper, attempt
to get money for it. Finally, re-read the minutes from the last NSCM and GET
IT ON!!

SUPPORT YOUR NATIONAL NEWSPAPER!
BUILD VVAV/WSC!
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Also, Gary has been doing speaking gigs which have been set up by VVAW/WSO chapters. Thus far, Gary has spoken in the Ohio region and in Chicago and Milwaukee, as well as doing tours throughout the state of California. A speaking tour is being planned for New York, and other regions have expressed an interest in having Gary come to their communities. The trial is approaching so he won't be able to do much more speaking outside California, but the tours that have already been completed have been quite successful in many respects. Money has been raised for the defense, and perhaps more importantly, Gary has had the opportunity to take his case to people outside of Riverside. On top of this, several chapters have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Gary and this may stimulate those chapters to take an even greater interest in the trial and continue with their on-going educational work.

To those chapters and regions who did pick up the call to "get it on" around the Lawton/Gardner trial, we must say that the work which has been done in the past few months has been visible and positive. We hope this trend will continue until either the charges are dismissed or a victory has been won in Riverside. Work around the trial has been extremely good; let's try to make it even better in the months ahead. Remember that this is a National Project and should be worked on in every region. Responsibility to this Project has picked up a great deal, so keep up the good work.

FREEDOM FOR ONE IS NOT ENOUGH, FREE US ALL! SAY ON!

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There is not much new to report from the Political Prisoners Department, though information is still being gathered and we are keeping up on major trials going on around the country. If people need information on any of these trials, they should feel free to let us know and we can get the information to you. Thus far, the political prisoners information has not been utilized by the chapters and regions to the extent it could be, but that may be because chapters are mostly working around the trials that are consistently reported on in the Winter Soldier or in the newsletter. Just remember that the information is available in case you ever need it.

The Defense Committees that we have perhaps the closest relations with are the Attica Brothers and Wounded Knee. Also, we are naturally close to those cases in which VVAW/WSO is the primary defense organ -- such as Melvin X. Smith, Bob Hood, the Leavenworth Brothers; and of course, Lawton and Gardner. Also, there is the case of Ruchell Magee who is without a defense committee at this time, but he has recently informed Gary Lawton that VVAW/WSO and the Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee will be the only two organizations that he will allow to speak for him. Ruchell’s trial begins in late May, so it is doubtful that we will be able to do much in the way of getting a committee together at this late date. However, W.S. will be carrying stories on the developments in Ruchell’s trial and we will be in close contact with him and try to carry out his wishes to the best of our ability.

As for the most pressing cases that are now facing VVAW/WSO, only one will be reported on here -- the case of Lawton and Gardner. Reports on Bob Hood and the Leavenworth Brothers will be presented by the regions which are working on the cases.

LAWTON/GARDNER TRIAL

A representative from the RPPDC will be giving a more comprehensive report on the day-to-day developments of what has been going on recently, so this will mainly be a summing-up of the work that has gone on around this national project since the last NSCM. Apparently, at the last meeting the national organization began to take the Lawton/Gardner case with much more seriousness than has ever been done in the past. We can now say that regions and chapters are doing more consistent, on-going work around the trial than has ever been done before. Chapters are doing petitioning and leafletting campaigns and getting the word out to their communities regarding the trial. People responded very well to the call to get letters sent to the judge, DA, etc., demanding that the third trial be stopped and the charges dropped. According to Gary, Judge Hews has received approximately 5,000 letters and telegrams from people all over the country demanding that the frame-up be stopped. Not all of these came from VVAW/WSO members and friends, but we can assume that a large portion of them did come from the organization. This makes us think that chapters and regions are paying much closer attention to what is being put out in the newsletter and newspaper with regard to what actions to take around the trial.
grove workers have it as bad as grape vineyard workers. They have made a realistic assessment of their struggle and chosen the prime targets to work around, just as we have chosen a prime target within the amnesty movement -- badly-discharged veterans.

The key to victory is unity of work. If local UFW unions or organizing committees decided that they were going to boycott oranges instead of grapes and lettuce, the national campaign would soon fall apart. Likewise, if local chapters of VVAW/WSO choose to set up discharge upgrading projects without an amnesty perspective or anti-imperialist perspective; or if they just choose to ignore the importance of DUPs, then our national campaign will fail to be a campaign at all.

Another similarity between VVAW/WSO and the United Farmworkers is that we have tried to limit our national programs. We don't have a national program for each objective. Basically, we have three programs that all chapters can and should take part in: Distributing Winter Soldier, which is both an organizing and educational tool; Setting up discharge upgrading projects, which is also both for education and for organization; and organizing and educating around the continuing war in Indochina. These are currently our programs. In addition, we have national projects. The Lawton/Gardner case, Operation County Fair, support for the United Front of Cairo, PVS work, G.I. work, and now prison work are national projects which local chapters are expected to devote time to; but they are not, necessarily, ongoing programs.

Summary

As a mass, anti-imperialist organization, we are attempting to draw as many people as possible into our organization and into our movement. We should not be setting up separate mass organizations within our own mass organization; our structure and political points of unity already provide for the inclusion in our work of virtually all types of oppression and repression. Beginning with a base of veterans and GIs, we have progressed from a "movement" to an organization -- an organization that recognizes the need for all people in the United States to become involved in a unified campaign against imperialism. We recognized both the work of non-veterans as well as the crying need that it represented -- the need for a mass organization involving as many political outlooks as possible in our struggle to defeat United States imperialism.

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BUILD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT
Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

I'm writing this letter of support and greetings to the National Steering Committee because of my inability to attend this meeting.

For the past two years, I've had the privilege of serving in the National Office, representing the organization at national and international conferences, and learning from the experiences of the membership. In declining my nomination for a third term (see newsletter #19), I am not leaving the organization or its anti-imperialist work.

This is the first time, since we've initiated workshops at national meetings, that I will miss the Indochina ("Continuing War") workshop. The military and political situation is as volatile now as it was two years ago. The U.S. aggression that we were all part of is continuing, increasing, and expanding. True, there are no more American deaths, but these have merely been traded for Asian lives. We must, therefore, work for an implementation of the Paris Agreement, a complete end to Lon Nol and his lackeys, and the recognition of the PRG and GRUNK. The movement around these issues must be more than words. We must back our words with dedicated and sustained actions.

At the same time as we remember our international duty, our local work must continue and grow. In order to be real, we must fight against repression at home, as well as oppression abroad. We must continue to organize and agitate in the workplace and community if we are ever going to achieve final victory. This means speaking to the needs and aspirations of the people, without falling into reformism, liberalism, elitism or regionalism.

We must remember who the main enemy is, who represents the prison wall between the people and freedom. We have defined the enemy correctly as the system of imperialism and we must counter it and its allies.

Finally, I want to leave my love and faith in the National Collective. I have worked, struggled and grown with them and will continue to trust in them.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Washington, D.C. this July.

Victory to the freedom loving forces of the world!

Love in Struggle,

Barry
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San Bernardino, California 92405
This calls for constant struggle within the organization; it calls for the broadest possible outlook (within an anti-imperialist framework) so that we may organize and develop the respect of the greatest number of Americans; and it calls on us to push forward the type of international solidarity with oppressed people that was generated for the Indochinese people through the anti-war movement.

Union Vs. Confederation

From what we have discussed so far, VVAW/WSO has been, and should continue to be, a mass organization. To further define what we are, it is necessary to ask the question, "If we are not a cadre organization, does that mean that there should be no discipline within our organization?" Certainly not! As a mass organization, we can choose between two basic forms: Union and confederation (or fédération).

We will illustrate the two by way of the following comparison: The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is composed of independent unions. These unions are members of this federation for the purpose of offering mutual support to each other. The individual unions continue to direct and lead their own members and there is a minimal obligation to the federation.

To look at where VVAW/WSO stands, we should look at the anti-imperialist movement. For comparison's sake, let us assume that there is such an organization within the anti-imperialist movement called "The United Front Against Imperialism," since there are many groups in the U.S. that are fighting against U.S. imperialism. VVAW/WSO would have the same relationship to the "United Front" as a union would have to the AFL-CIO.

That is our relationship to others; but what should be our relationship internally? We believe it should be similar in form to a union. If VVAW/WSO was a confederation, our only common identity would be our name and a common enemy -- U.S. imperialism. Each local chapter would have its own objectives, its own strategy and tactics, and its own criteria for membership. There would be no similarity in programs from one chapter to the next, except by chance.

We believe that we can be most effective at this stage in the United States if VVAW/WSO continues to operate in a form similar to a union. When members join a union, or when a "local" forms and joins the national union, they do so in the understanding that the majority decisions are binding on all of the members and locals. In the struggle against U.S. imperialism from within the U.S., it is crucial that there is the greatest possible national unity and similarity of programs. A prime example of this necessity is illustrated by the struggle of the United Farmworkers Union. They have chosen several important contradictions that affect the farmworker and have organized campaigns around these points. These points are the condition of grape workers and the condition of the lettuce pickers. They haven't attempted to organize boycotts and strikes around all agricultural products, even though other agricultural workers such as orange
Through several Steering Committee meetings, the issue of what exactly is a mass organization and how VVAW/WSO fits that picture has come to a point where we can begin to define the issue. The collective also feels it necessary to comment on a tendency in the organization to limit its work, that is, to develop towards a cadre style of work. We see a basic difference between the two types of organization (mass vs. cadre), and we also feel that VVAW/WSO must remain a mass organization capable of uniting as many people as possible in the fight against U.S. imperialism, while at the same time not losing those members who think their politics have progressed "beyond" anti-imperialism, nor losing those members who do not take an anti-capitalist position and embrace socialism.

The main value of a mass organization is that it has the capacity to involve a broad spectrum of society. By putting forward principles of unity and offering people a chance to participate on a limited, as well as full-time basis, a mass organization seeks to draw as many people as possible into its movement. In our case, it is the anti-imperialist movement. A cadre organization is constantly at one level, much like an elevator with everyone getting on at one level and always moving together at the same level; a mass organization, on the other hand, is designed to continually involve people at many different levels, much like a moving escalator with many steps on it. VVAW/WSO, as a mass organization, is an escalator in the anti-imperialist movement, seeking to involve people at all levels of understanding of imperialism and offering members the opportunity to move around.

A bad tendency that often arises in a mass organization is that as more people begin to occupy a certain "step on the escalator," they will develop the urge to have everyone on that level move off and into an elevator that excludes everyone else; or they may want to impose their level of awareness on everyone else on the escalator. Instead, they should be moving on the steps -- helping those that just got on, as well as checking out those who have been on for awhile and are at a different level.

The organization, along with most progressive groups in the world, has put forward the idea that U.S. imperialism is one of the main enemies of the oppressed people of the world today. If we believe that U.S. imperialism is one of the main enemies of all oppressed people, then we must unite as many people together as possible to fight it, including liberals, small business owners, and of course, workers -- anyone who is opposed to wars of aggression and the system that leads to domestic oppression. This means that the socialist and the democrat can unite against wars like Indochina or the brutal suppression of the Attica Brothers. We think it would be wrong to demand that VVAW/WSO develop a complete world outlook for the whole membership to adhere to, as opposed to principles of unity or common objectives. It also means that as we develop a deeper understanding of the world and our fight against imperialism, we must develop ways to educate other members as to that understanding (through struggle and programs), not split from the organization because it will not adopt someone's new world outlook.
Another trend which recently made itself known is that the prisoners are asking for political leadership from VVAW/WSO. Not only do they ask for our opinions as to just about everything that is going on in the "outside world," but they are also asking for direction as to how they should approach and carry out their struggles in a political context. It has begun to hit home that the majority of organizations which are involved in prison work are not political organizations and are not politically organizing prisoners. VVAW/WSO seems to be one of the few political activist organizations which is working around prison struggles on a national level. We have to view this development with a great deal of seriousness because the way things are shaping up, it looks as though VVAW/WSO may be thrust into a prominent role in the spectrum of the politics of the prison movement. How this developed is not certain, but it is definitely developing and must be given a great deal of thought.

Regional interest in the prison project seems to be picking up, slowly but surely. When the Project was established, we decided that regions and chapters would work on this project to the extent that they had the time and energy, and this is pretty much what has happened (though in certain areas, energy seems to be picking up). However, there are some areas which are doing nothing around prisons, and unfortunately, it is in these areas where some of the "heaviest" prisons exist with a great many people interested in VVAW/WSO. We know of no way to alleviate this problem because we can't force people into taking an interest in something, so for the meantime, the Project Office will have to continue handling these prisons.

A problem which has arisen with regard to the project is that regions and chapters which are involved in prison work are not communicating the results of their work to the Project Office. We would like to maintain a "master list" of all the prisoners that the organization is working with, and we would also like to be in a position where we could make definitive judgments as to the overall progress of the project. We have asked regions numerous times to let us know what form their prison work is taking and the responses they receive from prisoners, but very few regions are passing this type of information on to the Project Office. We know that certain regions are doing a good deal of prison work, yet we never hear the details of that work. This lack of communication will have to be corrected if the Project Office is to serve any useful function and if the Project itself is to continue to grow. At this point, we cannot even adequately gather the kind of information that we need.

Another problem that has developed is that one region which is doing on-going prison support work has been approaching that work solely in the context of prison reforms, rather than raising the issues of the nature of the prison system itself and the interests that this system serves. This type of work should be guarded against. We do not condemn reforms and often we will be able to help prisoners struggle for the reforms they feel are necessary to make life somewhat more tolerable. However, if reforms is the only focus of our prison work, we will only be playing into the hands of the state and federal governments. On top of this, the prisoners do not want reforms -- they want freedom -- and view reforms as further programs of pacification used to keep them oppressed.

As stated earlier, these are just some of the trends, problems and successes that the Project Office has recently noticed. We hope to go into more detail as to the specifics of the project in the Prison Workshop, and the above is to be taken as a general description of the status of the Project and the developments which have occurred since the Yellow Springs NSCM.
This report will mainly deal with the status of our prison work at this time and some of the trends that seem to be developing as a result of our prison work. The specifics of prison project development will be gone into in the Prison Workshop, so this will be a general discussion of our perceptions as to what is going on in the prisons as it relates to VVAW/WSO. Our perspective as to what is happening in the prisons is somewhat limited for reasons that will be gone into later, but we do have good communication with many brothers and sisters in prisons and our perceptions and judgments must be based on our direct contacts.

Overall, the project is growing at a very rapid rate -- in fact, it is growing much more quickly than we ever expected (though we are not about to denounce progress). The Winter Soldier mailing list is now approximately 500 people strong, though the newspaper has been cut off from a few prisons since the last NSCM. We are working on the fact that W.S. is not being allowed into certain prisons and will keep people posted on this. Since the last NSCM, we have made "inroads" into many prisons that we previously had no contact with. We are somewhat amazed at how quickly the word of VVAW/WSO spreads from one prison to another, but apparently, the fact that VVAW/WSO exists is traveling very rapidly. We are now mailing to approximately 80 prisons and have some sort of correspondence going with the majority of them. Also, the number of people interested in VVAW/WSO in each of these prisons is also growing rapidly, so the number of people we are in contact with inside each prison is also increasing.

One aspect of the prison work which is very positive and which seems to have increased since the last NSCM is that the prisoners are beginning to relate much more heavily to VVAW/WSO than they ever did before. This means that they are relating to the organization itself, rather than the individuals in it. They are very interested in the work we are doing -- not only the work we are doing around prisons, but our anti-imperialist work in general. They are excited about our demonstrations and actions and seem to be following the mass work of the organization very closely. Winter Soldier is being widely read in the prisons and passed around a great deal. Responses to the newspaper from the prisoners has been nothing other than very positive. What this plays out to is that the prisoners are taking a real interest in VVAW/WSO and nearly everyone we have had direct contact with has expressed an interest in joining the organization. Thus, our prison membership is on the rise (a steep rise) as is the number of people who are interested in getting chapters together in their prisons. Chapters are continuing to form and are relating very heavily to the national organization. Along with this, an organizational pride is developing among the prisoners and they are telling other brothers and sisters about VVAW/WSO and encouraging them to join. People have continually expressed that the basic reasons for joining are: (1) they wish to be a part of a national organization which is political in nature, and (2) they feel that membership and the formation of chapters builds a feeling of unity within the prison because all VVAW/WSO members have something in common to relate to, and from which to build a foundation on which resistance to prison conditions and their oppression will be more effective.
BUILD VVAW-WSO
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate

January 1974

(formerly Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community)
1973 will be remembered as the year that brought to light "White House Horrors" and open political compromise of the American Intelligence Community and Criminal Justice System. It was also the beginning year of the first organized effort to focus public effort to restrain further development of technofascism - the societal form described by George Orwell in his prophetic novel 1984.

In February 1973, three people in Washington, D.C. began to implement their ideas of a Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community (CARIC). Simultaneously, a New York based organization, the Fifth Estate, began cross country travel to organize a communications network among individuals concerned with the role of the Intelligence Community in a democratic society.

In January 1974, CARIC and the Fifth Estate formed an umbrella organization to further the common goals of both groups. The new organization, The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, was created to develop ideas and programs to create a Fifth Estate of campus and community based research/action groups decentralized but united to investigate United States Intelligence and secret government operations and to resist technofascism.

We will do this through research, educational activities, litigation and campaigns to focus the effort of the American Public. Our philosophy is as follows:
STOP THE SPYING

Only a full and undisguised look into the hidden world of secret
government operations can displace unwarranted fears of reaction by Big
Brother and guide the public effort to end illegal and unjustified spying.

END CLAUSTROPHILIC INTERVENTION

History shows that clandestine intervention by our government into
the sovereign affairs of other countries has only created an image for us
as "Ugly Americans" and has not improved our national security. Before
the foreign clandestine operations of the CIA and other agencies involve
us in another national catastrophe, such as the Bay of Pigs or the Indochina
War, these operations must be exposed, restrained, terminated and prevented
from reoccurring in the future.

END DOMESTIC REPRESSION

History also demonstrates that our government's foreign policies and
practices often come home to become domestic policies and practices.
Individuals and agencies long accustomed to clandestine espionage on a
global scale will implement similar activities here at home if the political
atmosphere allows them to do so. The repressive activities of the intel-
ligence community must be fully exposed and terminated by the American
people.

END EXCESSIVE SECRECY

Foreign and domestic espionage operates in a world of secrecy.
This atmosphere of government secrecy is what will surely usher in
technofascism. A atmosphere of government openness and citizen access must be created in America if we are to maintain our status as free citizens in a democratic society.

There must be greater citizens access to advanced technology if that technology is to be used for the benefit of all humanity instead of being used to rain destruction on smaller nations and to fill dossiers on our families, friends, and neighbors.
CARIC ACTIVITIES - CALENDAR YEAR 1973

The first year for CARIC was a year of experimentation to develop the analysis and organizing vehicles necessary to accomplish the goal of preventing the further development of technofascism. CARIC first came to public attention in March, 1973, when CARIC members turned over the results of an independent investigation of the connections between the George Washington University College Republicans and the Committee to Re-Elect the President's spy network.

CARIC's investigation showed that Ted Brill, the President of the GWU College Republicans, had been a paid agent of CREEP under the direction of CREEP's Youth Director Kenneth Rietz. Brill was assigned to spy on the pacifist vigil outside the White House and once attempted to arrange the arrest of the other participants on drug charges.

As a result of CARIC's work, Mr. Brill was exposed in a front page story of the March 10, 1973 Washington Post. Since Mr. Brill's salary was never reported by CREEP officials, the Special Grand Jury has been presented with evidence that could lead to further indictments of CREEP officers.

In April 1973, CARIC consulted with the British corporation, Granada Television, Inc., on the production of two films, one on Watergate and the other on the status of political prisoners in South Vietnam. Both were broadcast on World In Action, the most widely viewed documentary news program in the United Kingdom. The program on political prisoners, A Question of Torture, has now been released as a film and is available from the Intelligence Documentation Center.
President Nixon nominated William Egan Colby to serve as Director of Central Intelligence in mid-May, 1973. CARIC responded to Colby's nomination by preparing a Fact Sheet on Colby and publicly denounced him as "the most heinous architect of mass murder since Adolph Eichman" for his (Colby's) role in the Phoenix assassination program in South Vietnam.

When Colby's nomination came before the Senate Armed Forces Committee, CARIC convinced the Armed Services Committee to hear opposition witnesses. The hearings, unprecedented for such an official, heard seven opposition witnesses, including Bart Osborn and David Harrington on behalf of CARIC.


The exposing of Ms. Kolego preceded the voluntary uncovering of Mr. Robert Merrit, another informant for the FBI and District of Columbia Police Department. Within eight days of the Kolego uncovering, D.C. police Captain George Sutter, acting director of the Intelligence Division, told the Washington Post that his entire intelligence gathering network had been paralyzed by the incidents.

Throughout the summer and fall of 1973, CARIC worked with Jim Dubro and Bill McAdams of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on a documentary special entitled The Fifth Estate. The film was shown by the Canadian
Broadcasting Corporation on January 9, 1974. The film immediately sparked a debate in Canadian Parliament on the role of the U.S. Intelligence Community in Canada and for its revelation of secret Canadian Intelligence operations and organizations.

While the work concerning Ted Brill, William Colby, and Ann Kolego were highlights of CARIC's year, most time was spent on the routine tasks of compiling files for a data base, liaison with individuals and organizations and discussions on future directions and activities. During the year CARIC consulted with all the major television networks as well as journalists from major newspapers and wire services, such as the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Washington Post, Washington Star-News, New York Times, and United Press International. Our effort resulted in several magazine articles on intelligence in publications such as The New Republic. CARIC also produced information and analysis which were distributed by major radio networks and the alternative press.

During the year CARIC also provided litigation assistance to cases we believed to be in accordance with our goals and philosophy. Memorandums on the FBI intelligence programs, analysis of domestic intelligence operations, and background investigations of informants were prepared for several political cases. Among these cases were U.S. vs Briggs et. al. (The Gainesville Eight), Socialist Workers Party et. al. vs the Attorney General et. al., Higgs et. al. vs Colby et. al., and U.S. vs Armstrong.
During the year CARIC also published three issues of a bulletin (COUNTER-SPY) and seven issues of a newsletter (INTELLIGENCE REPORT). These publications examined such issues as the FBI's use of right-wing paramilitary groups in Southern California, the CIA assassination program in South Vietnam, the American Intelligence Community's private war with Kordom Sihanouk, the U.S. involvement in the Chilean coup, and the efforts by the FBI to neutralize the New Left in this country.

For CARIC, 1973 has been a year of experimentation which produced the analysis and organizing vehicles necessary to further the accomplishment of our goals.
The Intelligence Documentation Center was established to provide a research center and library on American intelligence. Information held in the IDC is available to journalists, researchers, scholars, and any concerned citizen investigating American intelligence.

The IDC is currently located in Room 523A of the Dupont Circle Building in Washington, D.C.. One full-time staff person supervises a team of volunteers who continually collect, catalog and store information on intelligence. The majority of the information in the IDC's files is from government publications, national and international news services, past investigative efforts, and first hand interviews with former intelligence workers.

Aside from answering queries from journalists and researchers, the IDC has been called upon to provide information to members and committees of Congress. While the IDC does not support or lobby for specific legislation, its staff does assist Congressional aides and elected representatives with information upon request.

Starting with no books or records in February 1973, the IDC has now eclipsed the Library of Congress's section on Intelligence. The IDC now contains over 400 volumes of material and over 500 active files.
The primary activity of the Fifth Estate in calendar year 1973 was to send author Norman Mailer on a speaking tour of the nation's campuses. During this tour the Fifth Estate made contact with approximately 150 student organizers interested in developing the Fifth Estate. The following is excerpted from a newsletter sent by the Fifth Estate to those contacts.

"In the course of twenty lectures at different colleges and universities in the month of October, I began to talk seriously about the Fifth Estate at perhaps the last ten schools. If you attended these lectures, remember, I tried to emphasize the difficulties, and did my best to put down any interest which would be superficial since I felt the very notion of a Fifth Estate had sinister extensions. To attempt to proselytize too quickly, to build a campus movement without proper preparation, to whip up a quick interest which one could not fulfill because of lack of organizational ground, all seemed to me good and sufficient reasons to point out the difficulties rather than the advantages of a Fifth Estate.

I confess I was also curious to see what kind of response there would be if it was presented against the grain, presented against all the criticism offered by all of you and myself as well. The returns were interesting. About 150 people wanted to receive the newsletter, which is an average of 15 people to a campus, not bad. Particularly, if these
15 people on each campus represent what I have in mind, which is a cadre ready to develop skills and not altogether isolated from that most difficult of modern notions, a sense of reality to a group engaged in politically unique activity whose demands eventually could be far-reaching. You will also remember that my notion of a Fifth Estate was that it should be various. I thought it ought to have groups and cadres of all sorts, take on different coloration at each campus, each of the campus cadres in fact to be autonomous, accepting guidance if they desired it from a parent or umbrella organization, and yet still capable of functioning on their own. It seemed to me that if the idea worked we might be able to call eventually upon skills so varied as high technological competence with computers, able even to track down some of the more hidden if massive economic movements of the last twenty years through student and faculty economists in order to determine whether the Invisible Government, for example, is working in massive ways on its own clandestine funds. This of course is just one example of a highly developed technological activity we might eventually be able to set up as a campus project.

But I foresee other types of action altogether different, including campus groups of CIA scenario interpreters, a modern society, if you will, of Baker Street irregulars who might hardly do much more than sit around and discuss some of the various theories and possible crimes of our recent history and the relation of the Invisible Government to these capers.
What I was looking for was an idea sufficiently wide to attract every kind of talent on campus which was concerned with these questions, and yet be a movement which was good enough, and incisive enough to keep and develop one's loyalties.

When the tour was over, I felt the idea had life and would work. I felt a political vacuum was there to be filled. I also felt there was one near-to-insuperable problem. Between the conception of such a movement and that point where it might begin to function purposefully after a year or two of development, there seemed nothing at the center but myself, and I knew that that could not work well since I was obliged on the one hand to earn a living and could not begin to give real and full time to such a project, and on the other hand had the gravest questions about my own talents as an organizer. If we think of the idea as a ship, we can continue this newly minted metaphor by saying that if we were ready to sail, we were nonetheless beached on the unmitigable rock of my own special local incompetence in organizational matters.

The exciting news I promised therefore is that I think a few of us have discovered a way to get around this difficulty. There's been an organization in the field for the last two years called CARIC. (The Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community.) I met with the three organizers of CARIC, Winslow Peck, Bart Osborn and Tim Butz, while spending time this summer in Washington on Watergate,
had conversations with them, and further conversations in late November
during the Georgetown Seminar of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations,
and now thought on the basis of studying their literature and their pos-
sibilities that the time had come to pool our resources. This was also
agreeable to CARIC, and the unification of forces has begun.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Norman Mailer announced today that his New York group, The Fifth
Estate, was uniting with the Washington, D.C. based Committee for Action/
Research on the Intelligence Community (CARIC). The alliance of CARIC
and the Fifth Estate will be called the Organizing Committee for a Fifth
Estate, and will develop ideas and programs for a citizen's based
Fifth Estate of regional and local, campus and community groups which will
seek to prevent that vision of George Orwell in his prophetic novel 1984
from becoming the social and political reality of America.

The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, a non-profit, non-partisan
endeavor will sponsor two resource groups in Washington, D.C. to serve the
development of the Fifth Estate.

The Intelligence Documentation Center is a library of information on
U.S. Intelligence and secret government operations available to journalists,
researchers, scholars, and concerned citizens.

The Counter-Spy Campaign is preparing an organizing manual and other
materials to focus on a public effort to combat technofascism -- the
societal form described by Orwell.
"Big Brother may be watching us, but now the Fifth Estate will be watching Big Brother", said Mr. Tim Butz, one of the three full-time coordinators of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate.

Citizens wishing more information may contact the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, P.O. Box 647, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044."
PROSPECTUS FOR 1974

In-From-The-Cold Hearings

The In-From-The-Cold Hearings are tentatively scheduled for early Fall 1974, shortly after Congress reconvenes. The hearings had been scheduled earlier for 1973 by CARIC, but financial limitations precluded staff from traveling to investigate the testimony of prospective witnesses. Approximately thirty individuals have been cleared for testifying at the hearings. Currently two days of testimony are planned, but it is possible that a third day will be added to the scenario as time passes.

The In-From-The-Cold Hearings will be an educational project of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate. The hearings will focus on American intervention abroad, domestic repression in this country and the effects of secrecy on the individual's personality and lifestyle. Testimony from former intelligence workers, scholars, and those who have been victimized by secret operations will be featured. For more information contact Mr. Tim Butz, In-From-The-Cold Hearings coordinator.

Intelligence Documentation Center

The IDC hopes to receive enough funding in 1974 to hire a full-time library scientist to facilitate growth of the IDC. In addition to refining existing storage and retrieval methods, the new staff person would cross-train other IDC staff in library science.

The IDC is an established institution among members of the Washington Press Corps. With the unification of CARIC with the Fifth Estate, the IDC has become an independent organization sponsored by the Organizing Committee.
Although independent the IDC will serve as a national information source for the developing Fifth Estate. We are incorporating the IDC as a library and are seeking 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. This status should help us to raise the funds necessary in 1974 for the growth of the IDC. The projected growth of information in the IDC by the end of 1974 is at least 150% of current material. For further information contact Mr. Bart Osborn, Director.

Counter-Spy Campaign

The Counter-Spy Campaign was established as a separate organization sponsored by the Organizing Committee to facilitate the development of the Fifth Estate. The Counter-Spy Campaign located in the Dupont Circle Building, utilizes the facilities of the Intelligence Documentation Center, located next door, to prepare educational materials, analysis and organizational tools.

One staff member of the Counter-Spy Campaign coordinates an Internal Security Watch Group of concerned citizens monitoring and analyzing the domestic programs of the intelligence community and the criminal justice agencies. In the past year the ISWG has formulated the action strategies of the CARIC's projects on internal security.

Another full-time staff member coordinates the Intervention Watch Group, composed of concerned citizens examining the intervention policies of our government. The IWG has coordinated the activities of CARIC opposed to clandestine intervention.
Due to lack of funding we have been unable to initiate organizing a Secrecy Watch Group or Technology Watch Group but we hope to do so later in calendar year 1974.

During calendar year 1974, the emphasis of the Organizing Committee and of the Counter-Spy Campaign will be on structure-building rather than personal research or direct action. As a result the Counter-Spy Campaign will not be responding to crises and events to the same degree as CARIC did in 1973. Our Watch Groups will continue to function but with less emphasis and time spent on specific projects. The projects of these Watch Groups will be re-energized later in the year as additional funding is secured.

The Counter-Spy Campaign is producing organizing tools for the developing Fifth Estate. An organizing manual is in production and will be published by Summer. The manual will provide the basic information for the establishment of local organizations within the Fifth Estate to study and work on terminating experiments with technofascism in their areas of the country. The manual will cover organizing techniques for both campus and community based organizations; research methodologies and action strategies to accomplish the goal of the Fifth Estate.

The Counter-Spy Campaign will also continue to develop the multimedia project began by CARIC. Currently a display on pacification in Vietnam and the Phoenix program is available for display by campus and civic groups. A slide show presentation on the development of technofascism will be available late in the Summer of 1974.
The Counter-Spy Campaign also recognizes the need for a journal of research, analysis and opinion on government operations similar to CARIC's Counter-Spy. This publication is temporarily discontinued until additional funding is secured. This will allow more time for the staff of the Counter-Spy Campaign and the Organizing Committee to complete the 1974 goal of structure building. Those who subscribed to CARIC publications will continue to receive all publications of the Counter-Spy Campaign.

With the addition of new staff in April 1974, the Counter-Spy Campaign will begin publishing a monthly four-page, tabloid size, free, mass-distributed newspaper called INTELLIGENCE REPORT to serve as the nationwide mass organ of the Fifth Estate. The first three pages of the INTELLIGENCE REPORT will cover national and international news and will be prepared by the staff of the Counter-Spy Campaign. The fourth page will be reserved for use by local groups of the Fifth Estate. The Counter-Spy Campaign will mail galleys of the first three pages to local organizers who will be encouraged to publish and distribute the INTELLIGENCE REPORT locally. The INTELLIGENCE REPORT can be used by them to organize their local group in the Fifth Estate. As more funding is secured by the Counter-Spy Campaign we will expand production of the local Washington, D.C. issue of INTELLIGENCE REPORT for use in organizing the Fifth Estate on the D.C. campuses in the 1974-75 school year.

Later in 1974, the Counter-Spy Campaign will initiate writing of the Whole Spy Catalog, if funding is secured. This will serve as a research tool and citizen's access guide to secret government operations.
Along with the organizing manual, the Whole S. Y. Catalog will be an essential working tool for the developing Fifth Estate. For more information contact Winslow Peck.

Advisory Board

Shortly after the unification of CARIC and the Fifth Estate and the establishment of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, the organizing Committee began building an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of major critics of government operations and individuals with particular knowledge of United States intelligence.

The Advisory Board’s role is to provide, when requested, guidance and advice on specific operations of the Fifth Estate. Advisor’s donate their time and advice with compensation or remuneration.

Although the viewpoints of our advisors may be contradictory on specific topics, we believe these differences of opinion will only broaden the perspective of the developing Fifth Estate. All publications will carry the disclaimer that they do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints or opinions of advisors, sponsors, or associates.

For more information contact Mr. Winslow Peck.

Citizens for a Fifth Estate

Along with our advisors, many prominent national and local figures have expressed their sponsorship of our activities. Those persons who were either sponsors of CARIC or subscribers to CARIC publications may become Citizens for a Fifth Estate by contacting the Organizing Committee.
A partial listing of Citizens for a Fifth Estate as well as the developing Advisory Board will soon be reflected in the stationary of the Organizing Committee as well as future publications. Citizens for a Fifth Estate will receive copies of all publications of the Counter-Spy Campaign and the Organizing Committee.

Speakers Bureau

The Organizing Committee also maintains a Speakers Bureau of individuals available for speaking before campus, civic, church or community groups. These individuals are familiar with United States Intelligence, secret operations and/or the concept of the Fifth Estate. These people include members of the Organizing Committee and other former intelligence workers. We are happy to announce that Norman Mailer has joined our Speakers Bureau, donating his honoraria to the building of the Fifth Estate. For more information contact Mr. Winslow Peck.

Comments/Self-Criticism

The functions described in the 1973 Annual Report will continue and expand during the coming year due to our emphasis on structure building rather than personal research. The primary setback to operations in the past year has been our serious financial limitations. A long-term analysis of financing is now being formulated by the Organizing Committee. Our hope is to develop a plan for funding all our projects and adding additional staff as needed.

Again due to the financial limitations of 1973 we have over-extended ourselves in several directions. As a result you will notice in this
report not only reorganization for 1974 reflecting our new emphasis but also a restructuring of priorities especially in the area of publications. Most notably our journal will be appearing on an unscheduled basis. Our desire is eventually, with adequate funding and new staff, to produce this quarterly. We can not do so now.

1973 was a good year; a year that marked the beginning of an historically unprecedented effort to educate and focus the public's resistance to the development of technofascism in America.

1974 will not only be a year of growth and structure building for the Organizing Committee, the IDC and the Counter-Spy campaign but also for many other similar groups across the country. These groups taking the ideas presented in our soon-to-be published organizing manual and the other ideas we will produce will begin to build their local organizations.

It is this development of a network of research and action organizations which will be the Fifth Estate. We do not believe that this development will be easy for those already engaged in this development or those who will come along later. It will take great effort to fulfill our goals. But the interest shown in the work of CARIC and the Fifth Estate convinces us that we will succeed.
STATUS REPORT: 1973 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR

THE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION/RESEARCH ON THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A FIFTH ESTATE

Timothy Butz. 26, served with Air Force reconnaissance units in Vietnam and Germany. He attended Kent State University in 1969-1970, leaving Kent State to work full time for Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He is the former Project Manager of Project Air War (Indochina Resource Center) and has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the effects of Indochina bombing.

K. Berton Osborn. 29, served for three years with U.S. Army Military Intelligence, and later as a consultant to Agent Motivation Problems for the Central Intelligence Agency's Phoenix Program. He is a graduate of the American University School of International Service and has testified before the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Winslow Peck. 27, after joining the Air Force in 1966 served for nearly four years as an analyst for the National Security Agency in Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. After separation, he joined the anti-war movement working in various capacities of research, logistics, negotiation and planning for local and national anti-war activities. He has written and contributed to several major articles on United States Intelligence.

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At the Antioch National Steering Committee Meeting, the body passed a resolution calling for the organization to conduct regional demonstrations which would help build for the national demonstration in Washington DC. The following is a proposal drafted by the National Office Collective in accordance with the decision of the NSC.

REGIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Dates: May 17-18, (Friday and Saturday)
Reason: These dates would occur approximately four weeks after the NSCM in Milwaukee and approximately six weeks prior to the National demonstration. It would allow enough time to plan for both successfully.

Scenario: Friday, May 17 - Imaginative actions around the VA offices.
Demand would be Single Type Discharge for All Vets and those listed in the VA Workshop Report - Dec '73.
Friday Night - Public meetings, focusing on all categories of amnesty and the VA actions of the day. Would be used to build for Sat.
Saturday, May 18 - March and Rally - Demands would be the same as the January 26-27 demonstrations: Implement the Agreements/End all Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for All War Resisters; Kick Nixon Out. This march and rally would focus on all categories of amnesty, as opposed to the Friday actions which would focus on veterans. It would also serve to unite as many organizations as possible under the three demands.

These actions on May 17-18 would serve to focus on the upcoming demonstration in Washington DC. It would also allow chapters and regions to gauge what kind of support they have in the community prior to building for the Washington demonstration.

WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION

Dates: July 1-4, (Monday to Thursday)
Reasons: It would allow people three days travel time to Washington and three days back. Governmental offices would be open from the 1-3 of July. The demonstration would build for a culmination on July 4th. This is the one week of the year where most students would be off, and where many factories are closed, insuring as large a turnout as possible for the organizing

Slogans: Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for All War Resisters
Single Type Discharge for All Veterans
Implement the Agreements/End All Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol
Kick Nixon Out

(The first three demands were chosen at the NSCM. We feel that the last demand should have been included and need a straw vote on this to add it.)
What with the climate in the country now for kicking him out of office it would be senseless to omit this from our demands. Let us know soon.

Decent benefits for all veterans
Scenario: Monday, July 1 - Registering and setting up camp; visits to local VA hospital; leafletting, posterin, etc.

Tuesday, July 2 - Morning: Action at VA Office
   Afternoon: Action at White House - (Kick Nixon Out)
   Evening: Campsite Cultural Events
   Indoor educational event to discuss veterans and amnesty

Wednesday, July 3 - Morning: Justice Department - UUA and an End to Repression
   Afternoon: Action at Capitol Building, (End War, etc.)
   Evening: Campsite Cultural Events
   Indoor Educational - War in Indochina

Thursday, July 4 - 11AM: March from Lincoln Memorial to Wash. Mon.
   NOON: Rally with music and several speakers

Various other actions such as at the Discharge Review Boards, the Saigon and Cambodian embassies would have to be researched to the feasibility of having them and could be added to the scenario later. The 2nd and 3rd actions would build for the march and rally on July 4th. These actions would focus on VVAW/WSO whereas the march and rally could invite all organizations that agreed to the four demands of the entire scenario. The educational in the evening could include booths set up by regions and chapters that are working on specific projects, as was done at the Gainesville demonstration with much success. The major demonstrations would occur in the morning and would allow for, hopefully, good press coverage.

Demonstration Logistics Committee: This committee would be composed of people selected by the National Office Collective in accordance with the NSC proposal. These people would be responsible for procuring the needed equipment and supplies and would not constitute the leadership of the demonstration which would be led by the National Office Collective and the Regional Representatives.

Finances: A Budget will be drawn up by the National Office. Regions and chapters would be expected to provide financial assistance.

Logistics: A list of necessary equipment will be drawn up in the future.

Speakers: A speaker's list will be drawn up and the various individuals will be contacted by the National Office.

Legal Assistance/Medical: Will be firmed up in the future.

Washington DC Chapter: Will provide assistance to the DLC.

Building: Each chapter and region will be expected to build for the demonstration by the regional actions and individual projects and demonstrations. Chapters should utilize press contacts and try and obtain radio and TV spots if possible. Leafletting, posterin and stickering are encouraged. The National Office will utilize the WINTER SOLDIER and the newsletter to put out information about the demonstration. A Poster will be printed as well as a handout.
July 1st in D.C. during the period of July 1 through July 4, 1974, the U.S. National Parks Service estimated that 1,500,000 people will visit the annual Folk Life Festival on the Washington Mall Grounds. The Folk Life Festival is a combination of displays, exhibits, and live cultural events designed to reflect the "melting pot" of America. Because of the large number of tourists visiting Washington during this period, certain logistical problems will have to be solved, such as centralized parking, security, etc.

Medical support for the demonstration will be assembled from the existing resources in the D.C. area. D.C. has developed a standardized and adequate para-medical system for demonstrations in past years. VVAW/WSO medics should contact the Demonstration Logistics Committee in advance of coming to D.C. for the purpose of pre-registering medics and providing the DLC with an advance estimate of available medical personnel.

Day care is already in motion. A VVAW/WSO brother in D.C. is the head of a large day care center centrally located within the city. He is investigating the possibility of opening the center for the entire period of the action.

Creature comforts, such as toilets, showers, and water will probably be provided by the government. In addition, we have asked for several large tents for medical, cooking, and administrative purposes.

Campsight, our old "home" from Operation Dewey Canyon III, is now under negotiation with the government (see workshop report). For those not familiar with the sight, it is flat ground with a number of large shade trees bordering the edge. Unfortunately, there is a serious problem with centralized parking in the area. The DLC and Washington D.C. people will work on providing a secure, centralized parking facility for the demonstration period.

Security, as in the past, will be everybody's collective responsibility. With the large number of tourists added to the traditional FLY's (Foot Loose Youth) who flock to D.C. for the July 4th weekend, extra caution must be exercised to protect both organizational and "personal" property from theft. During DC III, this was not handled well and resulted in large numbers of sleeping bags, packs, and suitcases being stolen. The exact details of security will be worked out by the DLC, but people should be aware that nothing of value should be brought unless you plan to carry it with you at all times.

The Folk Life festival draws large press from across the country. Our demonstration will add to that festival by raising issues and historical analysis the government tries to cover up. We can expect a large number of "tourists" to visit our campsight and talk to VVAW/WSO members. Our positive attitude towards our organization, our work, and our goals can broaden our base among the People and BUILD VVAW/WSO.

Until the DLC opens a separate Logistics office, all inquiries should be addressed to either the National Office or to the D.C. Regional Office, 521B St. NE, Washington D.C. 20002.
THE COUNTER-SPY CAMPAIGN

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IN HIS PROPHECIC novel 1984, George Orwell envisioned a society governed by an omnipotent force spying on its own citizens while engaging in clandestine foreign wars against unseen enemies. The activities of this government force were shrouded in secrecy and reinforced by advanced technology capable of not only maintaining that secrecy, but also probing into every aspect of citizen activity. The events of the past years in America prove that this force—commonly called technofascism—is not just a romantic nightmare of Orwell but rather is fast becoming the social and political reality of our nation.

From the White House horrors to the Military Intelligence spying upon private citizens and elected officials; from Federal data banks to electronic bugs and wiretaps; from campaign "dirty tricks" to the secret histories of the Indochina War; from undercover agents to massive invasion of personal privacy and other gross violation of Constitutionally guaranteed liberties, all Americans can now understand that our society is becoming obsessed by Orwell's vision. The time is long overdue for citizens to join together to resist the further development of this society of Big Brother. Such an effort is the Counter-Spy Campaign.

The Counter-Spy Campaign is designed to locate, train, and organize those citizens who have the courage and strength to dedicate their lives and their resources to changing the current direction of our government and nation. We are looking for those individuals with research or organizing abilities to join the Counter-Spy Team. Our hope is to weld Counter-Spies into groups forming a nationwide alternative intelligence community—a Fifth Estate—serving as a force to focus a public effort towards altering the present course our government is now taking towards a technofascist society.

The philosophy of the Counter-Spy Campaign and the Fifth Estate is summarized in the following goals:

Stop the Spying

Only a full and undisguised look into the hidden world of secret government operations can displace unwarranted fears of reaction by Big Brother and guide the public effort to end illegal and unjustified spying.

End Clandestine Intervention

History shows that clandestine intervention by our government into the sovereign affairs of other countries has only created an image for us as "Ugly Americans" and has not improved our national security. Before the foreign clandestine operations of the CIA and other agencies involve us in another national catastrophe, such as the Bay of Pigs or the Indochina War, these operations must be exposed, restrained, terminated, and prevented from reoccurring in the future.
End Domestic Repression

History also demonstrates that our government's foreign policies and practices often come home to bite us in our domestic policies and practices. Individuals and agencies long accustomed to clandestine espionage on a global scale will implement similar activities here at home if the political atmosphere allows them to do so. The repressive activities of the intelligence community must be fully exposed and terminated by the American people.

End Excessive Secrecy

Foreign and domestic espionage operates in a world of secrecy. This atmosphere of government secrecy is what will surely usher in technofascism. An atmosphere of government openness and citizen access must be created in America if we are to maintain our status as free citizens in a democratic society.

There must be greater citizen's access to advanced technology if that technology is to be used for the benefit of all humanity instead of being used to rain destruction on smaller nations and to fill dossiers on our families, friends, and neighbors.

End Technological Hegemony

In our effort to create this Fifth Estate, the Counter-Spy Campaign is developing organizing tools, research guides, communication vehicles and other materials which local Counter-Spies can use to develop autonomous research/activist groups within the Fifth Estate. These tools include an organizing manual, buttons, pamphlets, brochures, and internal newsletters. Eventually, as the Counter-Spy Campaign grows, audio-visual aids and an in-depth research guide will be developed.

In addition, the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, which sponsors the Counter-Spy Campaign, maintains a Speakers Bureau of citizens familiar with the Fifth Estate and the Intelligence Community. The Campaign has also developed an Intervention Watch Group and an Internal Security Watch Group to keep the Fifth Estate and Counter-Spies informed of government operations in these areas of concern. In the future, a Secrecy Watch Group and a Technology Watch Group will be developed to investigate methods by which facts are hidden from the people and modern technology misused for repressive purposes.

WE CAN PREVENT THE ORWELLIAN SOCIETY FROM BECOMING A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REALITY, BUT ONLY WITH YOUR HELP. JOIN THE COUNTER-SPY TEAM.
If you are a community activist, student, or otherwise interested in becoming a COUNTER SPY, contact us for more information. We will send you organizing materials which will help you to establish an autonomous research/action group on your campus or in your community.

If you are a concerned citizen who wishes to help build the Fifth Estate in ways other than becoming a full-time organizer, you also can help by bringing members of the Fifth Estate to speak in your community, civic, church, or professional group.

Contact us for more information on what you can do to prepare yourself, your family, and your friends for resistance to the Orwellian Society of technofascism. Join the Counter-Spy Team and help to build the Fifth Estate.

☐ I am a student or community activist interested in forming a Counter-Spy Team in my area. Please send me more information on the Counter-Spy Campaign and the developing Fifth Estate. My specific area of interest is _______________________________.

☐ I am a concerned citizen interested in preventing technofascism—the Orwellian Society. Please send me more information on how I can help.

☐ Enclosed find my donation of $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ or $ ________ to help develop the Fifth Estate and keep the Counter-Spy Campaign alive.

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Please make all checks payable to the Counter-Spy Campaign. The Counter-Spy Campaign is a project of the ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A FIFTH ESTATE. Address all correspondence to:

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To: FBI Headquarters
   [ ] FBI Field Division,

From: NAVAL SERV, Code 290

Regarding FBI [ ] report [ ] memorandum dated (month, day, year) 5/8/74 at (city, state) Milwaukee, Wisconsin concerning (title - not necessary if file number is shown)

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Copies of airtel and LFM furnished to all offices in view of possible protest activities and/or demonstrations at Veterans Administration facilities throughout the country on May 17-18, 1974, and July 1-4, 1974. All offices should alert sources regarding these activities.

This investigation is based on information which indicates that captioned organization is engaged in activities which could involve violations of Title 18, U. S. Code 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage) and 2101 (Anti-riot Laws).
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 8, 1974

The VVAW was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. Since that time VVAW leaders have told members the VVAW is a revolutionary group, not "just another group of war veterans." Also, the membership has been told the VVAW has been asked to cooperate on an international level with many organizations, including communist and Maoist groups. Additionally, it was indicated that "anti-imperialist groups" consider the VVAW a potent organization of similar stature in the U.S. In April, 1973, the group changed their name to VVAW/WSO so that non-veterans could become members. Current VVAW/WSO national officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate their membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine.
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Time and Site of NSCM

advised that the 12th VVAW/WSO NSCM was held at St. Michael's Community School, 1437 North 24th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from April 11-15, 1974. Active VVAW/WSO chapters were previously notified of the NSCM by Milwaukee. Upon arrival the delegates were instructed to either report to Milwaukee Chapter Headquarters, 2532 North Holton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or St. Michael's Community School. Delegates started to arrive for the NSCM on April 11, 1974.

estimated that between 60-85 delegates were in attendance at this meeting.

Agenda

provided the agenda for the NSCM which is set forth below:

Friday, April 12, 1974

9:00 a.m. Meeting will be called to order
Announcements and logistical questions
Information packets to be handed out by chair,
including parliamentary rules, Regional Round Robins, etc.
Seating and introduction of delegates

9:25 a.m. Approval of Agenda/Questions on Parliamentary Rules
Workshop blanks filled out

9:55 a.m. National Office Report
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10:25 a.m. National Project Reports
            NOSCAM
            Post Vietnam Syndrome Clearinghouse
            Operation County Fair
            Lawton/Gardner Trial
            Cairo

11:25 a.m. Election of National Officers
            Sam Schorr
            Pete Zastrow
            Questions - if wanted

12:00     Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Old business
            Affiliation with NCUUA

2:00 p.m.  Workshops - suggested
            Amnesty
            Veterans Administration
            In-Plant

6:00 p.m.  Dinner

7:00 p.m.  Continuation of Workshops

9:00 p.m.  Adjourn

Saturday, April 13, 1974

9:00 a.m.  Meeting will be called to order

9:00 a.m. -
12:00 noon  Workshops - suggested
            GI Organizing
            Indo-China
            Winter Soldier
            National Defense Committee
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1:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Workshops - suggested
                 Mass Organizations
                 Death Drugs
                 Objectives
                 Prison

6:00 p.m.  Dinner

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Continuation of Workshops

9:00 p.m.  Adjourn

Sunday, April 14, 1974

9:00 a.m.  Meeting will be called to order
           Workshop Reports

12:00  Lunch

1:00 p.m.  More Workshop Reports

6:00 p.m.  Dinner

7:00 p.m.  More Workshop Reports

9:00 p.m.  Adjourn

Monday, April 15, 1974

9:00 a.m.  Meeting will be called to order
           New business
           Northern Illinois/Iowa Funding Proposal
           Wisconsin/Minnesota County Fair Proposal
           Nominations for National Office
            Word Changes of the VVAW/WSO Solidarity Son

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[Rules of Order] (8)
obtained a handout which set forth information and procedures to be followed during the NSCM, which is as follows:

In view of past NSCM's, it was decided that a standardized, simplified form of procedural rules were necessary. The following rules of procedure were accepted:

A. Duties of the Chairman

1. Recognizing delegates who want to speak
2. Rules on acceptability, legitimacy and precedence of motions
3. Restates motions and may call for a vote
4. Maintains order
5. May intercede in debates to clarify situation
6. May vote if qualified
7. May call for or suggest motions or seconds
8. May set time limits for debating

B. Points of Privilege and Order (Not to be used for debating purposes and those attempting to do so will be "out of order" by the chair)

1. Privilege
   a. Information - A simple request for information about subject under discussion
   b. Personal safety or comfort - if something is happening which needs immediate attention
   c. Personal Privilege - right to protest libelous or insulting statements about oneself in a preceding debate or use to correct previous quotes or statements

2. Points of Order
   a. Ask that time limit be followed
   b. Ask that agenda be followed
   c. Ask that rules of order be followed
C. Refer Policy

1. Any motion which may be discussed in a workshop should be referred to the workshop for discussion in order to save time.

D. Amending

1. Any motion or report can be amended without consent of the maker.
2. Amendments must be voted upon before the motion is voted upon.
3. An amendment cannot be amended.
4. If the maker concurs to an amendment it may be substituted for the original motion, but if there is an objection a vote must take place.
5. Any second of a motion may be withdrawn if the amendment is unacceptable. Any amendment will be dropped if it is not seconded.

E. Object to Consideration

1. If two-thirds of the voting delegates consider a nature too sensitive to be discussed at an open meeting for reasons of security or embarrassment to members, or the subject being too far outside the bounds of the objectives and purposes of NSCM, discussions can be stopped and official record of the matter be erased.
2. A delegate must raise the objection before the first speaker on the subject has finished.
3. After the two-thirds majority has decided on the issue, further use of the "object to consideration" simply for the purpose of harassment will not be allowed by the chair.
F. Appeal from the Chair

1. Any delegates who feel the chair has made an improper decision or a vote has been improperly counted may ask for an "appeal from the chair." If seconded, the chair may again explain the ruling and decide whether the "appeal" is debatable. If objection still exists a vote is taken and a simple majority may overrule the chair's decision.
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Amnesty Workshop

provided a report reflecting discussions which took
place in the Amnesty Workshop. This workshop was divided
into two topics, the first topic being amnesty in general
and the second topic being the Washington amnesty action,
July 1-4, 1974.

Amnesty in General

Most of the discussion on this topic came from the National
Office report which was obtained by [blank]. The following
information was taken from this report:

Overall, the amnesty program looks exceptionally favorable.
Amnesty work is already functioning in San Francisco, Oakland,
San Jose, and Long Beach, California; Denver, Colorado; St.
Louis, Missouri; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Chicago, Illinois;
Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Buffalo, New York;
A lot of this work is being conducted through established
Discharge Upgrading Projects (DUP) and various established
mass outreach programs. Amnesty for draft resisters has
already been brought forth through politicians and the news
media. Amnesty should also be for the Vietnam veteran who
received a bad discharge and also should strive for a
single-type discharge for all military personnel.

In this regard it is the feeling that VVAW/WSO should continue
to work with various DUP programs, but combine them into the
Amnesty Program. The National Council for Universal and
Unconditional Amnesty (NCUUA) has been recognized for their
work in this field and it was decided to work with this
organization for another year.
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNIVERSAL
AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY

The minutes of the Steering Committee,
NCUUA, dated June 28, 1973, reflect the
purpose of the NCUUA to be to mobilize the
American people to work for a universal and
unconditional amnesty and to educate them
concerning the structures and institutions
that created the war in southeast Asia. The
council is committed to working for universal
and unconditional amnesty for all persons
suffering disabilities because of opposition
to U. S. involvement in the war in southeast
Asia, to the draft and to the military. The
council is demanding an immediate amnesty
without conditions and without case-by-case
review for all military resisters including
deserters and draft resisters whether in
exile or underground in the U. S., all persons
who because of their opposition to the war
and the military have been administratively
punished, convicted by civil or military
courts or are subject to prosecution and all
veterans with less than honorable discharges.

In spite of the success of the Amnesty Program, there are
still some problem areas, which are as follows:

1) Paranoia about working with other groups - the
    feeling is that VVAW/WSO should turn their efforts
to building honest, principled alliances,
coalitions and relationships with other established
groups for united work on amnesty.

2) Inadequate communications with the National Office
    on regional amnesty work - in this regard it was
mentioned that at the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was
decided that regions and chapters involved in
amnesty work would submit monthly reports to the
National Office, however, only a few regions have
done so. Work should continue to resolve this
problem if the Amnesty Program is to be successful.

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3) The case against an "Independent, Single-Type Discharge Movement" - it is felt by the National Office that to be successful with the Amnesty Program the Single-Type Discharge Movement should be handled and coordinated under the Amnesty Program and not as a separate program. (X) (C)

made the following observations concerning the affiliation of VVAW/WSO with NCUUA:

It was unanimously decided that VVAW/WSO should continue its affiliation with NCUUA. It was stated that the people who make up the Steering Committee of NCUUA will, in all probability, be VVAW/WSO people before too long.

Washington Amnesty Action (X) (C)

This topic covered under section pertaining to National Amnesty Demonstration, Washington, D. C., July 1-4, 1974. (X) (C)
Regional Amnesty Demonstration
May 17-18, 1974

(advised that regional demonstrations would be held on May 17-18, 1974, in order to gauge the support throughout various regions as to the upcoming national demonstration scheduled for Washington, D. C., July 1-4, 1974.)

The scenario for the regional demonstrations is as follows:

Friday, May 17, 1974 - Imaginative actions around the VA offices. Demand would be Single-Type Discharge for All Vets and those listed in the VA Workshop Report - December, 1973.

Friday Night - Public meetings, focusing on all categories of amnesty and the VA actions of the day. Would be used to build for Saturday.

Saturday, May 18, 1974 - March and Rally - Demands would be the same as the January 26-27 demonstrations: Implement the Agreements, End all Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for all War Resisters; Kick Nixon Out. This march and rally would focus on all categories of amnesty as opposed to the Friday actions which would focus on veterans. It would also serve to unite as many organizations as possible under the three demands.

National Amnesty Demonstration
July 1-4, 1974

(advised that most of the VVAW/WSO activities will be building up and focused on this national action. For the most part, this demonstration will be peaceful, however, some civil disobedience can be anticipated. Politically, this action hopefully will put forth amnesty as an anti-imperialistic issue.)
provided a handout which contained the following information regarding the Washington demonstration:

This demonstration will begin on July 1, 1974, with all activities leading up to the mass march (demonstration) scheduled to take place on July 4, 1974. Other possible actions such as those at the discharge review boards, the Saigon and Cambodian Embassies, will be studied further and if feasible would be included in this action at a later date. Until a Logistics Office can be opened in Washington, D.C., all inquiries should be directed to the National Office or to the D.C. Regional Office, 521 B Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20002.

The slogans for this national action are as follows:

- Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for All War Resisters
- Single-Type Discharge for All Veterans
- Implement the Agreements/End All Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol
- Kick Nixon Out
- Decent Benefits For All Veterans

The scenario for the Washington, D.C. action is set forth as follows:

Monday, July 1, 1974 - Registering and setting up camp; visits to local VA hospital; leafleting, posterling, etc.
Tuesday, July 2, 1974 - Morning: Action at VA Office
   Afternoon: Action at White House (Kick Nixon Out)
   Evening: Campsite Cultural Events
            Indoor educational event to discuss veterans and amnesty

Wednesday, July 3, 1974 - Morning: Justice Department - UUA and an End to Repression
   Afternoon: Action at Capitol Building, (End War, etc.)
   Evening: Campsite Cultural Events
            Indoor Educational - War in Indochina

Thursday, July 4, 1974 - 11:00 A.M. March from Lincoln Memorial to Washington Monument
   Noon: Rally with music and several speakers

Discharge Upgrading Project (DUP) Workshop

provided the following report which came out of the DUP Workshop:

Discussions in this workshop centered on three areas which are set forth below:

1. Strategy - It is essential to flood the discharge review boards making it impossible for them to function as a tactic in winning regionalization of the review boards. By flooding the regionalized boards we will heighten the contradictions of the discharge system, thereby winning a single grade of discharge for all veterans. We can continue, regardless of the strategy the military uses, to expose the discharge system's inequities as one of the cornerstones of the VVAW/WSO amnesty struggle.
2. Non-VVAN/WSO DUP - We must unite with local service types and push forward our analysis of the discharge system and its function in support of U.S. imperialism. We must recognize that the VVAN/WSO position is correct and can be brought to focus not yet struggling for a single grade of discharge and universal unconditional amnesty nor recognizing it as anti-imperialist in nature.

3. SPN Codes - The Department of Defense has told the people that they have eliminated SPNs. This is a lie that must be exposed. SPNs will no longer be on a Veteran’s DD-214, but will be given to the Veterans Administration and the Selective Service. The elimination of the SPN on DD-214's was made retroactive and procedures will be out from the Department of Defense within six weeks on how Veterans with SPNs can have them removed. We encourage all chapters to find Veterans with SPNs and help them process records change. This policy change by DOD will not end SPN, nor will it keep employers from using a Veteran's service record to discriminate.

It was decided that the Bay Area DUP would be in charge of producing the DUP newsletter. 

also made the following comments regarding this workshop:

The workshop report was not accepted by NSCM at first because the report speaks to a current strategy which is to "flood the review boards." The whole point of flooding the review boards would be to decentralize the review boards so that the case loads can be handled. It was pointed out that although this is
a current strategy, the workshop does not reflect the fact that this is not the overall strategy. The overall strategy would be to raise amnesty consciousness. The group as a whole asks that the workshop report be restated with the correct prospective.

GI Workshop

provided the following report which came out of the GI Workshop:

The following discussions took place with regards to VVAW/WSO relations with other groups:

Some of the GI organizers felt that they need to work more closely with other groups, but some of the other groups felt threatened by the VVAW/WSO. It was generally agreed upon that in working with other groups, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. VVAW/WSO projects should work with other principled groups in a politically principled way.

2. VVAW/WSO projects would try to do political education with these groups.

3. VVAW/WSO projects should deal with these groups in a non-opportunist way.

The following was decided concerning the National GI Organizer's Conference:

It was decided to hold a National GI Organizer's Conference on Labor Day weekend. It will be held in Denver, and the Denver delegation agreed to take care of the planning. This conference will be attended by non-VVAW/WSO projects, as well as VVAW/WSO groups. The planning, agenda and list of those to
be invited will be prepared about a month before the conference.

The following discussions took place regarding the VVAV/WSO National GI Project:

Discussion took place concerning the need to change the name National Office for Service People's Counseling and Materials (NOSCAM). It was decided that the name of this project would be dropped and instead it will be called the VVAV/WSO National GI Project.

NOSCAM was created by the VVAV/WSO National Steering Committee in July, 1972, in Milwaukee. NOSCAM's job is to help VVAV/WSO build a strong, viable and ongoing GI movement.

It was decided that this national project should be more than just a way to recruit new members. It should be set up as a support office for GI organizing. The main problem of this project is money and a lack of effective communications. To deal with the financial problem it was decided that when a GI joins VVAV/WSO, his name should be sent to the National Project Office and his membership fee should be used in part for the national project mailings. It was further decided that this national project should be used as an information center and that the local GI organizing projects should have a responsibility to keep up the flow of information and analysis. The National Project Office should also assume the responsibility for collecting and distributing local project reports as well as discussions of tactics and strategy for GI organizing.
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It was decided that as part of the program, the single grade type of discharge should be raised as an issue and secondary to that the issue of SPN Code should also be raised. All VVAW/WSO organizing projects are strongly encouraged to raise these issues as part of the national amnesty campaign.

[Redacted] made the following comments regarding this workshop:

The major item was that NOSCAM will be renamed the VVAW/WSO GI Project. This is being done because NOSCAM seems to be developing an identity of its own, separate from VVAW/WSO. It was mentioned that Germany and England have experienced a growth in the number of NOSCAM chapters. VVAW/WSO is gaining ten to fifteen NOSCAM members per week.

Indochina Workshop

[Redacted] obtained the following report which came out of the Indochina Workshop:

This workshop believes that Indochina is still the major focus of U.S. aggression and attempts at domination in the world today. VVAW/WSO is being criticized for tending to fall into the trap of accepting the idea that "the war is over" in any manner. The consensus of this workshop is that the war has never ended, only taken on new forms and strategies. In this regard this workshop points to the incredible build-up of U.S. military forces in S. E. Asia, particularly of the Navy. It is clear that many chapters in the organization have failed to keep up with the continually changing nature and tactics of how the U.S. is continuing the war.

The following discussion took place regarding the role of the Indochina Peace Campaign (IPC) and the American Veterans Movement (AVM) in relationship to the struggle of VVAW/WSO in its campaign to build the anti-imperialist struggle:
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Basically, we see the leadership of IPC trying to build a veteran’s organization that will follow its leadership on the question of Indochina. In this regard we see IPC pushing the AVM as the only valid vets organization for combatting the problems now facing ex-GI’s. This has a direct effect on VVAW/USO’s work of showing that the war is imperialist in origin, including IPC’s distortion of our anti-war work to other organizations and interfering with our relationships with the Indochinese people.

This workshop feels that the only strategy for dealing with this situation is to out-organize the leadership of these groups; therefore, we put forth the following slogans:

Unite with Local AVM and IPC members

Push the Indochina Slogan of the D. C. Demonstration

The above entails local chapters going to local meetings of IPC and explaining the opportunism of the leadership of AVM in uniting with the local IPC in building programs around the war in the local areas.

made the following comments regarding discussions within this workshop:

The basic thing that was discussed was the fact that there is a grassroots veterans movement at this time. The VVAW works with AVM, with IPC, and perhaps can organize them and raise amnesty consciousness and anti-imperialist consciousness within these groups. The situation in Indochina today is that there is still the possibility of an escalation of the war in Indochina. There is a possibility of United States re-intervention since the war is still continuing, and U. S. involvement is still continuing. Chapters were urged to do political education around these kinds of possibilities.
Mass Organization Workshop

advised that the following discussion took place regarding this workshop:

There were two workshop reports coming out of this session. The majority report does not say too much, it just makes two proposals. The first proposal was passed only after a section of the proposed definition of VVAV/NSO was deleted. The proposed definition read: "The VVAV/NSO is a mass, anti-imperialist organization with a veteran GI base." When "with a veteran GI base" was dropped, the definition was accepted. The second proposal was that organizing must be done around the national objectives and that anything beyond this will be determined by the political and economic characteristics of the region concerned. This proposal was real problematic. Everyone worried about what "anything beyond this" meant. People who were into Marxism-Leninism felt that they were being attacked. People into veterans chauvinism thought they were being attacked. Everyone was pretty much on the defensive before someone pointed out that the attack was probably on Bogue Chita (refer to Operation County Fair under National Project Workshop), and the Bogue Chita people stood up and said that they felt the situation in Bogue Chita was being spoken to through the proposal; that the criticism was being laid on them, that not only were they not organizing around the 10 objectives (refer to Objective Workshop), but "anything beyond this" referred to an interpretation of their activity as just being a service offered to the people with no political content and no organizing being done. That seemed to make a lot of sense and the delegates seemed to accept this as very probably being the reason the proposal got in there. With that the whole proposal was defeated.

National Defense Committee Workshop

provided the following reports which came out of this workshop:
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The workshop was broken down into three areas: Past Experiences, Future Practice and Developing a Training Program. The discussions concerning these three areas are set forth:

Regarding Past Experiences, the following self-criticisms were discussed:

1. Gainesville - criticisms expressed regarding Gainesville from those who worked with the Gainesville Eight Defense Committee
   a. There was no effective leadership
   b. Funds were not accountable to VVAW/WSO nationally
   c. VVAW/WSO did not have control over the Gainesville Eight Defense Committee

2. The basic problems were as follows:
   a. Lack of politics among those working on the defense committee
   b. Students (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin) were mobilized instead of the community
   c. The defense committee had already been formed before VVAW/WSO came in and we did not have much to say in the community
   d. Propaganda could have been better. It was found that it was important to establish and maintain contacts with the media.

3. Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee - the following struggles regarding this committee were aired as follows:
   a. Political Analysis - the committee found that one of the first things that needs to be established is an internal political statement
   b. Jury selection is very important in trials of prisoners because of the general biased feelings the jury has before the trial even begins.
c. Community Out-reach - more needs to be done in this area.

d. Propaganda is essential in all areas and needs to be thought of in terms of national coverage instead of just local coverage.

4. GI Defense - the following points were set forth regarding this experience:

a. The military is sensitive to outside publicity and will try to look good, therefore, at times can be forced to compromise.

b. The political nature of what the military is doing needs to be brought out and propaganda is one of the ways of doing this.

Advised that the following discussion took place regarding the Lawton and Gardner trial currently taking place in Riverside, California:

A community project is building up in support of Lawton and Gardner. The project is centered around "police harassment." It was stated that 40 people showed up at the trial at one point wearing bandages and displaying bruises, allegedly caused by the police. It was stated 5,000 letters have been received by the trial judge from various parts of the county where the trial is occurring. It was stated that "para-legal" people are providing help at the trial, but the Lawton-Gardner Defense Committee cannot afford to house and feed them. More people are needed to examine and analyze data, serve summonses, and examine witnesses.

Regarding the second area of discussion, concerning Future Practice, the following was decided upon: ☑️
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1. Leadership - There needs to be a breakdown of control which involves delegating work outward from the core.

2. Political Trial - There was controversy over whether drug busts were political enough to be considered a political trial. Controversies also existed as to priorities.

3. Criteria for work on defense committee - As previously discussed in the area of Past Experiences, defendants should have a say, but should not be dictatorial. The control should remain within the organization.

Regarding the third area of discussion concerning Developing a Training Program, the following was decided upon:

Since it was felt that there was a need for the development of a more specific working paper, it was decided that there would be a National Defense Committee meeting sometime before the next NSCM. It was decided that this meeting would be held from June 7-9, 1974, at St. Louis, Missouri. Reports are to be made by certain designated individuals and/or regions and are to be sent by that specific region to the other regions to be represented at this meeting. These reports are to be received by each attending region by May 24th, then the entire paper will be compiled at the June 7-9, 1974 meeting and will be taken back to the regions to be read and revised so as to be ready for discussion at the National Defense Committee Workshop at the next NSCM.

It was further decided that the following areas needed to be dealt with at more depth, and the people and regions designated or assigned this task are as follows:
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1. Internal Defense Committee Organizing - all participating delegates and regions

2. GI Defense Work - [redacted]

3. Political Criteria for Defense Work - all participating delegates and regions

4. Prisons - Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee

5. Governmental Strategy - all delegates and regions; [redacted] federally

6. Legal (Relationships to Lawyers) - [redacted]

7. Jury Selection - Buffalo Chapter

8. Politics of Defense Committee - all participating delegates and regions

9. Propaganda - Milwaukee Chapter, [redacted]

10. Fund raising - Sam Schor from National Office


[redacted] made the following comments on discussions which transpired during the above workshop:

Major action coming out of the workshop was to set up a National Workshop, June 7-9, in St. Louis, to be attended basically by the people that attended the workshop April 11-15. The report on the National Defense Committee Workshop is an attempt to coalesce the efforts of all the different defense committees that the organization is involved with. A good working paper
on National Defense Committee should be produced in order to set up internal structures which can deal with what might be considered any kind of political attack on the organization. A large amount of consideration and time was spent discussing government strategy in relationship to this. People in the Washington, D. C. area said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was contacting new people. People who would come to a meeting once or twice would then be contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and asked to discuss the organization with the FBI. The New York Region said the tactic seemed to be different in their area. It was not new members who were being contacted, but members who have been with the organization for some time and have left the organization, perhaps just for a while, who are being contacted and asked for information. It was also felt that the government is changing its strategy in terms of who is arrested or who is indicted. It was generally felt that there is going to be more indictments coming down on people who are "flakey" rather than strong politicos. It was also felt that there would be no more conspiracy types of charges brought against people. The government cannot win conspiracy cases and cannot win political cases, but can win criminal cases so the charges in the future will be criminal charges. The organization has to look out for people who have some kind of involvement with the organization that might be involved with any kind of illicit activity. The one way the organization can be attacked politically is through its own members who are borderline kinds of people. Hopefully, the result that is hoped for as a result of the June 7-9 meeting is a working paper which will set up internal structures which will be able to deal at a moment's notice with the arrest of a VVAW/WSO member by defining now before it happens what is a political prisoner, when can criminal charges be considered a political attack on the organization, and when do criminal charges need a political defense. An example given was the situation that if someone was arrested at the National Collective Office on a charge of dope. That would necessitate a political

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defense because the National Office is known as a clean area, a free area. It is publicly spoken of and discussed as an area where no drugs are kept, so that if any arrests were to be made on the basis of finding drugs there, it would have to be assumed that drugs were planted there. In such a situation the organization as a whole would be organized to accept that arrest as a political attack on the organization and a political defense would be organized.

National Office Report/Internal Workshop

obtained a copy of the National Office report which contained the following VVAN/NSO internal report prepared by the National Office. This report gave a listing of the responsibilities of the members of the National Collective, set forth as follows:

Brian Adams - Amnesty, external liaison

Rich Bangel - Veterans Affairs, Research, County Fair, Speakers Bureau, Press and GIs

Ed Damato - Internal Liaison, amnesty and GIs

Barry Romo - External Liaison, Winter Soldier (VVAN/NSO newspaper published by National Office)

Sam Schorr - Fund raising, financial books, incorporation, material sales

Marla Watson - Internal Liaison, prisons, women, office manager

The National Office felt that the struggles against rumor-mongering, defeatism, disunity through unprincipled criticism, and organizational diffusionism still exists within the VVAN/NSO. The question is often asked, have we recognized these tendencies.
in ourselves, and if so, how can we begin to struggle against them? Individual growth, chapter growth, regional and national growth and building of the anti-imperialist movement often hinge on the willingness to struggle and learn from our mistakes and our practice.

Discussion also concerned the growth of VVAW/WSO in certain areas and the lessening of activities in other areas. We have seen continued growth in the regions of Ohio, New York and California. Since the last NSCM in Yellow Springs, Ohio, we have noticed the increasing strength of the Colorado and Maryland/Virginia/Washington, D.C. regions.

The National Office cited the following regions as having problems: Massachusetts/Vermont/New Hampshire/Maine, Delaware/Eastern Pennsylvania, Great Plains Region and Florida. The above-listed regions have good activities going on, but it does not seem to be as consistent or coordinated with the same level of unity as exists in some of the stronger regions. These regions vary in strength, but the same trend seems to exist in each of them, namely a lack of real unity between the chapters and the inability of the regional offices to see that chapter work is better coordinated and made more cohesive. This is particularly true in the Florida region where incredible internal hassles are still going on.

Other regions have a very low level of activity and some regions simply do not exist. Louisiana Region and Connecticut/Rhode Island should definitely be classified as defunct. New York has expressed that they are able to attach the Connecticut/Rhode Island Region to their region. New Mexico/Arizona and Idaho/Montana Regions are also basically defunct. Texas and Washington Regions have chapters involved in active work, however, their regional offices are either non-existent or functioning at a very low level.
Other problem areas on the national level include Eastern Missouri/Southern Illinois, and the Alabama/Mississippi Regions, where the regional work has become stagnated and the activities within these regions seem to be confined to only one city or town.

The North and South Carolina Region has a regional office which seems to be doing good work and is trying hard; however, their efforts have had very little success as far as organizing within their region.

The following is a summary of the perceptions of the National Office on the varying levels of regional organization:

**A Region**

1. Communication with the National Office
2. Day-to-day work based on the objectives of the organization
3. Contacts in other parts of the region capable of forming chapters

**A Regional Organizing Contact**

1. A person or an unorganized group of people unable to meet the requirements listed above, in an area of the country apart from an organized region.

**International Chapters**

1. Chapters outside the United States doing day-to-day work and communicating with the National Office.
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Voting Procedures

1. Regions have five votes
2. Regional Organizing Contacts have one vote
3. International Chapters have one vote each

The National Office in their report gave its views on how the VWAV/WSO should present itself externally with the following comments being set forth:

VWAV/WSO has continued to push forward in its efforts to unite with other progressive and revolutionary organizations. The fruit of this has been the development of relations which allowed us to increase the effectiveness of the varied united actions around the anniversary of the Paris Peace Agreement, various anti-Nixon demonstrations, and support of our own actions on Vietnam Veterans Day.

As we have moved into these united actions, we have not lost either our independent, nor our anti-imperialist stance. We have continued to present a high level of politics rather than just reformism or moral outrage. This stance has not been lost either on the government, or on opportunistic elements in the people's movement which have sought to divert us away from our anti-imperialist direction.

The government attack has centered on FBI investigations and harassment, with particular emphasis on trying to tie the organization into the activities and structure of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). This has resulted in numerous newspaper articles trying to connect us with the SLA, plus the arrest and indictment of one member on trumped-up charges in northern California. The government's work has also resulted in a virtual blackout on our on-going activities in both the legitimate press and television. At the same time as VWAV/WSO is slandered and attacked, other organizations concerned with veterans work are pushed forward by the media, recognized by government officials and even encouraged and supported by other "progressive" organizations.
The SLA was organized during the summer of 1973, as a multiracial revolutionary organization. The catalyst for the organization's formation was apparently visitations by revolutionary white youths, some of whom had been associated with the Maoist Venceremos Organization, with various inmates within the California prison system.

Specific goals of the SLA from its "Declaration of War," dated August 21, 1973, include the destruction of the capitalistic state; control of industry by the "people;" formation of communes; children to be the "responsibility of the community;" destruction of the prison system; seizure of state and capitalist-owned land to be given to the "people;" total destruction of the rent system; and destruction of racism, sexism, ageism, capitalism, fascism, individualism, possessiveness, competitiveness...that have made and sustained capitalism.

An example of these organizations being pushed forward by the government and media are the American Veterans Movement (AVM) and Indochina Peace Campaign (IPC).

The AVM is a mass-based veterans movement demanding more rights for returned veterans.
INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN

The IPC is a campaign which deals with issues only involving the Indochina War.

At the same time as we increase our watchfulness around the activities of certain opportunistic and reformist groups, we must not let ourselves view the leadership in the same light as we view the membership. Honest people at the local level of these organizations must be united with, worked with and hopefully won to an anti-imperialist position.

Our position nationally in the movement as a whole has allowed us to unite with such diverse elements as the National Council of Churches on the right, to the Revolutionary Union and October League on the left. This work and this unity must continue.

Internationally, our contacts and relations have grown and strengthened. As our work continues, we must constantly remember our internationalism along with our local work. We must constantly push forward the united effort of all progressive people in the United States for an end to U.S. imperialism.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION

The Revolutionary Union (RU) was founded in early 1968, and is a militant, semi-clandestine organization. Its objectives, as set out in its publications, are the development of a united front against imperialism, the fostering of revolutionary working class unity and...
leadership in struggle, and the formation of a communist party based on Marxism-Leninism-MAO Tse-tung thought, leading to the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. (০) U

OCTOBER LEAGUE (OL) (০) U

The OL was formed in 1969, in Los Angeles, California, as an informal group of Marxist-Leninist individuals with the purpose of instilling in the working class a Marxist-Leninist philosophy. In late 1971, its founders decided to organize nationally to form a new Maoist oriented communist party in the United States with the purpose of uniting and leading the working class and its allies, the oppressed minorities, in a military insurrection to establish a new proletarian state. As of January, 1974, the OL claimed to have 9 chapters and is continuing to expand nationally. OL leaders and members have visited the People's Republic of China and the OL is known to have received financial support from the Chinese Government. (০) U

advised that the following discussion took place regarding problems within various regions throughout the United States: (০) U

New York, Ohio, and California are considered the three strongest regions.  [Redacted] is having a lot of internal problems now.  [Redacted] Chapter is causing a lot of problems within this region.  [Redacted] is a really good friend of [Redacted] who is the Chapter Coordinator of the [Redacted]
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Milwaukee is a really strong chapter, just as strong or
stronger than most chapters, or any chapter in the New York
State Region, but Wisconsin is not a strong region.

The National Collective seems very well organized, very
politically unified. They did not spend much time caucusing,
but they spent a lot of time doing what seemed like a
"fraternity rush" on members of different regions. The
National Collective worked as a team on many issues.

National Project Report Workshop

provided the following report which came out of the
National Project Workshop:

Much work was done on the definitions between a "national
project" and a "national endorsement." In this regard, the
following proposal was set forth:

"National Endorsement"

This is applied to activities which the organization encourages
and supports on a priority level below the full status of a
"national project."

"National Project"

This is in keeping with the following six guidelines, and
because of its political importance requires that all active
regions work on this activity:

1. Does it elevate the political consciousness
   internally?
2. Does it have potential for recruitment and building
   the organization?
3. Does it have potential for developing mass support?
4. How well does it meet the ten objectives of the
   organization?
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5. Does it further an overall class struggle?
6. Is it feasible on all organizational levels?

The following decisions were made regarding the ongoing national projects in Alabama and Illinois:

Alabama

"Operation County Fair" (OCF) is currently being conducted by "Bogue Chitto" collective near Browns, Alabama. The Milwaukee Chapter proposed that OCF be dropped as a national project, but this proposal was not accepted by the workshop.

The following points were given justifying keeping OCF as a national project:

1. Commitment to the community made by the organization.
2. With the exception of Florida, this project is the only base for further organizing in the deep south.
3. OCF provides a means of outreach to people who have had an interest in no other VVAW/WSO project. In this regard a 300-name mailing list has been compiled.
4. Should this project be dropped, reaction from the movement would be highly unfavorable.
5. Graphically, OCF shows VVAW/WSO moving away from being simply an anti-war organization.

A further discussion transpired concerning the needs of this project and also the formulation of strategy to make this project a working project and not just a tokenism project. In this regard it was decided the following needs must be met to make this a working project:
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1. OCF needs two, full-time community organizers.
2. Funding - If members of the collective do not have to work to support themselves, there will be time to accomplish the objectives of this project.
3. There needs to be a clear sense of the politics of health care, which is one purpose of this project.
4. Supplies
5. Work Groups
6. Propaganda - publicity

In meeting the above needs, the following strategy was proposed by the workshop:

1. That volunteers be solicited to go to "Bogue Chitto" for one year to serve as community organizers.
2. Funding - OCF is investigating the possibilities of sharing resources with the Federation of Southern Collectives, which is a black organization of small, local businesses and firms within a 14-state region. Also in this regard each chapter will conduct monthly fund raising activities which is to go to support the BCC to enable them to do political organizing.

To deal with the other four points, the following recommendations were decided upon:

1. Regions organize work groups of 5-10 people to spend a period of two weeks before or after the National Action in July, working for this project. OCF will prepare a worksheet setting forth the necessary instructions regarding this matter.
2. Supplies - Supplies are still needed, but there is a shortage of storage space; therefore, supplies should still be collected and held until the various work groups can deal with building the necessary storage facilities.
3. A slide show will be ready by April 23rd and updated regularly concerning the work going on in OCF.
Regions should plan showing for this slide show to include the politics of healthcare and also include distributing the "Bogue Chitto" newsletter within their regions.

advised the following comments and observations were made regarding the OCF at the NSCM:

The first proposal to send two full-time organizers down to "Bogue Chitto" (BC) was accepted. from California is goin to BC, and the second person who has volunteered to go down is from New York. has to contact the National Office and also has to have an interview with the BC people, so it is not a sure thing that will be going.

The second proposal which is a proposal to do monthly fund raising was also accepted, but the amount is arbitrary.

Illinois

Discussion regarding the national project currently being carried on in Cairo, Illinois, centered around the following four points:

1. Relations with the United Front of Cairo are bad and it is felt that a national coordinator should be sent to Cairo to research the United Front of Cairo (UFC).

   UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO

   The UFC is a predominantly black organization which has maintained an economic boycott of the white merchants of Cairo, Illinois, since August, 1969.

2. There seems to be no activity at the present time.
3. It would show an unfavorable reaction not to continue this project.
4. It is the feeling that this project should be more than a tokenism project.

The following proposal came out of this workshop regarding this project:

Cairo as a national project should be investigated by the St. Louis Region with input from the National Office and other regions. This information should be printed in the national newsletter. Further action regarding project should be postponed until the next NSCM.

Objective Workshop

advised that a great deal of debate and discussion took place in this workshop. It was decided by the NSCM that the revised objectives which came out of these workshops should be returned to the various regions for additional discussion and revision and then be presented and voted upon at the next NSCM.

A copy of the majority report setting forth the objectives as they are now proposed is as follows:

1. To struggle for an immediate cessation of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops, advisors, planes, and military and economic aid from Southeast Asia. We support as a basis for the cessation of these hostilities the various peace proposals of the people of Southeast Asia based upon their right of self-determination and actual control of their own destinies.

2. To struggle for the immediate termination of all other operations by the U.S. Government, its agencies and American business interests that are designed to suppress
the rightful struggles for liberation and self-determination of the people of the world. This includes the creation and maintenance of dictatorial governments, economic domination, and the theft of the natural resources of other countries.

3. To struggle for the goal that all military people (active-duty, reserve and national guard) be afforded their constitutional rights which are denied by the Uniform Code of military justice. We condemn the use of the national guard, reserves and active-duty personnel as strikebreakers and we support the efforts of service people in the struggles against military repression. We oppose the use of the military as an oppressive and policy-making force domestically and overseas.

4. To struggle for universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters. This includes a retroactive, non-punitive, single-type discharge for all veterans. All veterans should receive decent benefits, medical care and productive employment which are the rights of all people.

Regarding this objective, the following proposed wording of this objective is set forth:

To struggle for universal, unconditional amnesty. This will include a single, retroactive discharge for all veterans and amnesty for all persons in prison, underground, or in exile because of their resistance to the war machine.

Advised that the major contention of this objective was whether or not to have two separate objectives, one on amnesty and one on veteran’s benefits.

5. To struggle against racism which is historically used as a tool of U.S. imperialism to prevent and destroy unity among the people and justify the oppression and exploitation.
of third world people at home and abroad. We must fight this dehumanizing tactic which divides us, and strive to build unity between all people.

Regarding this objective, the following proposal was presented:

To struggle for decent benefits, full medical care and productive employment for all veterans. Realizing that the veterans struggle is only a part of the overall struggle against imperialism, we reject a privileged position for veterans over other working people.

To fight against the discrimination applied towards veterans in the areas of employment and Veterans Administration assistance. We demand an end to discriminatory corporate hiring practices based on Vietnam era service or special processing numbers or description and the exploitation of veterans as a tool to divide the working class. We further demand that adequate medical attention, including the recognition of Post Vietnam Syndrome (PVS) as a service-connected disability be afforded all veterans.

**POST VIETNAM SYNDROME**

PVS is the name given by VVVAW/WSO to the psychological condition of returning Vietnam veterans who seem to stray from our accepted social structure.

6. To struggle for an end to sexism which forces an inferior status on women, using them as a cheap labor reserve and channeling them into endless hours of household work. Both men and women are forced into sexual stereotypes that act to discriminate against them. We must fight sexist attitudes and actions because they divide our people against each other, making us less able to struggle together for change.
In the minority report, this objective was proposed to be changed as follows:

To struggle for an end to sexism which forces an inferior status on women, using them as a cheap labor reserve and channeling them into endless hours of household work. We condemn the denial of basic civil rights to people because of their sexual preference. Both men and women are forced into sexual.

7. To struggle for the right of all workers to organize and strike to protect their income and safeguard their employment. We support progressive struggles aimed at improving working conditions.

In the minority report, this objective was proposed to be changed as follows:

To struggle for the right of all workers to organize and strike to protect their income and safeguard their employment. We support progressive struggles aimed at improving working conditions, and we support workers' control of the means of production in society.

8. To struggle against the use of the criminal justice system (police, courts, prisons) as a tool of political repression, recognizing that this system now serves the interests of the rich and powerful while suppressing the majority of poor and working people. We will fight for the freeing of all political prisoners.

advised that the following objectives and decisions were made concerning the Objective Workshop:

The concept of the objectives of VVAH/WSO was subtly redefined in order to present these ten objectives as "principles of unity." This is apparently a shift in VVAH/WSO policy. The difference is that the work "objectives" has been taken to mean "political goals" up until this point, but now the redefinition makes the objectives "an organizing tool."
The National Collective as a group was pretty adamant against sending the reports back to the different regions. The National Collective wants this organization to remain solely an anti-imperialist organization at this point. All reports coming out of this workshop were accepted by the NSCM to be sent back to the regions to be taken a look at and discussed and voted upon, then brought to the next NSCM to find out what the consensus is.

Prison Workshop provided the following report which came out of the Prison Workshop:

It was decided that VVAM/WSO should not be working on prison reform, although many parts of the prison project can be called reforms. In essence, VVAM/WSO should do what it can to make conditions easier for the prisoners, and the direction within this project should come mainly from the prisoners themselves. An example would be asking the prisoners which changes in the prison they consider most important to them.

This workshop issued the following "Statement of Purpose":

To develop unity inside and outside prisons around the oppression and exploitation within the prisons, in the context that it is part of the exploitation and oppression caused by imperialism everywhere.

To support this purpose the workshop recommended the following types of activities around the prisons:

1. Raise community awareness;
2. Produce an organizing booklet which can be used inside prisons for organizing VVAM/WSO, and outside prisons to help with this organizing;
3. To continue the national prison newsletter;
4. Attempt to gain entrance into prisons by whatever means possible and maintain direct contact with the prisoners;
5. Begin DUP work within the prisons.

It was also proposed within this workshop that the Leavenworth Brothers Offense Defense Committee (LBO/DC) be given a national endorsement by the VVAV/WSO in view of the work being done for the prisoners at Leavenworth, Kansas.

made the following comments regarding this workshop:

The proposal that the Leavenworth Brothers be given a national endorsement by VVAV/WSO was passed by the NSCM.

The major thing that came out of this workshop was that VVAV is just about the only organization that is successful in doing prison organizing. Not too many people at this point are really sure why prison work is growing. One reason why VVAV/WSO might be so successful in prisons at this point is that an estimated one third of all prisoners in the U. S. are Vietnam veterans. Most of them have bad discharges, and VVAV has solid programs going regarding the amnesty issue and discharge upgrading.

Another thing that came out of that workshop is the fact that there are ex-cons in the organization whose politics are pretty much in line with where VVAV/WSO is at now. who is the Regional Coordinator and who is who spoke up at the prison workshop and made a point that anyone involved in prison organizing cannot be sentimental about what prisoners are like. from the Ohio Region, also made the point that prisoners want to get out and that they will use anyone they can. A major point was made about not being sentimental and being pretty hard-nosed when you get involved with prison organizing because the people you are dealing with are not nice people anymore and you should not expect them to be.
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[Round Robin (Regional) Reports] (A/N)
furnished a copy of the California/Nevada regional report which sets forth the following information: 

This region consists of seven chapters (more than nine members) and six organizing committees (two-eight members). The major work within this region has been in discharge upgrading and amnesty. There are four ongoing DUP projects and plans for beginning three more in the near future.

The major difficulty in this region has been a political difference in organizing tactics. Most of the members have supported the position that all discharge upgrading work, including the building of support for a single-type discharge, be directly under the direction of VVAN/WSO. One chapter has felt that such work would be politically more effective if it was created as a separate organization with the support of, but not the direct involvement of VVAN/WSO. With the help of a very detailed and principled analysis from the National Office, the region is moving toward the consolidation of all discharge upgrading work under the direct leadership of the VVAN/WSO, however, it remains for the single-type discharge movement in the San Francisco area to formally become part of this organization and the region is looking forward to having this happen within the near future.

A regional Amnesty/DUP Coordinating Committee has been established and this committee is responsible for the overall development of programs within the region. In this regard, Campaign for Amnesty, which includes members from each chapter in the Bay Area, has accepted speaking engagements regarding the DUP and amnesty issues. In this regard, San Jose will be blessed with a visit by four major war criminals of our time during April, 1974, and this chapter intends to focus on amnesty at that time as part of a larger coalition demonstration.
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Santa Barbara Chapter has been coordinating the work
of the Columbia Eagle Defense Committee which is supporting
who is one of two people who hijacked an
ammunition ship to Cambodia several years ago.

The northern sub-region is working on an amnesty demonstra-
tion scheduled May 11th. The work is being done with the
Dump Nixon Coalition and other progressive organizations.
The demonstration will be under the leadership of VVAV/WSO
as part of the National Action for May 17th and 18th.

Four chapters in Southern California have been working closely
with the United Farm Workers (UFW) in picketing in support of
the Gallo boycott.

The Irvine Chapter has put most of its energy into anti-
imperialist educational work on the University of California
campus, and has developed ways of bringing speakers and films
to the campus on virtually every anti-imperialist issue.
This region as a whole has been very involved with the
defense work around the Lawton-Gardner project. Every chapter
has a coordinator, and we all arranged speaking and media
engagements for Gary Lawton on his recent trip through the
area. The region is planning an action in Riverside,
California, which will consist of community leafleting and
a support rally during the Lawton-Gardner trial. The
Riverside/San Bernardino Chapter has recently criticized
itself for making defense work its only work and in the
future will try to pay more attention to other organizational
programs and actions. This region has devoted a great deal
of energy, struggle, and hassle to the security question.
We hope to deal with this question in a principled manner by
creating a three-person, region wide group which will receive
extensive security training in order to do security checks
on each other and all members in leadership positions, and
then go on to train someone from each chapter and organizing
committee. We have had a great deal of difficulty in dealing
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with suspicions, and have developed certain guidelines regarding this matter. First, the work that a person does in terms of its sensitivity is some measure of the need to be suspicious. For example, if a person is doing a good job of selling newspapers, and that is the only work he does, it is not necessary to worry about his security. Second, there is a big difference between political struggle around differences and suspicions of being an "agent." 

The Northern California sub-region has abolished the sub-regional steering committee and now holds once a month sub-regional conferences. Recently, a great emphasis has been placed on doing political education work around FBI harassment and grand juries throughout the region. In this regard this region would like to pass on to other regions the absolute need to understand legal rights around the FBI. For instance, you do not have to talk to them at all and if you need something mellow to say you can say that you want to have a lawyer present. We are also keeping a strict account of all FBI harassment occurring within this region.

Colorado/Utah/Wyoming

furnished a copy of this regional report which sets forth the following information:

Colorado has four active chapters, plus two in the organizational stages with listed as the regional coordinator. It is hopeful that the Grand Junction area will soon be showing an interest within this organization. Both the regional and Boulder VVAW/WSO are putting out monthly newsletters and our Ft. Collins people are now working on a campus/community basis and seem to be growing rapidly. The region still continues to hold steering committee meetings once a month with one member from each chapter in attendance, along with the regional coordinator. The region has spent a great deal of struggle around
some issues and internal hassles during the past four months, however, all of us are a lot healthier for it. Organization within our region show more contacts are being made in the states of Utah and Wyoming. In this regard we now have a contact and organizer in Laramie, Wyoming. The growth of this region has lacked somewhat, mainly because of our internal problems along the lines of priorities, politics and seriousness. The main work within this region has been centered around the Amnesty/DUP projects, as well as organizing a regional VPS project in the Denver/Boulder area. The "Winter Soldier," the VVAW/WSO newspaper, is currently being distributed at Ft. Carson, Peterson Field and Lowry Air Force Base.

In conclusion, a great deal of our energy has been put forth toward working with people (especially third world), initiating anti-imperialist consciousness and building solidarity toward changing this society.

Northern Illinois/Iowa provided a copy of this regional report which set forth the following information:

The regional "duties" were turned over to the Chicago Chapter, which is the only real chapter within this region. This region expects no real development until some of the "chapter" people can be released to travel throughout the regions speaking and making personal contacts. We hope to do this in the near future, but the four people on the regional staff are currently working full-time and are on one or more committees within the Chicago Chapter, which at this time seems more crucial.

The work in the Chicago Chapter has been limited by internal struggle around some of the following: attitudes of lawyer-client relationships in the DUP, red-baiting, rumor-mongering, ego-tripping, apathy and factionalism by small cliques. The DUP program is ineffective and is not following VVAW/WSO politics, so it is now in the process of being restructured and hopefully will.
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become more effective. In this regard, since the Amnesty/DUP
Committee was restructured, we have printed and passed out
approximately 2,000 amnesty leaflets and approximately 1,000
DUP notices. The Chicago Chapter continues to sell on the
average of about 400 "Winter Soldiers" monthly, and also
manages to print up a newsletter which comes out monthly to
about 150 paper members.

Also, this region put out the following statements on child
care and death drugs to the NSCM:
In view of VVAV/WSO's commitment to expand into a mass organization with a broad political focus, the increasing number of parents with small children in the organization, and the general neglect to which these children have been exposed under the auspices of VVAV/WSO's past child-care policy, the Northern Illinois/Iowa Region offers the following policy statement on VVAV/WSO and child-care. Since we live in a society where parents must be very cautious about whose hands are entrusted the minds and bodies of their children, the VVAV/WSO policy statement on child-care must first and foremost be conducive to the requirements and desires of the parents whose children will be affected. To insure that this condition is met by any final policy statement, it is imperative that parents be encouraged to evaluate and correct such a policy statement at all levels of its preparation.

1. In the past, child-care has been conducted for the convenience of the adults in VVAV/WSO with little concern for the welfare of the children involved. The treatment of children as nonpersons and the "child-care-as-prison" philosophy are repugnant to the political ideology of VVAV/WSO.

2. Any political education of children should be in keeping with the broad objectives of VVAV/WSO, e.g., discussion around racism and sex-role orientation. Physical education, hygienal education, and related exercise as well as games that teach simple cognitive skills appropriate to the individual child's development could be central to child-care projects.

3. VVAV/WSO child-care must be oriented toward the child as a conscious entity. Child-care personnel and parents should coordinate their activities to meet the needs of the individual child. Parents should introduce the child to child-care personnel and encourage the child to relate to these personnel in a positive manner.

4. General disciplinary policies that meet the needs of parents, child-care personnel, and above all, children should be worked out collectively on a chapter level. In special situations, such as national and regional steering committee meetings, parents should lay down specific guidelines for the disciplining of their children. When the behavior of the individual child cannot be maintained at a nondisruptive or safe level, responsibility for control of the child must revert to the parents.

5. Though child-care should be voluntary, it should be respected as a revolutionary labor worthy of praise and practice. Statements that degrade child-rearing and children should be subjected to the same criticism as racist and sexist statements.
Proposed Death Drug Position Statement

Historically drugs have been effective tools in maintaining the structured oppression of human beings. We condemn drug use not in itself but as an instrument of human bondage and imperialism. We must condemn even the physically harmless use of such drugs as alcohol and marijuana if this use makes acceptable an unacceptable society and tolerable an intolerable reality.

Most emphatically, however, we must condemn the use of certain drugs such as heroin as a means of crippling the energies of struggling peoples while at the same time making them, on an individual basis, links in a system which channels substantial amounts of capital into the pockets of the ruling class. Above all, we must realize that drug use is a futile means of dealing with an otherwise unbearable life-situation which can be eliminated only through the alteration of that life situation.

At present, drug use must be attacked, not so much with dogmatic rebuke, as with determined collective struggle based on understanding and meticulous political consciousness-raising. Such a program of collective struggle must, however, emphasize that the illegal drug use of individual members has, in the past, proven a vulnerable target for indirect and direct attacks on VVAW/WSO.
furnished a copy of this regional report which sets forth the following:

All the regional activities seem to center in the State of Kansas, with chapters located in Kansas City (5-10 members), Wichita, Emporia (two members) and Ottawa (one member). This report gave somewhat of a self-criticism of the region, which reflects the following:

1. Overall Strength - the primary activity of this region is principally centered around work and support of the LBO/DC with the Kansas City Chapter taking a leading role in the formation and organization of this committee.

2. Weaknesses - the weaknesses within this region are listed as follows:

A. Small number of active membership
B. Lack of strong, political identification and commitment to VVAM/NSO
C. No active programs to attract new people
D. Lack of Kansas City Chapter to effectively handle the regional office and no other chapter within the region has the resources to handle this.

3. Outlook - the outlook for the region is as follows:

Potential projects such as amnesty campaign, support for Ft. Riley GI Project, support for the VVAM/NSO Chapter at Leavenworth, prison support, Discharge Upgrading, PVS, rap groups, political education, "Winter Soldier" distribution, will not occur until the above-listed weaknesses are resolved.
Eastern Missouri/Southern Illinois/Oklahoma/Arkansas

obtained a copy of this regional report which sets forth the following information:

This region consists of two chapters, one located in St. Louis, and one located at the University of Missouri, Columbus, Missouri.

The Columbus Chapter is mainly concerned with veteran counseling and peace study groups at the university.

The St. Louis Chapter has been active in supporting the national projects in Cairo, Illinois, and Browns, Alabama (refer to National Project Workshop), mainly through delivering supplies to these areas. In this regard the St. Louis Chapter has three members currently working at OCF until the end of June. These are

Also, the St. Louis Chapter has remained active in amnesty, DUP and VA projects within their areas, as well as maintaining their Coffee House.

New England

obtained a copy of this regional report which was written by telephone

The New England region has not been functioning as a region for some time. The National Office has appointed an interim regional coordinator to serve until the region is again functioning and elections can be held. The following action is being taken in an attempt to get this region on its feet: A film forum is being set up to provide community education and bring in new members. The Regional Office will serve as resource center to outlying areas and will attempt to provide speakers and set up workshops on organizing skills.

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The work in Vermont is mainly public speaking, film showings, literature distribution and some radio shows. In this regard VVAN/WSO, along with some other organizations, have set up Vermonters for Amnesty, which is a coalition of groups and individuals. A table project has been set up at the University of Vermont, which brought in four new members and sold $25.00 in literature. Plans are being formulated in order to do DUP work, counter-recruiting and distributing the "Winter Soldier" at various national guard meetings.

Presently there is only one active member in the State of Maine who is having a rough time, but seems to be struggling on.

The regional office has been unable to maintain contact with anyone in the State of Massachusetts.

New York/Northern New Jersey

Furnished a copy of this report which sets forth the following:

This region has been working in conjunction with other groups regarding single-type discharges, and outreach work relating to prisoners through support of various defense committees.

This region, in the area of external affairs, has strengths in the area of "Winter Soldier" sales, mass leafleting, film programs, speaking engagements, liaisons with other groups and coverage of activities by mass media; however, these strengths are limited by the fact that we have been able to effectively reach only a special group of people that are liberal, progressive or part of the counter-culture, which excludes for the most part rural communities and minority people.

Our internal strengths lie in our political education programs, growth of study groups and the use of political criticisms. As yet we have no coordination of political education at a regional level and one of our major weaknesses is political education for new members.
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Following is a brief rundown of chapter activities:

Buffalo

The Amnesty and DUP Projects are both involved in mass
distribution of leaflets. A political study group meets
weekly, with this chapter being involved with two coalitions:
the Farah Strike Committee, which is involved in supporting
the strikers in picketing stores, distributing informational
leaflets and the collection of clothing and other goods,
and the Attica Coalition, which is working to build community
support for the prisoners.

Oneonta

This chapter is holding weekly meetings and is growing in
numbers. They are mainly involved in outreach programs through
establishing literature tables, distributing papers and dis-
playing film showings.

New York City

This chapter is involved in mass work with the establishment
of two committees within the Amnesty campaign: a speakers bureau
and literature committee; and, an action committee. The chapter
is working in cooperation with city veterans' groups around
DUP projects and fighting for veteran's rights and benefits.

Westchester/Putnam

This chapter is currently holding regular meetings and seems
to be growing. The Mid-Hudson Coalition, which consists of
Mid-Hudson, Orange County, Westchester/Putnam Chapters, is in
the process of coordinating the amnesty action scheduled to
take place at West Point May 18, 1974. The chapter is getting
good media coverage through the local paper and a local radio
show.
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Orange County

This chapter has finally gotten off the ground.

Ithaca

Not too much activity, however, during January they participated in a radio program on amnesty.

Mid-Hudson

There are still problems in organizing this chapter.

Suffolk County

This chapter has been namely inactive, with the exception of distributing the "Winter Soldier," however, it now seems to be rebuilding and is involved in various community projects.

Old Westbury

This is a new chapter and is working closely with the Suffolk County chapter.

Rochester

This chapter is mainly involved in monthly mailings and the sale of the "Winter Soldier."

Ohio/Indiana/Kentucky/Michigan/West Virginia/Western Pennsylvania

provided a copy of this report which sets forth the following information:

People have been in contact with the Regional Office expressing an interest in starting VVAW/WSO chapters from Grand Rapids, Michigan; Detroir, Michigan; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Painesville, Ohio; Morganville, West Virginia; and, Louisville, Kentucky.
Dayton and Columbus, Ohio chapters have been working on DUP projects and Cincinnati chapter is scheduled to open a DUP center on May 18, 1974, in conjunction with a demonstration scheduled for that day.

"Winter Soldier" has been distributed at Lockbourne Air Force Base by the Columbia chapter and at Ft. Knox by the Northern Kentucky State chapter. Military counseling is being offered by the Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati chapters.

The regional office will be in Columbus, Ohio, after the end of the NSCH with the address being P. O. Box 10116, Columbus, Ohio, 43201, and the regional coordinator will be [blank].

The regional strengths and weaknesses are listed as follows:

**Strengths**

Our strengths lie in a hard core of dedicated, political brothers and sisters. Political education goes on in each of the chapters and though we do not always agree, there seems to be a willingness to struggle around particular points keeping in mind that our contradictions are not antagonistic. DUP and military counseling remain strong throughout the region. Prison support work, while still lacking overall direction, seems to be on the upswing.

**Weaknesses**

There has been inadequate outreach as most of the outreach has been done by letter rather than in person. Funding seems to be a constant problem, although the feeling is that internal funding is the only kind of funding that can be trusted over a long range; however, we have not found a way to develop this internal funding.
obtained a copy of this report which sets forth the following information:

The following committees make up the basic structure of the Milwaukee chapter:

Amnesty Committee - The principle areas where work is being done are Discharge Upgrading, speaking engagements, leafleting, petitioning, talk shows, community outreach and direct action confrontations aimed at the VA facilities which are being used as a tool to gain support for universal unconditional amnesty for all war resisters.

Student Committee - Main focus concerns counter recruitment and educational concerns concerning death drugs. A large number of speaking engagements, film showings, selling and distributing literature are made at some schools in the area.

Financial Committee - This committee is responsible for keeping the books allocating money to pay bills and coordinating benefits, bake sales, paper drives and other activities in an effort to raise enough funding to support this chapter.

Regional Collective Committee - This committee is responsible to the chapters. It is responsible for coordinating the activities of the region in the following areas: Distribution of "Winter Soldier;" sending out the regional newsletter; assisting the region in implementing national projects, actions and objectives; internal and external communication within the organization and other political groups; assisting in the logistics for regional events such as elections and meetings.
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regional fund raising; assisting new chapters when formed;
acts as clearing house in doing support work for active
duty military and prison members. (C)

PVS National Clearing House - This is not a committee, but
it is a project which is mainly a resource library for VVAW/WSO
on a national level. This clearing house mails literature to
people on how to start various PVS rap groups, and understanding
veteran's problems, which serves as a way of building an
alternative to the ineffective VA. (C)

Audio/Visual Peace Education Program - This is also a project
of the Milwaukee Chapter. This program maintains an audio/visual
library which can be used by any region or chapter nationally.
They can write in and request any audio/visual material and
upon such request this material will be mailed to them for use
within their areas. (B)

The above committees and projects are open to anyone, veterans
and non-veterans alike, who are seriously interested in
developing themselves along with the respective area of
interest that is chosen. The leadership within this chapter
is viewed as a "collective responsibility," in which all
working members are accountable to each other and the member-
ship at large through their elected representatives who meet
on a quarterly basis. (B)
Possibility of Domestic (Military) Coup in the U. S.
advised that the following discussion took place concerning this subject at the NSCM:

originally from the New York Region, Committee, brought up information which the Committee for Action Research Center in the Intelligence Community (CARIC) had originally agreed to investigate and print up. This was a proposal brought up at the Yellow Springs NSCM concerning the possibility of a military coup in the United States. A serious analysis of the possibility was to be done and written up in the "Winter Soldier." They wrote up an article and it was 4,000 words long, but that large an article cannot be printed in "Winter Soldier." This article has never been printed and wanted to find some way to either condense it and print it in "Winter Soldier," or somehow get it out in a pamphlet. His proposal for doing something about it has been tabled and of the Region, who is in charge of said he would get the information and see what can do with it. 

CARIC is a VVAW/NSO project which investigates intelligence in the United States.

In this regard, said that and an unidentified delegate from California, discussed the fact that VVAW/NSO were supposedly stockpiling weapons, food, clothing and other essential materials in various locations throughout the United States (exact locations not mentioned) for protection and survival purposes in case that this military coup takes place. One of the ways discussed for this military coup taking place was that Nixon and his administration may attempt to destroy the "revolutionary groups" by using the "energy crisis" to declare "martial law" and then use the military as a tool to destroy the VVAW/NSO and other "revolutionary" organizations who oppose Nixon and his administration.
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Elections for National Office [X]
advised that the following individuals were placed in nomination for National Office:

Rich Bangert, now in the National Collective
Brian Adams, now in the National Collective
New York (who declined)
Wisconsin (who said he would decline)

advised that Peter Zastrow was elected to fill the position vacated by Barry Romo and Sam Schorr was reelected to remain in the position he currently holds.
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Miscellaneous
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[Redacted text]

It seems that [redacted] has been in the [redacted] region for the past four months, which means that he has been out of contact with his own region for four months.

[Redacted text]

It was asked that he be expelled from the organization for his activities. NSCM voted that this was the proper thing to do, however, it does not prevent [redacted] from appealing this kind of ruling and approaching the NSCM at some future date, explaining or dropping his activities and asking to be a member again.

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Many VVAW chapters are fed up with Marxist political overtones currently appearing in the "Winter Soldier." Many delegates said in this regard that they want the "Winter Soldier" to reflect activities of the Third World and activist groups, as well as regional and chapter VVAW/WSO, and not communist propaganda as the case now is with "Winter Soldier." There was a long debate between many delegates and national office members regarding the matter. The outcome was that members of the national office insisted that "Winter Soldier" is "anti-imperialist and has political directions." National office people also said if delegates want an information report on activities of activists throughout the country, they should subscribe to Liberation News Service.
advised it is felt by the VVAV/WSO that if the organization presents an anti-imperialist stance it will appeal to a broad base of people ranging the entire political spectrum from communist to anti-communist. By doing this, it is possible to build a grassroots political party which could be either a socialist type party or a populist party. This party could lead to a complete change of the political system within the United States, although this change will probably take 60 to 100 years to come about.

advised that the NSCM broke up at approximately 7:00 p.m. on April 15, 1974.
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obtained a housing list which reflected a listing of delegates in attendance at the NSCM. In addition, those delegates who were recognized by other sources will be noted by the appropriate source number after the delegate's name.

California delegation

Mike McCain (5)

Rusty Bronaugh

Colorado delegation

Florida delegation
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Northern Illinois/Iowa delegation

New England/New York delegation

Alabama/St. Louis/Washington, D.C. delegation
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Ohio delegation

Great Plains delegation

National Collective

Sam Schorr (4, 5, 8)

Ed Damato (5)

Rich Bangert (5)

Brian Adams (5)

Milwaukee delegation

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advised that a delegate by the name of [redacted] (phonetic) stated he was from [redacted] and was described as follows:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-173617)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-6078) (P)

SUBJECT: FRED HELEN KASTROU

(2 - 190-183922) (FYI)
(2 - 157-511522) (FYI)

COM: LOUISVILLE (P) 67C

Re: Louisville reports re raid, dated 2/22/74 and 3/21/74; Louisville letters to legend, dated 12/13/73 and 1/20/74; Chicago letter to Louisville, dated 4/28/74; and Cincinnati letter to Louisville, captioned "VNM - MSO, IS" (CI 169-125743) dated 2/32/74.

For the information of all recipients, on 4/23/74, Sergeant, Organized Crime Unit, Kentucky State Police (KSP),

OF BUREAU (FYI)
(2 - 100-173617) (KASTROU)
(2 - 100-183922) (FYI)
(2 - 157-511522) (FYI)

2-Chicago (169-383922) (FYI)
3-Cincinnati (199-280922) (FYI)
3-San Francisco (FYI)
(2 - 100- ) (KASTROU)
(2 - 157- ) (FYI)

4-Louisville
(2 - 100-6078) (KASTROU)
(1 - 157-1335) (SLD)
(1 - 100-6211) (FYI)

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Frankfort, Kentucky, advised that the KSP had been requested by the "Department of Justice, Organized Crime Intelligence, San Francisco, California" to ascertain the subscriber to telephone [redacted] to which number had apparently been billed to the telephone of an alleged member, [redacted], a cell to which number had apparently been billed to the telephone of [redacted], a member, [redacted], a member.

On 4/25/71, [redacted] furnished a copy of a classified report prepared for the use of the Committee on Internal Security, U.S. House of Representatives, which contains the following profile of [redacted]:

HERMAN PETER ZASTROW is described as a Caucasian male, DOB [redacted], SEAN [redacted], BA degree from Dartmouth College and MA degree from Indiana University. ZASTROW reportedly was commissioned in the U.S. Army through ROTC June, 1961 entering on active duty as First Lieutenant during January, 1967 following a deferment for graduate school. ZASTROW
reportedly served in Vietnam from 12/4/63 to 12/4/69 and was promoted to Captain during January, 1969. ZASTROW served with the First Air Calvary Division and joined VVAW/WSO in early 1970 becoming active therein during April, 1972 when a VVAW/WSO chapter was formed in Cincinnati, Ohio. ZASTROW has been a chapter coordinator and during May, 1973 became a regional VVAW/WSO coordinator. ZASTROW reportedly represented the VVAW/WSO in Paris during December, 1973 at the Conference of Solidarity with the Cambodian People and has attended VVAW/WSO events at Miami Beach, Florida (1972), Washington, D.C. (January, 1973) and Gainesville, Florida (1973).

Referenced Chicago letter to Louisville, dated 4/23 74 reflects that on 4/18 74, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ZASTROW was elected as a VVAW/WSO National Coordinator at a recent VVAW/WSO National Advisory Committee meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1/11-15/74. ZASTROW reportedly will establish permanent residence at the VVAW/WSO National Office, 827 West Newport, Chicago, Illinois on or about 5/1/74 at which time he will assume duties as a VVAW/WSO National Coordinator.

On 5 '8 74, [redacted] Lieutenant, Fort Thomas Police Department, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, advised that ZASTROW has vacated his family residence at 224 South Grand Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky and reportedly departed for Chicago, Illinois, where he is expected to re-establish residence.

It is noted that [redacted] and ZASTROW were active in the VVAW/WSO during a common period of time [redacted] and were both on active duty with the U. S. Army sometime prior to [redacted] and ZASTROW entered on active duty during January, 1967. Although it is possible [redacted] ZASTROW may have had previous contact when both were on active duty with the U. S. Army, since both were assigned to [redacted] it is most likely both individuals made contact through their respective leadership positions within the VVAW/WSO.
In a Cincinnati letter to Louisville, dated 3/2/71, it is informed that officials at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility (SOCF), Lucasville, Ohio, a new maximum security prison in the State of Ohio, had received a checkbook for an account in the name of two inmates, whose address shown on two of the checks was opened for the Black Culture and Art Coalition in the amount of $300 on the Fort Thomas - Bellevue office, Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Source advised officers are permitted to have any bank accounts or checking accounts, and officials at SOCF notified the bank concerning the matter. Source also advised that SOCF contacted State officials and were not authorized to open an account for the Black Culture and Art Coalition and were not authorized to pay by banking account. The inmates told officials they wrote the checks in the amount of $300 to further advised that the Black Culture and Art Coalition is a meeting group at SOCF and apparently were listed as persons authorized to receive checks on the above mentioned account.

It is further noted that, apparently was a companion and SLIM member. According to member of the Vanguard Organization (VO), it not controlled by an active with the Black Cultural Association, described as the group which includes members of revolutionary organizations.
In view of the foregoing information, the following observations are noted for consideration by all recipients:

Telephonic contact between ZASTROW and [redacted] or possibly even [redacted] apparently has been made in the past, the exact date or nature of which is unknown, however, ZASTROW and [redacted] share a common military background (U. S. Army) and organizational affiliation (VVAW/WSO) and it is possible that ZASTROW may have a significant relationship with [redacted] since the latter individuals reportedly were active in the VVAW/WSO and [redacted] and ZASTROW is currently involved with the VVAW/WSO and Black Culture and Art Coalition, SOCF, Lasalleville, Ohio.

In connection with ZASTROW's apparent interest in the Black Culture and Art Coalition, SOCF, Lasalleville, Ohio, it should be noted that the SLA was reportedly spawned by individuals active within the VVAW/WSO, VC and various revolutionary type black cultural type groups.

Cincinnati should consider and remain alert to the possibility that the Black Cultural Association, SOCF, Lasalleville, Ohio may become susceptible to outside influence and control and may possess the potential for development into a violence prone extremist group, similar in nature to the SLA noting that the SLA reportedly had its origin in a black culture type inmate group within a similar penal institution.

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

Through appropriate VVAW/WSO sources, verify ZASTROW's current residence and advise Louisville of same.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Directly contact the "Department of Justice, Organized Crime Intelligence, San Francisco, California" in an effort to determine additional details re reported telephonic contact between [redacted] and ZASTROW, specifically recertaining date of contact, number of calls, duration of calls and any information re possible relationship between ZASTROW and or any other individual having access to [redacted] telephone at the time above call or calls were made.
CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Determine identify of individual or group holding immediately prior to 3/7/74, noting that above individual or group apparently has some connection with Black Culture and Art Coalition, SOCF, Lucasville, Ohio.

AT LEXINGTON, OHIO.

Maintain contact with sources at SOCF in an effort to determine nature of Black Culture and Art Coalition and identities of any outside contacts or influences.

LOUISVILLE

AT FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

Contact appropriate source at Fort Thomas-Bellevue Bank, Grand Avenue Office, re checking account opened for the Black Culture and Art Coalition, specifically determining ZASTROW's apparent connection with same, account activity, source of funds, etc.

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Upon verification of ZASTROW's current residence by Chicago and coverage of leads set forth above prepare current disseminable communication for submission to Bureau and Chicago, thereafter submitting FD-128.
VIA TELETYPE

TO:   DIRECTOR (ATTN: INTE)  
FROM: KANSAS CITY (122-15248)  

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, 611 EAST 12TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MAY 1, 1974. IS. CIVIL UNREST.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED TODAY THAT NO VVAVW DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD DUE TO DISAGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERSHIP AND BAD WEATHER.

VVAVW WAS FOUNDED IN THE SPRING 1967 BY YOUNG VIETNAM VETERANS IN NEW YORK CITY. VVAVW MEMBERS HAVE LED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY 17, 1974.
KANSAS CITY SOURCE IS CLOSED.

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EX-112

17 MAY 23
DEMONSTRATION AT US MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA), WESTPOINT, NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIET NAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) MAY 18, 1974

ON MAY 19, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIEF INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON MAY 18, 1974, AT 11:10 PM, APPROXIMATELY 160 VVAV/WSO MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS ASSEMBLED AT BUFFALO FIELD, USMA, WESTPOINT, NEW YORK, AND MARCHED OUTSIDE THE USMA TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, ARRIVING AT 1:30 PM. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED BANNERS IDENTIFYING CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AND DEMANDING UNIVERSAL AND UNCONFIDENTIAL AMNESTY, SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS TO END ALL AID TO SOUTH VIET NAM AND CAMBODIA. PLACARDS ALSO READ "KICK NIXON OUT". DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED WITH POLICE ESCORTS IN VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS TO RALLY SITE.
RALLY CONSISTED OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND SPEAKERS ADVOCATING
STATED AIDS OF VVAW/WSO DISPLAYED ON BANNERS AND PLACARDS.
VVAW/WSO MARSHALS PRESENT DURING MARCH TO PREVENT ANY
CONFRONTATION WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN ARREST OF DEMONSTRATORS.
STEVE HASSETT, VVAW/WSO REGIONAL COORDINATOR, CHEERED RALLY
AND MADE PLEAS FOR ALL PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VVAW/WSO
WASHINGTON D.C. DEMONSTRATION, JULY 1 THROUGH 4, 1974.

VVAW/WSO LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED DURING MARCH AND RALLY.
"THE MILITANT" PUBLICATION OF SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY ALSO SOLD DURING RALLY. APPROXIMATELY 200 ATTENDANTS
AT RALLY, WHICH ENDED AT 3:30 PM WHEN PARTICIPANTS
DEPARTED HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, TO ATTEND PICNIC AT CORNWALL,
NEW YORK.

DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED AND HELD RALLY PEACEFULLY AND NO
INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

THE VVAW/WSO IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMPOSED
PRIMARILY OF VETERANS OF THE WAR IN VIET NAM THAT HAS
ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST
THE WAR IN VIET NAM DURING 1970-1972, INCLUDING THE TAKE-OVER

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OF VARIOUS AMERICAN LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN
DECEMBER, 1971. INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING
THAT SOME VVAW/MSO CHAPTERS WERE COOPERATING WITH OR
INFILTRATED BY COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA), AND SOCIALIST
WORKERS PARTY (SWP). THE SWP HAS BEEN DESIGNATED PURSUANT
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450.

RE NIETEL, MAY 15, 1974. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS LOCAL POLICE AND USMA PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, NO
LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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1211PM URGENT 05/20/74 GMD
TO DIRECTOR 100-448092
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FROM NEW YORK 100-60644

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DATE 5/19/74 BY 06511000

CORRECTION

DEMONSTRATION AT US MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA); WESTPOINT,
NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIET NAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR:/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) MAY 18, 1974.
IS-VVAW/WSO.

RENY NITEL 05/19/74 CAPTIONED ABOVE WAS INADVERTANTLY CLASSIFIED
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ATTENTION INTD.

CONFIDENTIAL.

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), AT WASHINGTON,
D.C., JULY 1-4, 1974; IS-VVAW/WSO.

RE BUREAU NITEL WASHINGTON FIELD MAY 17, 1974.

REFERENCED BUREAU NITEL GRANTED AUTHORITY FOR TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 5, 1974 THROUGH JULY 4, 1974, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COORDINATION OF THE CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION.

IN VIEW OF THE INSTRUCT SOURCE TO CONTACT SPECIAL AGENT ON WASHINGTON FIELD CONFIDENTIAL NON-PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBER 393 FOR SPECIAL AGENT ON CONFIDENTIAL NON-PUBLISHED TEL.

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DATE: 5 JUN 1974

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ADVISE WASHINGTON FIELD IF THE SOURCE IS TO BE GRANTED AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. PLANS FOR SUCH HAVE NOT BEEN FORMULATED, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SAME BE CONSIDERED IN ORDER TO NEGATE ANY IN-PERSON CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHOULD THE ADVANCE PAYMENT PLAN NOT BE ACCEPTABLE, FORWARD WASHINGTON FIELD NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION DATA FOR PAYMENT OF SOURCE WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN EITHER INSTANCE SHOULD ALSO FORWARD SOURCES CODE NAME TO WASHINGTON FIELD.

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END PAGE TWO.

END TEL.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-148307)  
FROM: LEGAT, TOKYO (105-3698)  
DATE: May 21, 1974
SUBJECT: JAPAN PEACE FOR VIETNAM COMMITTEE  
(BEHEIREN)  
IS - JAPAN

Re: Tokyo letter, 3/1/74.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are two copies each of U.S. Naval Investigative Service Information Report dated 4/9/74, and U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, District Office #46, reports dated 4/3 and 30/74, concerning current activities and status of Beheiren.

Bureau (Enc. 6)  
Foreign Liaison Unit  
Tokyo

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

5/21/74

Attached notes Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), a violence-prone revolutionary organization, held a demonstration at the U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, New York, on 5/18/74. Approximately 200 demonstrators carried banners demanding universal amnesty, single type discharge for all veterans, an end to aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia and the ouster from office of President Nixon. Demonstration was carried out in a nonviolent manner and involved leafleting and guerrilla theater prior to concluding with a rally in the nearby town of Highland Falls, New York.

Attached has been declassified and, with administrative data deleted, has been disseminated to the Internal Security Section, General Crimes Section and Civil Disturbance Unit of the Department of Justice; as well as to the Department of the Army and Secret Service.

ACTION:

Above for information.

BPH: ncm

Dated 5/19/74 by HBE
DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MAY 18, 1974; INTERNAL SECURITY - VVAW/WSO.

DEMONSTRATION BEGAN AT 12:00 NOON WITH MARCH THROUGH U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT AND HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK. DURING MARCH THROUGH HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, GROUP PARTICIPATED IN LEAFLETING AND GUERILLA THEATER. AT 2:00 P.M., A RALLY WAS HELD IN HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK BY THE GROUP. AT 5:00 P.M., GROUP MET AT A QUAKER MEETING HOUSE IN THE AREA FOR A PICNIC. SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY WERE AL HUBBARD, VVAW/WSO MEMBER FROM NEW YORK CITY, IRMA ZIGAS, MEMBER OF WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE, AND BOB MC FARLANE, DESCRIBED AS "A DRAFT RESISTER." ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY BARBARA DANE, NIGHTCLUB ENTERTAINER WHO SINGS "MOVEMENT SONGS."

DEMONSTRATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN STRICTLY NON VIOLENT MANNER.

THE VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAW IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS." ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD END PAGE TWO
THE VVAW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE U.S. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAW / WSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAW / WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

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SOURCE IS CLASSIFIED TO PROTECT SOURCE UTILIZED.

RE BUFFALO NITEL TO BUREAU MAY 16, 1974.

FD-306 CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMANT REPORT WILL BE FORWARD TO NEW YORK OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAC LETTER 72-3.

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MSI FBIHQ ACK 2 CLR
Airtel

5/23/74

To: SACs, Albany
    Buffalo
    Chicago
    New York

From: Director, FBI

DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO)
MAY 18, 1974
INTERNAL SECURITY - VVAV/WSO

ResUTel dated 5/21/74.

Information contained in referenced teletype consists of a general summary of the day's activities concerning captioned demonstration. Inasmuch as said information could have been obtained from other sources, newspaper accounts or local police escorting the demonstrators, referenced teletype has been declassified at FBIHQ and recipients should do likewise.

RPM: mem

NOTE:

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   Washington Field

From: Director, FBI (100-448092)

Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) IS
Buded: June 17, 1974

RemAirtel and LTM dated 5/8/74 captioned "VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM), Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 4/11-15/74; JB - VVAW/WSO."

Referenced communication, copies of which were furnished to recipients, sets forth in detail what transpired at the VVAW/WSO NSCM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 4/11-15/74, as reported by eight informants. The dominating theme, as contained in various workshop reports and in the National Office report, is the definition of VVAW/WSO as an ideologically oriented mass organization which must be capable of uniting with as many people as possible to combat United States imperialism. With this objective in mind, the VVAW/WSO has been able to unite with such diverse elements as the National Council of Organizations on the one hand and the Revolutionary Union and the October League on the other.
Airtel to Albany, et al
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

VVAW/WSO characterized United States imperialism as one of the main enemies of the oppressed people of the world. At the NSCM discussions were held concerning amnesty, discharge upgrading, veterans' demands, recruitment among the military, United States participation in the war in Indochina, prisons, national projects and discussion of the objectives of the VVAW/WSO. Such discussions were in keeping with the objectives or statement of principles of the VVAW/WSO, and there does not seem to be any substantial change in these objectives.

The publicly stated objectives of the VVAW/WSO are as follows:

1. Demand of cessation of United States participation in the Indochina War.


3. Restoration of rights under the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, denied under the Universal Code of Military Justice to all active duty servicemen and reservists.

4. Universal and unconditional amnesty.

5. Upgrading of discharges and issuance of a single-type military discharge.

6. Investigation for war crimes of policy makers on all levels of American Government.

7. Fight racism, which manipulates whites into viewing nonwhites as inferior or less than human.

8. Fight sexism, which forces an inferior status upon women.

9. Support of the democratic rights of Americans to unionize and strike and condemnation of utilizing military personnel, on active duty and in the reserve, as well as the National Guard, as strikebreakers.
Airtel to Albany, et al
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

10. Dedication to the principles and objectives which directly relate to the imperialistic suppression of people of the world by the United States.

The foregoing publicly stated objectives or statement of principles in themselves do not meet the criteria for justification of investigation of this organization under the statutes of the United States; however, investigation has been justified by the additional factors as outlined in the predication for investigation of VVAW/WSO. Some of these factors, i.e., antiwar protest activity and takeover of various landmarks in 1971, which were evidence of increased militancy, seem to have lost significance with the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam. Additionally, the indications that some VVAW/WSO chapters are in cooperation with, or infiltrated by, communist-dominated groups, including the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), have not been shown to be widespread. With regard to VVAW/WSO leaders traveling to North Vietnam and reports of their establishment of liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally, information currently available does not indicate continuance of same, and, in fact, one of these leaders recently resigned his position in the National Collective.

The promotion of education of the entire membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine, directing the organization into political growth along Marxist-Leninist lines as promulgated by some members of the National Collective, has not been demonstrated on a broad scale. To a limited degree, this matter was the subject of protest during the recent NCRM, when some chapter delegates indicated dissatisfaction with the political overtones of the VVAW/WSO publication, "Winter Soldier," and recommended this publication should not reflect communist propaganda but should be devoted to chapter activities and those of Third World and activist groups. Further evidence of disenchament with Soviet communism is the sending of a letter of censure to the Soviet Union protesting the rape of a female VVAW/WSO delegate to the World Peace Council in Moscow in October, 1973. As a consequence VVAW/WSO reportedly has severed relations with the CPUSA.
Airtel to Albany, et al
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

The historic involvement of VVAW/WSO in violence-
prone activity, as well as contacts both overt and covert,
with hostile foreign intelligence, international terrorist
and revolutionary groups and unexplained covert contact with
Red Chinese by leaders and trusted members of VVAW/WSO,
tend to belie the ostensible legal posture of VVAW/WSO.
Many of these individuals are still in a leadership capacity.
While there is ample evidence of the publicly stated
objectives, there is insufficient information available
concerning the private attitudes and aims of VVAW/WSO
leadership on national, regional and chapter levels. Such
lack of information requires in-depth inquiry into the
VVAW/WSO at all levels, so that a full current evaluation
of the true objectives of this organization can be made for
guidance in future investigation.

Accordingly, recipients, which are offices which
cover the areas of significant VVAW/WSO activity, should
contact informants and thoroughly analyze the investigations
of the various chapters and regions of the VVAW/WSO and
furnish FBI Headquarters information concerning the following:

1. Identify the viable chapters and the number of
members in each. Indicate specifically what informant
coverage is available in each chapter, and whether members
or nonmembers.

2. Does the chapter or regional office generally
support the policies of the National Office or is the
chapter somewhat independent and does it function as a
legitimate veterans organization?

3. Do the chapter and its leaders subscribe to a
Marxist-Leninist or other violence-prone philosophy?

4. Are the chapters infiltrated or dominated by
individuals supporting Marxist-Leninist ideologies advocating
violent overthrow of the U. S. Government or other actions
in violation of the laws of the United States? If so, what
actions are being taken to implement this advocacy?
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Date: 5/21/74

Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-50772)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

(00: CHICAGO)

Re: Milwaukee airtel and LHN dated 5/8/74.

Page 7 of referenced airtel advises all offices should alert sources regarding activities scheduled for 7/1-4/74. In particular, this refers to the VVAW/NSO-sponsored W.D.C. Amnesty Action and details regarding this proposed activity are set forth in pages 15-18 of referenced LHN.

1. Bureau (RM)
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Receiving offices are believed to be those having sources who would be in a position to attend and furnish coverage of the 7/1-4/74 W.D.C. activity.

Those offices having sources who could attend this function should request Bureau approval and coordinate pertinent details with WFO.

Any additional pertinent information will be furnished to the Bureau, WFO, and interested offices.
MESSAGE RELAY

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President
     ☐ The Vice President
     ☐ White House Situation Room
     ☐ Secretary of State
     ☐ Director, CIA
     ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Indications Center
     ☐ Department of the Army
     ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
     ☐ Naval Investigative Service
     ☐ U. S. Secret Service (PID)
     ☐ Attorney General ( ☐ By messenger)
     ☐ Deputy Attorney General ( ☐ By messenger)
     ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division and Internal Security Section
     ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division and General Crimes Section
     ☐ Immigration & Naturalization Service
     ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))
     ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

CLASSIFICATION: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)

SUBJECT: VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

INTERNAL SECURITY

(Text of message begins on next page.)

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TELETYPE
ATTN: INT'D
CONFIDENTIAL

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) [REDACTED]

SM: VVAV/WSO

RE: HQ. TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] AND CFO; MAY 17, 1974, CAPPED

VVAV/WSO [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL - TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF SENSITIVE SOURCE.

MAY 24, 1974

WHO FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
ON INSTITUTE CAPTIONED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING PM MAY 23, 1974, ADVISING VVAV/WSO

IS DISCUSSION REGARDING

END PAGE ONE.
ADVISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND PURPOSE/VVAV/WSO ATTENDEES WILL BE TO SOLIDIFY SUPPORT WITH FIRST TWO DAYS OFFICE-INDICES-NEGATIVE-REGARDING INDICES REFLECTS END-PAGE-THREE END
MESSAGE RELAY

Transmit in CODE via teletype the attached PRIORITY message.

FROM: Director, FBI

TO:
- RUEADWW/ The President
- RUEADWW/ The Vice President
  - Att.: __________
- RUEADWW/ White House Situation Room
  - Att.: __________
- RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
- RUEAIAA/ Director, CIA
- RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Indications Center
- RUEACSI/ Department of the Army
- RUEBGFA/ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
- RUEOLKN/ Naval Investigative Service
- RUEADSS/ U. S. Secret Service (PID)
- RUEBWJA/ Attorney General (By messenger)
- RUEBWJA/ Deputy Attorney General (By messenger)
- RUEBWJA/ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division and Internal Security Section
  - and General Crimes Section
- RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
- RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))
- RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration
- EX-117

FIELD DISSEMINATION

SACS:

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TELETYPE

00-448092-3490

Unclassified

Classification: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT NEW YORK SPONSORED BY VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER (Text of message begins on next page.)

SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VWAN/WSO) MAY 18, 1974.

Foreign Liaison Unit

Route through for review with

MAY 29, 1974

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DIRECTOR

MAIL ROOM

TELETYPE UNIT
DEMONSTRATION AT US MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MAY 18, 1974; IS - VVAW/WSO.

ON MAY 16, 1974, SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE VVAW/WSO WILL HOLD A PARADE AND RALLY ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1974, AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA), WEST POINT, NEW YORK, AND THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, LOCATED NEXT TO THE USMA. SOURCE HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ASSEMBLE AND PARK VEHICLES AT THE USMA AND MARCH FROM THIS POINT TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK WHERE THE RALLY, WITH SPEAKERS, WILL BE HELD. GOALS OF PARADE AND RALLY END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

ARE TO PROMOTE "UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR DESERTERS AND DRAFT RESISTERS; IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, AND ENDING AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL; A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETS; DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETS; AND KICKING NIXON OUT. VVAW/WSO HAS OBTAINED PARADE AND RALLY PERMIT FROM HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK. USMA CELEBRATING ARMED FORCES DAY WITH SCHEDULED EVENTS ON THIS DATE'S NEW YORK GOVERNOR MALCOLM WILSON ALSO SCHEDULED AS GRADUATION SPEAKER ON DATE AT LADY CLIFF COLLEGE, HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK.

PAGE THREE
ORDER 10430.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

USMA, WEST POINT, N.Y. AND HIGHLAND FALLS PD, N.Y.

ADVISORY OF DEMONSTRATION. SOURCE IS [CENSORED].

NEW YORK WILL COVER CAPTIONS EVENTS THROUGH SOURCES AND

SITEL.
END

HOLD
MR 003 MI CODE

5:50PM NITEL MAY 23, 1974 JAH

TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)

CHICAGO (100-56772)

FROM MILWAUKEE (100-15674) 2P

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW / MSO); IS - VVAW / MSO; 00: CHICAGO.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW / MSO) HELD A RALLY THIS DATE, FEDERAL BUILDING, MILWAUKEE, TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR 15 OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO WERE CITED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) HOSPITAL, WOOD, WIS., ON MAY 17, LAST, FOR UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. VARIOUS MILWAUKEE VVAW / MSO MEMBERS BEGAN ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 9:30 AND CONGREGATED IN FRONT OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ROOM 325, WHERE THEY WERE TO APPEAR BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JOHN C. MC BRIDE. GROUP APPEARED BEFORE MC BRIDE AT 10:30 A.M., THIS DATE, AND EXITED FEDERAL BUILDING APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M., HOLDING A SHORT RALLY BEFORE THEY

END PAGE ONE

105-126675
5/24/74

TO & B/67
5/24/74

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DEPARTED, APPROXIMATELY 20-25 PARTICIPANTS. NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, FEDERAL BUILDING, ADVISED INSTANT DATE CHARGES AGAINST THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE DISMISSED.

VA HOSPITAL POLICE, CONTACTED INSTANT DATE, AND ADVISED AFTER CONFERRING WITH USA WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN, EDW, IT WAS FELT ABOVE CHARGES SHOULD BE DROPPED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REMINITEL TO BUREAU, MAY 20, LAST.

SPECIAL AGENT WHO OBSERVED ABOVE RALLY WAS SA

AS THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS, NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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WGM FBIHQ CLR FOR UR ONE TEL
TO

FROM MILWAUKEE

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAM/MSO); IS - VVAM/MSO; CO: CHICAGO.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAM/MSO) HELD A RALLY THIS DATE, FEDERAL BUILDING, MILWAUKEE, TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR 16 OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO WERE CITED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (V A) HOSPITAL, WOOD, WIS., ON MAY 17, LAST, FOR UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. VARIOUS MILWAUKEE VVAM/MSO MEMBERS BEGAN ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 9:30 AND CONGREGATED IN FRONT OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ROOM 325, WHERE THEY WERE TO APPEAR BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JOHN C. MC BRIDE. GROUP APPEARED BEFORE MC BRIDE AT 10:30 A.M., THIS DATE, AND EXITED FEDERAL BUILDING APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M., HOLDING A SHORT RALLY BEFORE THEY END PAGE ONE
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PAGE TWO  CONFIDENTIAL

HOSPITAL BUT NOT ON ITS GROUNDS. NO VIOLENCE OR CONFRONTATION EXPECTED DURING PARADE OR VIGIL.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI; MIAMI HOSPITAL, MIAMI; AND DETECTIVE MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED OF PARADE AND VIGIL ON MAY 23, 1974.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

ABOVE SOURCE IS b2; b7D

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED; MIAMI WILL FOLLOW ABOVE ACTIVITY THROUGH AND MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT.

END b2; b7D

RXH FBHQ ACK FOR ONEC

CLR
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 5/23/74

Transmit in CODE (plaintext or code) via teletype the attached PRIORITY (precedence) message.

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: RUEADWW/ [ ] The President
     RUEADWW/ [ ] The Vice President
     [ ] White House Situation Room
     [ ] Att.: ____________________________
     RUEHOC/ [ ] Secretary of State
     RUEAIA/ [ ] Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ [ ] Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
     [ ] and National Indications Center
     RUEACSI/ [ ] Department of the Army
     RUEBFGA/ [ ] Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
     RUEOLKN/ [ ] Naval Investigative Service
     RUEADSS/ [ ] U. S. Secret Service (PID)
     RUEBWJA/ [ ] Attorney General ( [ ] By messenger)
     RUEBWJA/ [ ] Deputy Attorney General ( [ ] By messenger)
     RUEBWJA/ [ ] Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
     [ ] and Internal Security Section
     [ ] and General Crimes Section
     RUEBWJA/ [ ] Immigration & Naturalization Service
     RUEOIAA/ [ ] National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: 800))
     RUEOGBA/ [ ] Federal Aviation Administration

FIELD DISSEMINATION

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LEGATS:

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Classification: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)

SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO).

(Text of message begins on next page.)

MAIL ROOM [ ] TELETYPE UNIT [ ]
5:50PM NITEL MAY 23, 1974 JAH

TO DIRECTOR (109-448092)
CHICAGO (109-50772)

FROM MILWAUKEE (109-15674) 2P

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO); 16 - VVAV/WSO; 001 CHICAGO.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) HELD A RALLY THIS DATE, FEDERAL BUILDING, MILWAUKEE, TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR 16 OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO WERE CITED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VVA) HOSPITAL, 1475 N. HICKORY ST., MILWAUKEE, ON MAY 17, LAST, FOR UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. VARIOUS MILWAUKEE VVAV/WSO MEMBERS BEGAN ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 8:15 AND CONGREGATED IN FRONT OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ROOM 214, WHERE THEY WERE TO APPEAR BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE.

PERSONNEL BELONGING TO THE GROUP APPEARED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE AT 11:30 A.M. THIS DAY, 15 JUNE 1974, AND PLEDGED FEDERAL BILLS APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M., HOLDING A SHORT RALLY BEFORE THEY
DEPARTED, APPROXIMATELY 20-25 PARTICIPANTS. NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

DNC CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE, FEDERAL BUILDING, MAY 23, 1974, ADVISED INSTANT DATE CHARGES AGAINST THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE DISMISSED.

DNC VA HOSPITAL POLICE, CONTACTED MAY 31, 1974, AND ADVISED AFTER CONFERRING WITH USA WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN, EDV, IT WAS FELT ABOVE CHARGES SHOULD BE DROPPED.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

REMITTER TO BUREAU, MAY 29, 1974, SPECIAL AGENT WHO OBSERVED ABOVE BALLY WAS SA

AS THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS, NO LMP BEING SUBMITTED.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date: 5/4/74

Transmit in CODE (plaintext or code) via teletype the attached PRIORITY message (precedence).

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: RUEADWV/ The President
RUEADWV/ The Vice President
RUEADWV/ White House Situation Room
RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
RUEAIA/ Director, CIA
RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Indications Center
RUEACSI/ Department of the Army
RUEBGFA/ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
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RUEBWJA/ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division and Internal Security Section
RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: 801))
RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration

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LEGATS:

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100-448092-36

MAY 29 1974

Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER INTERNAL SECURITY

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HOSPITAL BUT NOT ON ITS GROUNDS. NO VIOLENCE OR CONFRONTATION EXPECTED DURING PARADE OR VIGIL.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI; VA HOSPITAL, MIAMI; AND DETECTIVE MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED OF PARADE AND VIGIL ON MAY 23, 1974.
CLASSIFIED BY 2322, XGDS 2, INDEFINITE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ABOVE SOURCE IS b47D

NO LINK BEING SUBMITTED|MIAMI WILL FOLLOW ABOVE ACTIVITY THROUGH b47D

DXXIKRXH FBTHQ ACK FOR ONE

CLR ---
FROM VIETNAM, AUGUST, 1973:

RE: AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR

8:00PM NITEL 5-14-74 RWR

TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: INT'D

CONFIDENTIAL

THE SOURCE'S COVER STORY HAS BEEN AS PULLOWS SINCE HIS RETURN

FROM VIETNAM.

RE: AIRTEL TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF SENSITIVE SOURCE.

THE SOURCE'S COVER STORY HAS BEEN AS PULLOWS SINCE HIS RETURN

FROM VIETNAM.
IT IS TO BE EMPHASIZED SOURCE LIVES AND THEREFORE NEVER CARRIES LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON HIS PERSON. SOURCE HAS ADVISED CONTACTING AGENT MAJORITY OF MONIES RECEIVED FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES ARE SOURCE DOES RETAIN SMALL AMOUNT FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

SOURCE HAS ADVISED VVAW/MSO MEMBERS HAVE NOT QUESTIONED OR EXHIBITED ANY UNDE' CONCERN REGARDING ABOVE COVER STORY.

SOURCE IS FURNISHING AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCED HQ AIRTEL. CONTINUES TO DIRECT SOURCE IN OBTAINING HIGHLY VALUABLE INFORMATION AND IS CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATING SOURCE'S RELIABILITY AND STABILITY. ALL STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INSURE SOURCE IS NOT A PLANT.

HQ AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR SOURCE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TO ADVANCE SOURCE FOR TRAVEL.

CLASSIFIED BY 7294, XGDS-2, INDELIBLITE.

END

HOLD
DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) AT WASHINGTON,
D. C., JULY 1 - 4, 1974; IS - VVAV/WSO

REELS CAPTIONED "VVAV/WSO; IS" AND DATED
MAY 6, 1974, AND CAPTIONED "SM - VVAV/WSO" DATED
MAY 14, 1974.

Pursuant to the request set forth in referenced teletypes,
authority is granted for [redacted] to travel to Washington,
D. C., during the period from about

Additionally, authority is granted to pay source
since source will be

Accordingly,

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE
TELETEYPE TO AND WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY VVAW/WSO AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
JULY 1 - 4, 1974
100-448092
CONFIDENTIAL

AND WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD INSURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS
ARE PERFECTED FOR SOURCE TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO A SPECIAL
AGENT OF THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IN ORDER TO REPORT
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PARTICULARLY ANY INFORMATION WITH
REGARD TO PLANNED VIOLENCE. SUCH CONTACT, OF COURSE, SHOULD
BE CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY OF THE INFORMANT.

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CLASSIFIED TO PROTECT

NOTE:

VVAW/WSO is sponsoring a National Amnesty Demonstra-
tion in Washington, D. C., 7/1 - 4/74. The National Office
is promoting this demonstration nationwide and expects wide
participation. It will coincide with the Folk Life Festival
in Washington, D. C., at which 1,500,000 people are reportedly
expected to attend.

While no violence is anticipated or
presently planned, informant's presence at this demonstration
will be valuable. Source is paid up to
for services and up to

for expenses. Living
expenses incurred by source while in Washington, D. C., will
be handled out of the regularly authorized expenses. Payment
of
is justified and source has
an adequate cover story accounting for

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SECRET

8:20PM MRTAL 5-24-74 RVR

TO DIRECTOR (122-448292)
BUFFALO (100-21623)
NEW YORK (100-169664)

FROM (P) 5P

ATTN INTD

CONFIDENTIAL

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/HINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VWAV/NSO). IS. CO: D/7D
SM-VWAV/NSO.

RE HG TELETYPE TO AND WFO MAY 17, 1974, CAPTIONED
"VWAV/NSO. IS."

CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF SENSITIVE
SOURCE.

ON INSTANT DATE CAPTIONED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FURNISHED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION: VWAV/NSO

DURING PM MAY 23, 1974, ADVISING VWAV/NSO

REL AS 100% JS 56 35 JUN 8 1974

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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MESSAGE RELAYED TO STATE FOR TELETYPE
7/5/74 11:00 PM CRIME. THE INCREASED
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION DELAYED 5/3/74.

JUN 8 1974

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

END PAGE ONE

MESSAGE RELAYED TO STATE FOR TELETYPE
7/5/74 11:00 PM CRIME. THE INCREASED
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION DELAYED 5/3/74.

JUN 8 1974
VARIOUS TOPICS CONCERNING

INDICATED SEVERAL VVAM/WSO MEMBERS, CHAPTER, AND VVAM/WSO MAY ATTEND SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED AS WELL AS VVAM/WSO

VVAM/WSO WILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOURCE'S TRAVEL, HOWEVER, APPEARS DOUBTFUL DUE TO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS. VVAM/WSO TO OBTAIN MONEY FOR TRAVEL. SOURCE ADVISED ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THIS MONEY

END PAGE TWO
BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR CARTOED SOURCE TO ATTEND WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS VVAM/NSO.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO VVAM/NSO TO RAISE MONEY AT WHICH TIME SOURCE WILL ADVISE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE SOURCE WILL BE THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED UPON HIS RETURN TO SOURCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SOURCE ADVISED HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND WILL FULLY COMPLY.

END PAGE FOUR
REFERENCE TO TELETYPE REFLECTED BUREAU APPROVAL FOR SOURCE TO TRAVEL.

IF APPROVAL GRANTED FOR SOURCE TO ATTEND "MFO"

WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

CLASSIFIED BY 7201, XGCS, INDEFINITE.

END

HOLD
Teletype and Cablegram to and Ottawa
CONFIDENTIAL
Re: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

NOTE: CONFIDENTIAL

is the only Bureau informant of the VVAW/WSO, and furnishes high-quality information of value on a continuing basis. Recently, authority was granted to pay source in conjunction with travel to period to make preparations for VVAW/WSO. Source has furnished justification of funds by stating the same. A discussion was had with a VVAW/WSO concerning VVAW/WSO's request for travel, however, due to financial difficulty of organizational funds source was requested to contact to obtain money for such travel. Continued availability of funds does not appear to be justified and source should attempt to obtain funds. Source's participation is valuable since source is in a position to obtain high-level information regarding VVAW/WSO; however, such attendance is not essential to source's continued status in VVAW/WSO. Urgent teletype utilized in view of short travel deadline.