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DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) AT WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 28, 1974, INTERNAL SECURITY - VVAW/WSO.

OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), AFRICAN LIBERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE (ALSC), AND THE UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW).

THE GROUP ARRIVED AT 25 K STREET, N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C., AT ABOUT 12:40 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THEY SHOUTED SLOGANS AND DISPLAYED THEIR SIGNS WHICH CALLED FOR SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGES, UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY, DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS, AND END OF ALL AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL. AT ABOUT 1:00 P.M. FOLLOWING SEVERAL SPEECHES, SEVERAL OF THE GROUP BURNED THEIR SERVICE DISCHARGE PAPERS. AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 P.M. THE GROUP DISPERSED WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARREST.

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ALSC was formed in July, 1972, to support the African liberation movement on the continent of Africa and to fight the "pattern of exploitation plaguing African people all over the world." Its national headquarters is in Houston, Texas.

Speaking to a university audience in Washington, D.C., in September, 1972, the National Chairman of the ALSC indicated that black people of the whole world must destroy capitalism not be mere rhetoric alone but by any means necessary, including such action as that taken by the Arab terrorists against the Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, in September, 1972.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SECURITY, FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FBI ARE SPECIAL AGENTS
Nitel dated October 8, 1974. WFO will attempt to determine identities of participants and advise appropriate offices. It should be noted by Baltimore that there was no indication that any RU members were present at the demonstration.

END.

DBS FBI HQ CLR
DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 24, 1974, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO).

COMMENCING FIVE PM OCTOBER 24, 1974, BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 115 INDIVIDUALS GATHER AT CIVIC CENTER, CHICAGO, AND PROCEED TO GRANT PARK ACROSS MICHIGAN AVENUE FROM CONRAD HILTON HOTEL. THEY FORMED NUCLEUS FOR NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION DURING VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORO WHICH CONSISTED OF ABOUT 450 INDIVIDUALS AT ITS PEAK. INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED REPRESENTED VVAV/WSO, REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU), REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB), AND YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM (YAWF).
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The Revolutionary Union founded in early 1968 in the San Francisco Bay Area, is a militant semi-covert Marxist-Leninist revolutionary organization ideologically oriented towards the People's Republic of China and the teachings of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Its objectives, as set forth in its theoretical publication, "The Red Papers," and in its monthly newspaper, "Revolution,"
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ARE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNITED FRONT AGAINST IMPERIALISM,
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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. MEMBERS OF THE RU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS COLLECTING
WEAPONS WHILE ENGAGING IN FIREARMS AND GUERRILLA WARFARE
TRAINING. AS OF JULY 1974, RU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WAS LOCATED
IN MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS.

THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE
ATTICA BRIGADE, IS A STUDENT-BASED ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN NEW
YORK CITY IN THE FALL OF 1971. THE RSB CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE AN
ANTI-IMPERIALIST ORGANIZATION WHICH VIEWS UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM
AS THE MAIN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. THE RSB FAVORS VIOLENT
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THE RU, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INFILTRATED THE RSB AND PLAYS A
MAJOR ROLE IN THE RSB POLICIES, DECISIONS, AND ACTIVITIES. AS
OF JULY, 1974, THE RSB IS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK CITY. THE RU
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CHICAGO PD WAS PRESENT. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS. DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED AT 7:30 PM.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE OCTOBER 23, 1974.

AGENTS OBSERVING WHERE

AND

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

PAUL FRIEDA
cc WALTER
FOR 2 CLR
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-56182) (C)
SUBJECT: SM=VYAW/WSO

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an investigative summary, two copies of an FD-376 attached.

One copy of investigative summary disseminated to Secret Service, Newark.

Subject does not meet ADEX criteria.

Interview not being recommended since subject offers no informant potential, and there is no information that she would cooperate.

Also enclosed for Bureau are two photographs of subject.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

5-44-94
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith contains an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director
This investigation is based on information which indicates that [redacted] engaged in a demonstration sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAWSO) (see Appendix), and that her activities could involve violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2387 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Assistance), and 793, (Espionage).

The subject is a white female, born [redacted], and she resides in New Jersey. She is a [redacted].

She has been identified as participating in a demonstration sponsored by the VVAWSO at Washington Park, Newark, New Jersey, directly across the street from the main entrance of the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 20 Washington Place, Newark, New Jersey, on June 25, 1974.
APPENDIX

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 "any organizations including communist and racist groups. 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 Vietnam Veterans Against the War/ Winter Soldier Organization (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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Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date: 10/26/74

Attached reports demonstration against appearance of President Ford at Chicago, Illinois on 10/24/74. A total of about 450 persons participated in the demonstration at its peak. Individuals recognized represented the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, the Revolutionary Union, Revolutionary Student Brigade and the Youth Against War and Fascism. Demonstrators carried banners and posters criticizing President Ford for pardoning former President Nixon, supporting unconditional amnesty, better benefits for veterans and asking for more jobs. Chicago police were present but there were no arrests.

Ferrante data in attached sent by teletype to Secret Service and furnished to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (Internal Security and General Crimes Sections and Civil Disturbances Unit) of Department.

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10/10/74
Memorandum

TO: DILEC, FBI
FROM: SAC, UFO (100-52245) (C)
SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED

DATE: 10/31/74

Title is marked changed to add the middle initial "C" to subject's name as reflected in the records of Metropolitan Police Department (CPD), D.C.

The WC letter dated 6/12/74 contained information on an organization of Vietnam veterans against the war (VVAW/VSO) "Internal Security," enclosing a copy of the Washington, D.C. (DC) VVAW/VSO chapter membership list.

A preliminary inquiry has been initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if the subject is a leader or activist of the VVAW/VSO, activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, U.S. Code 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Judicial Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), and 793 (Espionage).

VVAW/VSO 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. VVAW/VSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in 12/71 with VVAW/VSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/VSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/VSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/VSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/VSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established...
liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. In 1/73 at a National Steering Committee meeting, WU/WBC 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 WU/WBC activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In 8/73 at a National Steering Committee meeting, some members of the national leadership promoted education of the entire WU/WBC membership in terrorist-leninist doctrine directing the organization into political growth along terrorist-leninist lines. The WU/WBC currently has a factional dispute between Trotskyist and Stalinist groups. The Trotskyist group is supported by the National Office of WU/WBC.

Additionally, the National Office contributed financial support to a program of recruitment of military personnel designed to promote political indoctrination with the objective of meeting discrimination and disorientation within the military at such time as there is a revolution within the United States. WU/WBC is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

In 5/29/74, Office of Metropolitan Police Department (OMP), [redacted] a copy of the WU/WBC chapter membership list to a representative of WU/WBC. The membership list was furnished to Office of [redacted] by a member of that chapter as a result of an alleged dispute of that chapter's office on 5/25/74.

The name of subject, address and work telephone number, [redacted] was included in the membership list.

In 8/5/74, [redacted] that subject works and resides at [redacted].
To indices:  Credit and U.S. Park Police, NDC negative re subject.

The following information has been obtained through a check of NDC files on 7/29/74 by [redacted]

| Name:      | [redacted] |
| Address:   | [redacted] |
| DOB:       | [redacted] |
| Sex:       | Male       |
| Height:    | 6'0"       |
| Weight:    | 175 lbs.   |
| Eyes:      | Blue       |
| Social Security: | [redacted] |
| Arrests:   | [redacted] |
| Warrants:  | [redacted] |

During the months of September and October, 1974, the following events were contracted, via the initial investigation by activity in the NDC area, with negative results:

At 10/17/74 [redacted] who has provided unreliable information on the VFW/CPO in the past, advised as not a leader nor active member of the NDC chapter of VFW/CPO but

In view of above, NDC will not recommend subject for inclusion on the AIP or institute a 140 proceeding against him, and place this case in a closed status.
FBI

Date: 11/1/74

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

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

Re: teletype to Bureau, 10/25/74, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 4 copies of LHM captioned.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one Xerox copy of article appearing in the "New Times" magazine dated 10/18/74, captioned "Nixon's Radical Chaser Bags a Whopper," portions of which article are set forth in LHM which refers to the author's interview with POE. 

Bureau is requested to furnish copies of LHM to the Legal Counsel Division for their information in case captioned "JOHN BRIGGS, ET AL. v. GUY GOODWIN, ET AL., (U.S.D.C., D.C.) Civil Action number 74-803" File 176-2255.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent: 191 Nov 15 5974

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21603) (C)

DATE: 11/5/74

SUBJECT: VVAV/W&O

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/15/74.

Referenced airtel advised all offices to determine if their VVAV/W&O Chapters are Marxist-Leninist oriented or prone to violence, and if the Chapter is not, investigation of Chapters should be discontinued. St. Louis Chapter does not meet the qualifications set forth in referenced airtel for conducted investigation, therefore, St. Louis is closing this case UACB.

St. Louis has a source in a position to obtain information should the St. Louis Chapter become Marxist-Leninist oriented in the future and if this occurs, this case will be reopened.
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/5/74

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/ □ Wh. House Situation Room
□ Att.: ———
RUEHOC/ □ Secretary of State
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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 Security Section
□ RUEBWJA/ □ Immigration & Naturalization Service
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On November 3, 1974, source, who has furnished reliable information in past, advised regional meeting, New York-Northern New Jersey Region, VVAW/WSO was held at State University of New York, Old Westbury, Nassau County, New York November 2-3, 1974. Chapters represented were New York City (NYC), Northern New Jersey, Buffalo, Oneonta, Syracuse, Rochester, Ithaca (departed early), Westchester-Putnam and Old Westbury, New York. About thirty persons attended. Meeting was chaired by [redacted] regional coordinator from Buffalo, New York, and Joseph Hirsch, sub-regional coordinator, Southern New York-Northern New Jersey sub-region from NYC.
PRINTED ROUND ROBIN REPORTS FROM BUFFALO, ONEONTA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY AND WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM CHAPTERS, AND A REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT CONCERNING RECENT ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES OF THE REGION WERE DISTRIBUTED AND DISCUSSED.

IT WAS AGREED THAT A NORTHERN SUB-REGION CONSISTING IN THE MAIN OF THE BUFFALO AND ONEONTA CHAPTERS BE FORMED TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF NORTHERN SECTION OF REGION AND TO AID WEAKER CHAPTERS IN AREA. ONEONTA CHAPTER, WILL BE SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATOR.

CRITICISM OF THE NOMINATION OF BARRY ROMO AS A MEMBER OF NATIONAL COLLECTIVE WAS EXPRESSED BECAUSE OF ROMO'S ALLEGED TIES WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU).

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER WILL HOLD DEMONSTRATION ON NOVEMBER 8, 1974, AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) OFFICE, WASHINGTON PLACE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, STARTING AT 12:30 PM, TO DEMAND DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS, SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS, UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND AN IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT TO END ALL AID TO
GOVERNMENTS OF PRESIDENT THIEU OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND OF PRESIDENT LON NOL OF CAMBODIA.

BUFFALO CHAPTER WILL HOLD DEMONSTRATION AT FEDERAL COURT HOUSE, 68 COURT STREET, BUFFALO, ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, CONCERNING ABOVE DESCRIBED DEMANDS. DEMONSTRATORS WILL ASSEMBLE AT 147 FRANKLIN STREET, BUFFALO, AT 11:00 AM.

VVAW/USO CHAPTERS OF SOUTHERN SUB-REGION WILL PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED VETERANS DAY PARADE IN NYC ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974. PARTICIPANTS WILL ASSEMBLE AT 38TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE, NYC, AT 9:00 AM. FOLLOWING PARADE, VVAW/USO CONTINGENT TENTATIVELY PLAN TO MOVE TO VA REGIONAL OFFICE, 252 SEVENTH AVENUE, NYC, TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION WITH PICKET LINE AND SPEAKERS ON ABOVE DESCRIBED DEMANDS.

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NYCPD, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, AND VA, NYC, ADVISED OF NOVEMBER 11, 1974, MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION, NYC.

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RE CHICAGO NITEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

ADVISE VVAW/WSO, RU, RSB AND POSSIBLY OTHER PARTICIPATING SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS WILL GATHER AT THE CIVIC CENTER, CHICAGO, 5:00 PM, OCTOBER 24, 1974, AND MARCH TO THE VICINITY OF CONRAD HILTON HOTEL TO PARTICIPATE IN CAUTIONED DEMONSTRATION. NO KNOWN VIOLENCE OR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES ARE KNOWN PLANNED BY SOURCE.

USSS, CHICAGO AND COVERT UNIT, CGPD INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, COGNIZANT.

DEMONSTRATION WILL BE SURVEILLED BY BUREAU AGENTS.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VWAW/WSO). IS, OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO.

ON NOVEMBER 3, 1974, SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED REGIONAL MEETING, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION, VWAW/WSO WAS HELD AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, OLD WESTBURY, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK NOVEMBER 2-3, 1974. CHAPTERS REPRESENTED WERE NEW YORK CITY (NYC), NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, BUFFALO, ONEONTA, SYRACUSE, ROCHESTER, ITHACA (DEPARTED EARLY), WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM AND OLD WESTBURY, NEW YORK. ABOUT THIRTY PERSONS ATTENDED. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY [REDACTED], REGIONAL COORDINATOR FROM BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND JOSEPH HIRSCH, SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATOR, SOUTHERN NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SUB-REGION FROM NYC.

Sent by 0-73 to Secret Service of Mag, Crime Div (155, Gestapo)
Printed Round Robin Reports from Buffalo, Oneonta, Northern New Jersey and Westchester-Putnam Chapters, and a Regional Office Report concerning recent activities and finances of the region were distributed and discussed.

It was agreed that a Northern Sub-Region consisting in the main of the Buffalo and Oneonta Chapters be formed to coordinate activities of Northern Section of Region and to aid weaker chapters in area. The Oneonta Chapter will be Sub-Regional Coordinator.

Criticism of the nomination of Barry Romo as a member of National Collective was expressed because of Romo's alleged ties with the Revolutionary Union (RU).

It was announced that Northern New Jersey Chapter will hold demonstration on November 8, 1974, at Veterans Administration (VA) Office, Washington Place, Newark, New Jersey, starting at 12:30 PM, to demand decent benefits for all veterans, single type discharge for all veterans, universal and unconditional amnesty and an implementation of agreement to end all aid to
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1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAV/WSO SO THAT NON-
VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAV/WSO NATIONAL
OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE
THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

UU WAS FOUNDED IN EARLY 1968 AND IS A MILITANT SEMI-
CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION. ITS OBJECTIVE AS SET OUT IN ITS
PUBLICATION 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.

APPLICATION: 712, AGDS-2, INDEFINITE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE NEW YORK NTEL, OCTOBER 22, 1974.
NY 100-160644

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

NYCPD, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, AND VA, NYC, ADVISED OF NOVEMBER 11, 1974, MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION, NYC.

LMM TO FOLLOW.

NY WILL FOLLOW NYC MARCH AND DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGH SOURCES AND WILL SUTEL.

END
INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10/23/74

Attached relates to scheduled visit of President Ford to Chicago, Illinois, 10/24/74 and advises that the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), Revolutionary Union (RU), and Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) and possibly other participating subversive organizations will gather at the Civic Center, Chicago, 5:00 p.m., 10/24/74, and march to the vicinity of the Conrad Hilton Hotel to participate in a demonstration against the visit of President Ford. No known violence or disruptive activities are known to have been planned in connection with this demonstration.


Information in attached furnished to U.S. Secret Service by teletype. Copies also furnished to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (Internal Security Section/General Crimes Section/Civil Disturbance Unit).

JHK:jlb
FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

Classification: [Classified if to other than Bureau Office]

SUBJECT: SEE NEXT PAGE

(Text of message begins on next page.)
NR 264 CI CODE
812PM OCTOBER 30, 1974 KOD
TO DIRECTOR
FROM CINCINNATI (167-21913)
ATTENTION: INTD
CONFIDENTIAL
DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF SEVEN INDIVIDUALS SPONSORED BY THE
REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU), VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVVA/WSO) AND REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB), CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER 30, 1974, IS
A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON OCTOBER 30, 1974, THAT INDIVIDUALS KOWN TO SOURCE AS AFFILIATED WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU), VIETNAM VETERAN AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVVA/WSO) AND REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB) CANCELLED PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CINCINNATI, OHIO, ON OCTOBER 30, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE SEVEN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL THAT DATE ON CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR SEPTEMBER 17, 1974 ARRESTS HAD THEIR CASES CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.
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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE CINCINNATI MTEL TO BUREAU
NOT RECORDED
18530: 11/11/74
OCTOBER 29, 1974.

THIS NTEL CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AS IT CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. SOURCE IS U.S. SECRET SERVICE, CINCINNATI, OHIO AND CINCINNATI PD AWARE.

CINCINNATI WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

END

BEH FBI HQ ACK FOR ONE AND CLP
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: DENVER
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO
DATE: 01/5/74
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 03/04-10/11/74

TITLE OF CASE: VIETNAMESE VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR
WINTER SOLDIER-ORGANIZATION


LEAD: DENVER

AT DENVER, COLORADO: Will follow activities of the Region to determine violations of pertinent Federal statutes are planned or do occur.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CASE HAS BEEN PENDING OVER ONE YEAR: YES

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COVER PAGE
This report is classified "confidential" in order to protect sources and the unauthorized disclosure of whose identities would adversely affect the national security.

[Redacted]

Leading activists and other leaders of the organization have been or are being investigated and appropriate recommendations concerning them either have already been made or are being made.

SA observing the CFJ solidarity march and rally at Denver, Colorado, 3/17/74 was

SA observing amnesty rally at the State Capitol, Denver, 6/1/74 was

SA at Air Force Academy demonstration 6/5/74, Colorado Springs, was

SA observing amnesty demonstration at the Federal Building, Denver, 9/6/74 was
Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Denver, Colorado (location: 100-10467-959).
Headquarters for VVAW/WSO groups in region is now Denver, Colorado. No separate location for Denver Chapter. Boulder and Colorado Springs chapters inactive. No longer Regional Coordinator. May take over position. Regional Staff as such no longer exists. Denver Chapter currently at 3 or 4 member level. Last issue of regional newspaper "Hoà Binh" published in 4/74. No known Denver Chapter meetings since approximately 6/1/74. Activities Denver Chapter included manning booth at Hilton Hotel with other groups during Veterans Assistance Days, May, 1974. Boulder Chapter furnished film, speakers and musicians for events at University of Colorado (CU). Five persons from region known to have traveled to Washington, D.C., for amnesty action 7/1-4/74. Regional Conference held 3/30-31/74. Eight persons from region present at National Steering Committee Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 4/11-15/74. Amnesty march from Boulder to Denver, 5/31 to 6/1/74 held. Twenty participated. Approximately 65 at rally. Organization participated in demonstration Air Force Academy 6/5/74 and sponsored amnesty demonstration Denver, 9/6/74. BRIAN ADAMS, National Office VVAW/WSO, in Denver late 8/74. Amnesty demonstration held downtown Denver 9/21/74. VVAW/WSO supported local Chicano group in march and rally, 3/17/74.
For characterization of Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), see appendix.

LOCATION

Regional Office

Regional Office for Colorado, Utah and Wyoming moved from Room 1, 1400 Pennsylvania Street, Denver, Colorado, to the Regional Coordinator, at [redacted], Regional Coordinator, at [redacted].

[Address moved to another location after 6/14/74.

Between 6/14/74 and 9/3/74, [redacted] and one or two others, who were living at [redacted] Street, Denver, have moved to [redacted].

[Redacted] had moved to [redacted] Street and [redacted] Street, Denver, but has since moved to another address.

The Denver Chapter

Meetings of the Denver Chapter are being held at 1107 Columbine Street, Denver, Colorado.

[Meeting dates: 3/14 - 5/7/74]
A meeting to form a new Denver Chapter collective of VVAH/WSO was planned in June, 1974, by several former members who wanted to reduce the power of the Regional Coordinator, but as of September 11, 1974, the meeting had not been held and the Denver Chapter remains negative.

Headquarters for VVAH/WSO groups in Denver have been moved to x Street, Denver.

Boulder Chapter

Chapter meetings are held 12:00 noon, Wednesdays, Room 177, University Memorial Center, University of Colorado (CU), Boulder, Colorado.

"ROA BISH," Regional Newsletter VVAH/WSO, April, 1974, issue

There have been no recent meetings of the Boulder Chapter VVAH/WSO nor has the chapter made application to be recognized as a campus organization.

Colorado Springs Chapter

There is no active chapter in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

7/24/74
Regional Office

In a regional report submitted by the Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming Region during the National Steering Committee Meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 11-15, 1974, it was stated the main work within the region has been centered around the Amnesty Discharge Upgrading Projects, as well as organizing a Regional Post-Vietnam Syndrome Project, Denver/Boulder area. It was also stated that "Winter Soldier," the national VVAH/KSO newspaper, is currently being distributed at Ft. Carson, Peterson Field, and Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado. A great deal of energy has been put forth toward working with people (especially third world) initiating anti-imperialist consciousness and building solidarity toward changing this society.

Denver Chapter

During the March 10, 1974, meeting of the Denver Chapter at which Regional Staff people were present, a discussion was conducted as to what the VVAH/KSO is and what it is going to do. Nothing was resolved. It was brought out that most of its emphasis has been on "6.1.s" and it was commented that the organization should get involved in community affairs.

Another problem discussed was that members were having difficulty getting the work of the organization done. It was brought out that not all members are at the same level of commitment. Seemed disappointed at this fact, inasmuch as he felt all should be totally committed.
LEADERSHIP

Regional Office

[redacted] is the only person left on the Regional
Staff. [redacted] may resign as Regional Coordinator.
4/2/74
5/3/74

[redacted] is no longer Regional Organizer. [redacted] and one or two other [redacted] members, may take over as Regional Organizer. 10/11/74

Colorado Springs Chapter

[redacted] is no longer affiliated with the chapter. [redacted] is the coordinator in Colorado Springs but he is mainly interested in his employment and does not want to take a chance on receiving adverse publicity or on being arrested.
7/24/74

MEMBERSHIP

Regional Office

3/14/74
are the only ones currently on the Regional Staff. 3/25/74

is now the only one on the Regional Staff. 4/2/74

may resign as Regional Coordinator. 5/3/74

is no longer a member of the Regional Staff or VVAW/USO. 6/26/74

is no longer Regional Coordinator. 10/11/74

and are quitting VVAW/USO. 3/11/74.

formerly on the Regional Staff is now a Denver Chapter member. 3/14/74

quit the organization March 24, 1974. 3/25/74
and were present at the April 7, 1974, Denver Chapter meeting. 4/8/74 

[illegible] has left Denver and the organization. 6/10/74

Boulder Chapter

[illegible] and [illegible] attended the National Steering Committee Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. April, 1974

[illegible] and [illegible] in Boulder a couple of weeks ago! Both quit WWAH/WSO 5/7/74

Colorado Springs Chapter

[illegible] Avenue, Colorado Springs, was at the National Steering Committee Meeting, Milwaukee, April 11-15, 1974. April, 1974

[illegible] is the only active member in Colorado Springs. 5/3/74
FINANCES

Regional Office & Denver Chapter

At the Denver Chapter meeting on March 24, 1974, there was a discussion about what to do concerning the payment of back telephone taxes. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was in the Regional Office on March 22, 1974, and advised IRS will take everything the VVAV/USO owns if they do not pay these back taxes. It was decided they would have a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) (see appendix) call IRS by the 10:00 a.m., March 26, 1974, deadline and stall them.

3/25/74

Funds necessary to pay the salaries and to operate the Discharge Upgrading Project (DUP) have been depleted. The three individuals now working on the project are receiving no salary.

5/3/74

The DUP is a "flop." The VVAV/USO people have not turned in to Washington, D.C. one discharge for upgrade consideration, despite the fact that 30 discharges from the Red Rocks Campus of Community College, Denver, Colorado, were referred to them and a considerable number of additional individuals were said to have contacted them. The group has used up the $1,000 from the Presbyterian Church and $50 from the Governor's Task Force.

Instructor, Red Rocks Campus, Community College, Denver, 6/6/74

DUP has received $1,500 from the American Civil Liberties Union and is scheduled to get another $1,000 from the United Church of Christ sometime in the future. The Advisory Council, which was set up to guide DUP, has not been doing anything. $200 of the $1,500 will be used to pay back wages. The remainder will be under the control of NLG.

6/24/74
PUBLICATIONS

Regional Office and Chapters

The April, 1974, issue of the regional newspaper "Hoa Binh" has been published.

ACTIVITIES

Regional Office

According to a VVAW/NSO flier, a 55 minute color film regarding "Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal)" is to be shown March 12, 1974, at 7:30 p.m.

Only six people showed up for the showing of the film of March 12, 1974, at 1107 Columbine Street, Denver, Colorado.

Denver Chapter

Chapter meetings were held at 1107 Columbine Street March 10, 17, 24; April 7 and May 5, 1974.

No known chapter meetings have been held since approximately June 1, 1974.
The Denver VVAH/NSO had a booth at the Hilton Hotel during Veteran's Assistance Days the last part of May, 1974, and the booth was situated between those of the Army and the Marines.

Boulder Chapter

The film regarding the death of FRED HAMPTON was promoted for use by other minority groups at CU by the Boulder Chapter.

On April 19, 1974, VVAH/NSO Peoples' Singer, from Colorado Springs, entertained at the New Delicatessen at CU. made a two hour presentation on the "Legacy of the Vietnam War - the Need for Amnesty," at the university.

The chapter co-sponsored the Indo-China Mobile Education Project at the CU campus on April 26, 1974. The DUP has not yet gotten off to a good start in the chapter. The chapter took part in a Black minority student rally and helped sponsor a wine boycott march in Boulder, Colorado.

"Hoa Binh" April, 1974, issue

Regional Office & Denver Chapter

and are planning to participate in the July 1-4, 1974, Amnesty Action in Washington, D.C.

started hitchhiking

for Washington, D.C., on June 29, 1974.
Stated the Amnesty Action in Washington, D.C., was probably one of the most well-disciplined demonstrations that he had ever seen. He stated the organization had accomplished what it had planned to do.*

Regional Office & Chapters

A regional conference was held in Boulder, Colorado, March 30-31, 1974.

At the Regional Conference, March 30-31, 1974, it was decided that the Prison Project would be dropped as no workers could be found to run it.

According to a round robin report submitted by the Colorado, Utah, Wyoming Region at the National Steering Committee Meeting in Milwaukee, April 11-15, 1974, the main work within the region has been centered around the Amnesty and DUP projects as well as Post-Vietnam Syndrome in the Denver/Boulder area. The national newspaper of VVAW/USO is also being distributed.

From the region were present at the Milwaukee meeting in April, 1974.
Local VVAH/WSO groups will hold a 35 mile march on May 31 and June 1, 1974. The march will be to promote amnesty for draft dodgers and deserters and will begin at the courthouse in Boulder, Colorado. It will end at the Colorado State Capitol Building in Denver the afternoon of June 1, 1974.

5/8/74

Approximately 20 individuals participated in the march from Boulder to Denver and about 65 persons were present at the rally at the State Capitol Building. A member of a local anti-war group invited listeners to participate in a demonstration outside the gates of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on June 5, 1974, while the Vice President of the U.S., GERALD FORD, was making his address to the graduating class. A member of VVAH/WSO announced that there would be an amnesty action in Washington, D.C. July 1-4, 1974. Other speakers representing minority groups presented their views.

6/1/74

Approximately 50 individuals were seen at the State Capitol during the early evening of June 1, 1974. No incidents occurred.

Special Agent of the FBI
6/1/74

Approximately 20 persons were present at the main gate of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 7:45 a.m. on June 5, 1974. Leaflets and the VVAH/WSO newspaper "Winter Soldier" June and July, 1974, issues, were distributed. Signs advocating "Stop Aid to LON NOL", "Amnesty to All", "One type of discharge for vets" and "Dump NIXON" were carried. No incidents occurred.

Special Agent of the FBI
6/5/74
The VVAW/WSO sponsored an Amnesty demonstration at the Federal Building, 19th and Stout, Denver, Colorado, on September 5, 1974. At the height of the demonstration, there were approximately 25 individuals participating. No incidents occurred.

BRIAN ADAMS, Special Agent of FBI
9/6/74

BRIAN ADAMS of the National Office of VVAW/WSO will be in Denver around the last of August, 1974, to discuss and gain support for the National Steering Committee Meeting Position Paper, which is pro Marxist-Leninist in tone.

BRIAN ADAMS and [redacted] were both in town recently. According to ADAMS, the National Committee is thinking about narrowing the field of operation of VVAW/WSO inasmuch as their attempts to handle so many projects have made them inefficient.

The VVAW/WSO held a demonstration at 1:00 p.m., September 21, 1974 at 14th and Broadway, Denver, to protest U.S. President FORD's amnesty proposal. Approximately 25 demonstrators showed up and marched for about 45 minutes. No incidents occurred.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS

Regional Office & Chapters

The local VVAW/WSO put out a flier showing support for Crusade for Justice (CFJ) (see appendix) march and rally celebrating the National and International Day of Solidarity with the CFJ and Chicano community. The event is to be held March 17, 1974, in Denver.
Approximately 1,000 persons, predominantly Mexican Americans, participated in the march and rally on March 17, 1974. Several speakers from anti-war administration groups spoke. No incidents occurred.

Special Agents of FBI
3/17/74

At the April 18, 1974, meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) (see appendix), it was stated that someone from YSA had attended a VVAW/USO meeting and had asked the group to endorse the local YSA political candidates. The YSA was told that as a group, VVAW did not endorse the political campaign.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Denver Chapter

PHIL RESER, a member of VVAW/USO, is to be on a panel opposing the pardon of former President RICHARD NIXON. The program is sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) (see appendix) and YSA and will be held on October 11, 1974, at 3:00 p.m. at the SWP/YSA headquarters, 1203 California Street, Denver.

FACTIOINALISM

Regional Office & Chapters

Regional Coordinator, is a hard person with whom to work. He thinks if other people's political opinions are not in agreement with his that they are not "with it."

3/14/74
Denver Chapter

The Denver Chapter is presently undergoing much internal struggle trying to determine what it wants to do.

4/2/74

CONFIDENTIAL

15°
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (P)
SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO)
DEMONSTRATION AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL OFFICE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
11/8/74
Newark File (100-53565)
IS - VVAV/WSO
(00: NK)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO)
DEMONSTRATION DURING AMERICAN LEGION PARADE, NEW YORK, NY
11/11/74
New York File (100-160644)
IS - VVAV/WSO
(00: NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an ILM, dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of the ILM are enclosed for New York and one copy is enclosed for Chicago, for information.

Source utilized in ILM is [redacted].

[Handwritten note: Nov 5 1974]
LEADS

NEW YORK


NEWARK

AT NEWARK, NJ: Will follow and report results of demonstration on 11/18/74.
On October 9, 1974, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto, planned to hold a demonstration at the Veterans Administration Regional Office (VARO), Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey, at 12:00 noon, on November 8, 1974. This demonstration may include an attempt by some VVAW/WSO members to take over the VARO. Purposes of this demonstration would be to speed up Veterans Administration benefits for veterans, demand increased benefits for all veterans and to demand a single-type discharge for all veterans.

Source also advised that the VVAW/WSO planned to march and carry banners and generally disrupt the American Legion parade scheduled to be held in New York, New York, on November 11, 1974. Further, VVAW/WSO activities in New York may possibly include some sort of "action" at either the Veterans Administration Hospital or Veterans Administration Regional Office in New York, New York.
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. 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 VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (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.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-19743) (P)

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

TO: CG


This communication is classified confidential to protect the source.

It is noted that the referenced nitel requested information concerning a conference being held by the VVAW/WSO in Chicago during the weekend of October 11, 1974.

On 10/21/74, [redacted] advised [redacted] that at a regular meeting of the Dayton, Ohio, Chapter of the VVAW/WSO held on 10/16/74, [redacted] told those present of the GI conference at Chicago during the weekend of 10/11/74. He said there were about 75 people present including representatives from about 19 organizations, including the Fort Bragg GI Union, Norfolk Defense Committee, and some GI newspapers, and, of course, the VVAW/WSO. There were supposedly four admitted Revolutionary Union members in these organizations who rambled a long time about the conference without really saying anything specific concerning it. He spoke of a campaign regarding GI work to be done in the Dayton, Ohio, area including leafleting, contacting GIs from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and doing some education work regarding the imperialist nature of the military.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and the national office of the VVAW/WSO did a lot of fighting concerning particularly the central locating and direction of the National GI Project in Chicago. The resultant, however, was that it would be
located in Chicago in that any GI work throughout the country would receive its direction from the national office.

The source advised that and all members of the chapter of the WWAN/WSO, and all involved in GI work as well as military counseling, attended the conference and drove the automobile of another member of the chapter, which was a blue Plymouth Duster.

Regarding activity in Norfolk, Virginia, the source noted that and had been in Norfolk, Virginia, to do GI work on several occasions in the past nine months. The source could not be more specific about this work.

It is noted that the referenced Chicago hitel set forth the fact that had been observed in Chicago driving a Plymouth Duster with Ohio license 4154NQ.

It was determined through the computer with information from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Ohio that license 4154NQ is registered to Ohio, for a 1970 two-door Plymouth.
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/8/74

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

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: RUEADWW/ The President
     RUEADWW/ The Vice President
     RUEADWW/ White House Situation Room
     RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
     RUEAIJA/ Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Indications Center
     RUEACSI/ Department of the Army
     RUEBCFA/ 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
     RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
     RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att. SOO))
     RUEOCBA/ Federal Aviation Administration

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ATTN: CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT

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5-11 NOV 74
On November 8, 1974, Special Agents of the FBI observed approximately 30 individuals conducting a demonstration which began at Washington Park, Newark, NJ directly across from the Veterans Administration (VA) Regional Office, 20 Washington Place, Newark.

At approximately 12:30 PM the demonstrators assembled at Washington Park on sidewalk and began to march in a circular pattern, chanting slogans and carrying posters.
AT APPROXIMATELY 1:05 PM AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE DEMONSTRATOR DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE GATHERING OF DEMONSTRATORS IN WHICH HE STATED THE VVAW HAS DECLARED WAR ON THE VA AND OEMANO THE FOLLOWING:

1. DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETS.
2. A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETS.
3. UNIVERSAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY.
4. IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT TO END ALL AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 PM THE DEMONSTRATORS DEPARTED FROM WASHINGTON PARK AND MARCHED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION TO NEWARK CAMPUS OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY CONDUCTED THE SAME TYPE DEMONSTRATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER SUPPORT FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

THE DEMONSTRATORS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON PARK AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME THEY WERE FEWER IN NUMBER.

THE REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED DISORGANIZED AND MILLED AROUND UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM WHEN THEY COMPLETELY DISSIPATED.
THE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION THROUGHOUT, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

THROUGHOUT THE DEMONSTRATION, INDIVIDUALS HANDED OUT FLYERS STATING THE DEMANDS SET OUT ABOVE AND ANNOUNCING THE DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 "VETERANS DAY" AT 38TH AND PARK AVE., NEW YORK CITY AT 9:00 AM.

OFFICERS OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTION AGENCY AS WELL AS THE NEWARK, NJ, POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENT DURING THE ENTIRE DEMONSTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: NEWARK AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

THE SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVING THE DEMONSTRATION WERE:

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NEWSPAPER AND TV COVERAGE WERE EVIDENT.

END

DBS FBHQ QLR
TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)  
SALT LAKE CITY  
FROM [REDACTED]  

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

NOV. 5, 1974, ADVISED ON NOV 2, 1974, APPROXIMATELY 25 PERSONS CALLING THEMSELVES SALT LAKE CHAPTER VVAV/WSO, WERE AT THE COVERED WAGON (GI COFFEEHOUSE), MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH [REDACTED] AND OTHERS. 

AM COPY CHICAGO.

END  

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  

[REDACTED]  

56 Nov 18, 1974  

[REDACTED]
NEW YORK (100-16064)

ATTN INTD:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO), IS: 00: CHICAGO.

ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED VVAV/WSO SPONSORED MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY (NYC) ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974.

DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN GATHERING AT MADISON AVENUE AND EAST 38TH STREET AT 9:00AM, AND BEGAN MARCH AT 10:05 AM, SOUTH AND MADISON AVENUE WITH POLICE ESCORT TO JUNCTION OF FIFTH AVENUE, BROADWAY AND EAST 23RD STREET. MARCHERS NUMBERED 150 AT MAXIMUM.

MARCHERS CARRIED SIGNS, CHANTED SLOGANS AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS DEMANDING SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS, IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT TO END ALL AID TO PRESIDENT THIEU OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

Sentry 0-73 To Secret Service, Y AAG, Chin Div (4155, 605406)
NY (100-160647)

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AND LONG NO. 1 OF CAMBODIA, UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS. PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH VVAW/WSO IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) AND REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB) PARTICIPATED.

AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED PARADE ON FIFTH AVENUE PARALLELED SIMULTANEOUS MARCH OF VVAW/WSO GROUP. BOTH GROUPS MET AT FIFTH AVENUE AND EAST 23RD STREET AND WERE SEPARATED BY MOUNTED AND FOOT PATROLEMEN.

VVAW/WSO GROUP PROCEEDED TO REGIONAL OFFICE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), 252 SEVENTH AVENUE, WHERE DEMONSTRATION CONSISTING OF A PICKET LINE AND SPEECHES WAS HELD BETWEEN 10:45 AM AND 11:15 AM, WHEN DEMONSTRATION ENDED. SPEECHES DEALT WITH DEMANDS MENTIONED ABOVE.

NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS WERE NOTED.

VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS 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 MARXIST GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER VVAW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR NATURE 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.

THE RU, FOUNDED IN 1968, IS A MILITANT, SEMI-COVERT MARXIST-LENINIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION IDEOLOGICALLY ORIENTED TOWARDS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHOSE OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH 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.

RSB, FOUNDED IN 1971, IS A STUDENT-BASED ORGANIZATION WHICH CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST ORGANIZATION
which views United States imperialism as the main enemy of the people of the world. RSB is significantly infiltrated by the RU.

Administrative

Renynitel to the Bureau, AL, BU, CS and NK, November 4, 1974.

Source is [Redacted]

No LHM to be submitted.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), IS; (00: CG).

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1974, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 30 INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING A DEMONSTRATION WHICH BEGAN AT WASHINGTON PARK, NEWARK, NJ DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) REGIONAL OFFICE, 20 WASHINGTON PLACE, NEWARK.

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 PM THE DEMONSTRATORS ASSEMBLED AT WASHINGTON PARK ON SIDEWALK AND BEGAN TO MARCH IN A CIRCULAR PATTERN, CHANTING SLOGANS AND CARRYING POSTERS.
AT APPROXIMATELY 1:05 PM AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE DEMONSTRATOR DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE GATHERING OF DEMONSTRATORS IN WHICH HE STATED THE VVAW HAS DECLARED WAR ON THE VA AND DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

1. DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETS.
2. A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETS.
3. UNIVERSAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY.
4. IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT TO END ALL AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 PM THE DEMONSTRATORS DEPARTED FROM WASHINGTON PARK AND MARCHED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION TO NEWARK CAMPUS OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY CONDUCTED THE SAME TYPE DEMONSTRATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER SUPPORT FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

THE DEMONSTRATORS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON PARK AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME THEY WERE FEWER IN NUMBER.

THE REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED DISORGANIZED AND MILLED AROUND UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM WHEN THEY COMPLETELY DISSIPATED.
THE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION THROUGHOUT, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

THROUGHOUT THE DEMONSTRATION, INDIVIDUALS HANDED OUT FLYERS STATING THE DEMANDS SET OUT ABOVE AND ANNOUNCING THE DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 "VETERANS DAY" AT 38TH AND PARK AVE., NEW YORK CITY AT 9:00 AM.

OFFICERS OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTION AGENCY AS WELL AS THE NEWARK, NJ, POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENT DURING THE ENTIRE DEMONSTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE NEWARK AIRTTEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

THE SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVING THE DEMONSTRATION WERE:

[Redacted]

NEWSPAPER AND TV COVERAGE WERE EVIDENT.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11-9-74

Transmit in plaintext or code via teletype the attached message.

FIELD DISSEMINATION

FROM: Director, FBI
TO: RUEADWW/ The President
     RUEADWW/ The Vice President
             (Att.)
     RUEADWW/ White House Situation Room
             (Att.)
     RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
     RUEANA/ 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/ 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

SUBJECT: (see next page)

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (160-71612)

VEITNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), IS - VVAW/WSO.

A DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VVAW/WSO TOOK PLACE THIS DATE IN FRONT OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVE., SAN FRANCISCO. APPROXIMATELY 125 PERSONS WERE PRESENT.

PICKETS CARRIED SIGNS CALLING FOR UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY NOW; SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE NOW; DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETS.

THE VVAW, NOW THE VVAW/WSO, WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CURRENT VVAW/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THAT THE VVAW/WSO IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PEACEFUL AND THERE WERE NO ARRESTS.

LIAISON WAS MAINTAINED WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPT.

NO LHM FOLLOWS.
I VG, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past, furnished two handouts containing information indicating the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) would hold a memorial service and demonstration at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, November 11, 1974.

On this date, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past, furnished two handouts containing information indicating the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) would hold a memorial service and demonstration at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, November 11, 1974. The handouts indicated the memorial service would commence at Ft. Snelling Cemetery at 10 AM, November 11, 1974, and the demonstration would begin at the Federal Building, Ft. Snelling, at 11:30 AM, same date. The purpose of the demonstration was to demand total, unconditional amnesty and a “decent life for veterans and all people everywhere.”

At the bottom of the handouts were the following address:
Post Office Box 7083, Minneapolis, Minn. 55407; Regional Office,
THE VVAVW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAVW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAVW IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS." THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAVW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAVW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE U.S. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAVW/USO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAVW/USO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY-ALERTED AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION: U.S. ATTORNEY, MINNEAPOLIS; U.S. SECRET SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, FT. SNELLING, WHO NOTIFIED PROVOST MARSHAL, FT. SNELLING. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ALERTED: HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND U.S. MARSHAL, MINNEAPOLIS (ALERTED BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS); AND GSA, MINNEAPOLIS.

ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE UTILIZED IS WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES. MINNEAPOLIS WILL FOLLOW AND SUE. AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MILWAUKEE.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS TO DEMAND TOTAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND A “DECENT LIFE FOR VETERANS AND ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.”

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HANDOUTS WERE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

POST OFFICE BOX 7083, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55407; REGIONAL OFFICE.
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." THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. 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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OBS FBI HQ CLR
NOVEMBER 8, 1974

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/SINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAVA'SO) DEMONSTRATION, FORT SELLING, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER 11, 1974; IS-VVAVA'SO.

ON INSTANT DATE A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED TWO HANDOUTS CONTAINING INFORMATION INDICATING THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/SINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAVA'SO) WOULD HOLD A MEMORIAL SERVICE AND DEMONSTRATION AT FT. SELLING, MINN., CEMETARY, AND FEDERAL BUILDING, WHICH BUILDING HOUSES THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. THE HANDOUTS INDICATED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WOULD COMMENCE AT FT. SELLING CEMETARY AT TEN AM, NOVEMBER 11, 1974, AND THE DEMONSTRATION WOULD BEGIN AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING, FT. SELLING, AT 11:30 AM, SAME DATE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS TO DEMAND TOTAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND A "DECENT LIFE FOR VETERANS AND ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HANDOUTS WERE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

POST OFFICE BOX 7063, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55407; REGIONAL OFFICE.
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." THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. 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 VVAV/WSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAV/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/11/74

FROM: Director, FBI

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

FIELD DISSEMINATION

SACS:

LEGATS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

ATTN: CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT

Classified: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)

SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (100-16019) (P)
ATTENTION INTD.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAV/WSO) DEMONSTRATION, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA, NOV. 11,
1974; IS-VVAV/WSO.

ON INSTANT DATE AT TEN AM, SPECIAL AGENTS (SAS) OF THE
FBI OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 25 INDIVIDUALS CONGREGATE IN THE
NORTHERN CORNER OF THE FORT SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETARY. THE
INDIVIDUALS CARRIED BANNERS READING "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR - WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, " "ONE CLASS DISCHARGE,
" "A UNITED PEOPLE CANNOT BE DEFEATED" AND THE LIKE. THE
INDIVIDUALS REMAINED UNTIL 10:45 AM, WHEN THEY DISPERSED.

ON INSTANT DATE A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT DURING THE ABOVE
RALLY AT THE CEMETARY AT FORT SNELLING, TWO INDIVIDUALS

SPOKE CONCERNING THE VVAV/WSO DEMANDS FOR TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL VIETNAM WAR DESERTERS AND PROTESTERS AND HOW THERE SHOULD BE JUST AS MUCH CONCERN SHOWN FOR THE LIVING AS THE DEAD. THE GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT FORT SNELLING.

THE VVAV WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAV LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAV IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS." THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAV HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAV A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE U.S. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAV/WSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAV/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.
ON INSTANT DATE AT 11:35 PM, SAS OF THE FBI OBSERVED
ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE INDIVIDUALS GATHER ON THE STEPS OF THE
FEDERAL BUILDING, FORT SNELLING, MINN. THE GROUP WAS
CARRYING THE SAME SIGNS AS AT THE CEMETARY RALLY ABOVE AND
CONSISTED OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS. ONE INDIVIDUAL SPOKE
CONCERNING VVAW/WSO DEMANDS THAT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
INCREASE ALLOTMENTS TO VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR ERA FOR
EDUCATION AND THAT THERE BE ONLY ONE TYPE OF DISCHARGE FROM THE
MILITARY FOR ALL VETERANS SO NONE WOULD BE DENIED BENEFITS.
THIS INDIVIDUAL THEN LED THE GROUP IN VARIOUS CHANTS. A
SECOND INDIVIDUAL LED THE GROUP IN VARIOUS SONGS ABOUT THE
VVAW/WSO AND THE VIETNAM WAR. THE ENTIRE DEMONSTRATION
WAS ORDERLY. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE OR ARRESTS
MADE. THE GROUP DISPERSED ABOUT 12:45 PM. THE GROUP CON-
SISTED LARGELY OF MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE
(YSA) AT MINNEAPOLIS.

THE YSA IS THE YOUTH ARM OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY (SWP). THE SWP, HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, IS A

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION: UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MINNEAPOLIS; UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, FORT SNELLING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL NOVEMBER 8, 1974.

SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED], SAS OBSERVING ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED].

NO LHM FOLLOWS.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL FOLLOW WITH SOURCES TO DETERMINE IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINE IF THERE IS A WWAW/WSO ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE DIVISION. IF IT IS DETERMINE THERE EXISTS SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONDUCT THE APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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GHS FBHQ ACK FOR NE CLR
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/12/74

Transmit in CODE via teletype the attached PRIORITY message.

FIELD DISSEMINATION

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: RUEADWW/ The President
RUEADWW/ The Vice President
RUEADWW/ White House Situation Room
RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
RUEAIIA/ Director, CIA
RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
RUEACS/ 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
RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Alt.: SOO))
RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration

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SUBJECT: SEE NEXT PAGE

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO), ODI: CG.

RE-NITE/ NOVEMBER 6, 1974, INDICATING INDIVIDUALS CALLING THEMSELVES **CHAP MEETING VVAW/WSO WERE AT COFFEE HOUSE MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO, NOVEMBER 2, 1974.

ADvised NOVEMBER 12, 1974, **AND POSSIBLY OTHERS TRAVELED TO MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO, IN ON ABOUT NOVEMBER 2, 1974. **AND

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**AND CLAIM VVAW/WSO CONNECTION.

PURPOSE OF TRIP UNKNOWN TO SOURCE BUT POSSIBLY TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR VVAW/WSO MEETING, BOULDER, COLORADO, ENO OF MONTH.

DENVER REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY KNOWN INFORMATION RE BOULDER MEETING TD** AND AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED CHICAGO.

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MAH FBIHQ ACK FOR THREE

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/12/74

Transmit in CODE via teletype the attached PRIORITY message.

FRDM: Director, FBI

FIELD DISSEMINATION

FROM:

TO:

DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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

Immigration & Naturalization Service

National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SDD))

Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

LEGATS: [Redacted]

SACS: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: SEE NEXT PAGE

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(Text of message begins on next page.)
On November 11, 1974, a demonstration was held at Fairmont Park, Riverside, California, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Soldier Organization (VVAVA/SO).

VVAVA/SO is an anti-war organization organized in 1967 composed of veterans. Organization now, according to members in national headquarters, is a revolutionary group of war veterans which has been told to cooperate on international basis with other organizations including communist and Maoist groups. In April 1972, name changed to VVAVA/SO so non-veterans could become members. Current VVAVA/SO national officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented, and strive to educate all members in such doctrines.
RALLY HELD AS VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION AND DEMONSTRATION TO DEMAND: (1) UNIVERSAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY; (2) IMPLEMENT VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENTS; (3) END ALL AID TO THIEU AND LOU WOL; (4) SINGLE-TYPE DISCHARGES FOR ALL VETERANS; (5) DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS.

DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO HELD TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR GARY LAWTON, WHO IS CURRENTLY AWAITING RETRIAL FOR AMBUSH SLAYING DEATH OF TWO RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, POLICE OFFICERS ON APRIL 2, 1971.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT RALLY WERE BARRY ROMO, FORMER NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF VVAW/ASO, PRESENTLY SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATOR, CALIFORNIA-NEVADA VVAW/ASO, AND GARY LAWTON. BOTH SPEAKERS SPOKE REGARDING ABOVE-LISTED REASONS FOR RALLY, AND EACH CALLED FOR MASS ACTIONS TO EFFECT RELEASE OF GARY LAWTON.

RALLY BEGAN 3:00 PM AND ENDED APPROXIMATELY 5:30 PM. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS, INJURIES, OR INCIDENTS AS RESULT OF DEMONSTRATION. RALLY PARTICIPANTS NUMBERED APPROXIMATELY 30 AND WERE COMPOSED PREDOMINANTLY OF WHITE MALES WITH FIVE PERCENT BLACK AND TWO PERCENT MEXICAN-AMERICANS PRESENT.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES AWARE OF RALLY AND TOOK PROPER PRECAUTIONS.
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, APPROXIMATELY 56 INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION AT FEDERAL COURT HOUSE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, FROM APPROXIMATELY 11:25 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM. DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED BY BUFFALO CHAPTER, VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO).

VVAW WAS FORMED AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS VVAW IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS."

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.

AT APPROXIMATELY 11:20 AM, DEMONSTRATORS WHO HAD FORMED AT A NEARBY LOCATION, MARCHED APPROXIMATELY ONE BLOCK TO

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FEDERAL COURT HOUSE. 44 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MARCHED IN A CIRCLE IN FRONT OF COURT HOUSE CARRYING SIGNS AND CHANTING SLOGANS DEMANDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE AGREEMENTS ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR, DECENT BENEFITS OF ALL VETERANS AND UNIVERSAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTORS.

12 OF THE DEMONSTRATORS PROCEEDED TO FIFTH FLOOR, U.S. COURT HOUSE AND CONDUCTED "SIT-IN" AT THE OFFICE OF USA. SIT-IN CONDUCTED FROM APPROXIMATELY 11:30 AM UNTIL 12:40 PM IN RECEPTION AREA OF USA'S OFFICE. DEMONSTRATORS CHANTED SLOGANS AND SAT PEACEFULLY AND DID NOT INTERRUPT BUSINESS AT USA'S OFFICE. DEMONSTRATORS WERE TOLD BY USA JOHN T. ELFVIN THAT THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SIT THERE AND THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM UNLESS THEY BEGAN TO BREAK THINGS OR INTERFERE WITH BUSINESS. DEMONSTRATORS PASSED OUT LEAFLETS INDICATING THAT "THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY IS THE LOCAL
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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND HANDLES FORD'S PHONY CLEMENCY PLAN IN WESTERN NEW YORK."

DEMONSTRATORS RECOGNIZED AS BEING MEMBERS OF BUFFALO CHAPTERS VVAV/WSO, YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM (YAWF), REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) AND REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB).

YAWF IS YOUTH GROUP OF THE WORKERS WORLD PARTY (WWP).

WWP IS A TROTSKYIST-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS THE OVERTHROW OF THE PRESENT CAPITALIST SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN U.S. AND INSTITUTION OF A DICTATORSHIP OF THE WORKING CLASS.

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ENTIRE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED IN ORDELY FASHION WITH NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS. OFFICERS OF THE BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING GUARDS AND U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE PRESENT DURING DEMONSTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DEMONSTRATION AND SIT-IN OBSERVED BY SAS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS OBSERVED AT DEMONSTRATION, HOWEVER, NO CAMERAS PERMITTED IN USA'S OFFICE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, SECRET SERVICE, END PAGE FOUR
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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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MAH FBIHQ ACK FOR ONE

WA CLR
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, APPROXIMATELY 56 INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION AT FEDERAL COURT HOUSE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, FROM APPROXIMATELY 11:25 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM. DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED BY BUFFALO CHAPTER, VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO).

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND HANDLES FORD'S PHONY CLEMENCY PLAN IN WESTERN NEW YORK."

DEMONSTRATORS RECOGNIZED AS BEING MEMBERS OF BUFFALO CHAPERS VVAV/WSO, YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM (YAWF), REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) AND REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE (RSB).

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS IN LINE WITH HIS STATEMENT TO THEM.
NO-LAH BEING SUBMITTED.

OU GHAN TING ACH FOR ONE-
NR 012 MP CODED
7:45 PM NITEL NOVEMBER 11, 1974 NW
TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (100-15619) (P)
ATTENTION INTO.
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) DEMONSTRATION, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA, NOV. 11 1974; IS-VVAW/WSO.


ON INSTANT ODATE A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT DURING THE ABOVE
RALLY AT THE CEMETARY AT FORT SNELLING, TWO INDIVIDUALS SPOKE CONCERNING THE VVAW/VSO DEMANDS FOR TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL VIETNAM WAR DESERTERS AND PROTESTORS AND HOW THERE SHOULD BE JUST AS MUCH CONCERN SHOWN FOR THE LIVING AS THE DEAD: THE GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT FORT SNELLING.

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THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION: UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MINNEAPOLIS; UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, FORT SNELLING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE: MINNEAPOLIS NITEL NOVEMBER 8, 1974.

SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED]. SAS OBSERVING ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED].

No LSM follows.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL FOLLOW WITH SOURCES TO DETERMINE IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINE IF THERE IS A VVAV/WSO ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE DIVISION. IF IT IS DETERMINE THERE EXISTS SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONDUCT THE APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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GHS FBHQ ACK FOR NE CLR
INFORMATIVE NOTE

Attached advises that Buffalo Chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organizat (VVAW/WSO) sponsored demonstration by approximately 56 individuals at Federal Court House, Buffalo, NY, 11/11/74, from 11:25 a.m. to 1 p.m. Demonstrators included members of Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), Revolutionary Union (RU), and Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), in addition to VVAW/WSO.

44 demonstrators marched in a circle in front of Court House carrying signs and shouting slogans, demanding implementation of peace agreements ending Vietnam War, decent benefits for all veterans, and universal, unconditional amnesty for war resisters. 12 demonstrators conducted "sit in" in 5th floor reception area of office of USA from 11:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. USA told them they would be permitted to sit with no action being taken against them unless they became violent or interfered with business. Sitting peacefully, they chanted slogans, but did not interfere with business of USA. They passed out leaflets saying "The Federal Attorney is the local representative of the Justice Department and handles Ford's phony clemency plan in Western New York." Entire demonstration was conducted in orderly fashion with no incidents or arrests.
Above information was furnished to Secret Service and to Internal Security and General Crimes Sections of Department's Criminal Division as well as to Civil Disturbance Unit of that Division.

VVAVW was founded in 1967 by young veterans to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam and has previously sponsored demonstrations, some of which resulted in violence. Current VVAVW leadership is Marxist-Leninist oriented. YAWF is youth group of Workers World Party (WWP). WWP is Trotskyist-communist organization whose objective is overthrow of U.S. Government and institution of dictatorship of working class.

RU, founded in 1968, is militant Marxist-Leninist revolutionary organization ideologically oriented toward Mao Tse-Tung thought with ultimate objective of overthrow of U.S. Government by force and violence.

RSB, formerly known as Attica Brigade and infiltrated by RU, is student based antiimperialist organization favoring violent actions to further its goal of stamping out U.S. imperialism.

ACTION:

None. For information.
NR 045 LA PLAIN
1636 PM NTEL NOVEMBER 11, 1974 JJS
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LOS ANGELES (100-77703) (P)
ATTN: INTD
DEMOnSTRATION FAIRMONT PARK, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, SPONSORED BY VVAV/WSO, NOVEMBER 11, 1974, CIVIL UNREST.

ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, DEMOnSTRATION HELD FAIRMONT PARK, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLOIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO).

VVAV/WSO IS ANTI-WAR ORGANIZATION ORGANIZED IN 1967 COMPOSED OF VETERANS. ORGANIZATION NOW, ACCORDING TO MEMBERS IN NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, IS REVOLUTIONARY GROUP OF VIETNAM VETERANS WHICH HAS BEEN TOLD TO COOPERATE ON INTERNATIONAL BASIS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. IN APRIL 1972, NAME CHANGED TO VVAV/WSO SO NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAV/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENNIST ORIENTED, AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE ALL MEMBERS IN SUCH DOCTRINES.

REC-16 100-448092

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
Rally held as Veteran's Day Celebration and Demonstration to Demand: (1) Universal, unconditional amnesty; (2) Implement Vietnam Peace Agreements; (3) End all aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; (4) Single-type discharges for all veterans; (5) Decent benefits for all veterans.

Demonstrations also held to gain support for Gary Lawton, who is currently awaiting retrial for ambush, slaying death of two Riverside, California, police officers on April 2, 1971.

Principal speakers at rally were Barry Romo, former National Coordinator of VVAV/WSO, presently Sub-Regional Coordinator, California-Nevada VVAV/WSO, and Gary Lawton. Both speakers spoke regarding above-listed reasons for rally, and each called for mass actions to effect release of Gary Lawton.

Rally began 3:00 PM and ended approximately 5:30 PM. There were no arrests, injuries, or incidents as result of demonstration. Rally participants numbered approximately 30 and were composed predominantly of white males with five percent black and two percent Mexican-Americans present.
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, [REDACTED], SECRET SERVICE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AND [REDACTED] UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, NOTIFIED.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AWARE OF RALLY AND TOOK PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE...

NO LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM BEING SUBMITTED.

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MAH FBIHQ ACK FR ONE
WA CLR
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/12/74

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
     RUEAIA/ □ Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ □ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
     RUEACSI/ □ Department of the Army
     RUEBFA/ □ 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 National Indications Center
     □ and General Crimes Section
     □ and Internal Security Section
     RUEBWJA/ □ Immigration & Naturalization Service
     RUEOIAA/ □ National Security Agency (DINSA/NSOC (Att.: 500))
     RUEOGBA/ □ Federal Aviation Administration

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ATTN: CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT

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TELETYPING UNIT

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A demonstration sponsored by the VVAV/WSO took place this November 11, 1974 in front of the FEDE office building, 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. Approximately 125 persons were present.

Pickets carried signs calling for unconditional amnesty now; single type discharge now; decent benefits for all vets.

The VVAV, now the VVAV/WSO, was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. Current VVAV/WSO national officers have told members that the VVAV/WSO is a revolutionary group.

The demonstration was peaceful and there were no arrests.

No laws were observed.

END

HOLD
MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/22/74

Transmit in CODE via teletype the attached PRIORITY message.

FIELD DISSEMINATION

FROM: Director, FBI
TO: RUEADWW/ The President
     RUEADWW/ The Vice President
     RUEADWW/ W. House Situation Room
     RUEHOC/ Secretary of State
     RUEAIIA/ Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
     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
     RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
     RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att. SOO))
     RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration

SACS:

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RUEADSS/ (Text of message begins on next page)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAV/WSO) IN CHICAGO A

A ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974, SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED VVAV/WSO-SPONSORED MARCH AND
DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY (NYC) ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974.
DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN GATHERING AT MADISON AVENUE AND EAST 38TH
STREET AT 9:00AM, AND BEGAN MARCH AT 10:05 AM, SOUTH AND MADISON
AVENUE WITH POLICE ESCORT TO JUNCTION OF FIFTH AVENUE, BROADWAY
AND EAST 23RD STREET. MARCHERS NUMBERED 150 AT MAXIMUM.
MARCHERS CARRIED SIGNS, CHANTED SLOGANS AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS
DEMANDING SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS, IMPLEMENTATION
OF AGREEMENT TO END ALL AID TO PRESIDENT THIEU OF SOUTH VIETNAM
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VVAV/WSO GROUP PROCEEDED TO REGIONAL OFFICE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), 252 SEVENTH AVENUE, WHERE DEMONSTRATION CONSISTING OF A PICKET LINE AND SPEECHES WAS HELD BETWEEN 10:45 AM AND 11:15 AM, WHEN DEMONSTRATION ENDED. SPEECHES DEALT WITH DEMANDS MENTIONED ABOVE.

NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS WERE NOTED.

VVAV WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAMESE VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAV LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS VVAV IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS."
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PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. RSB IS SIGNIFICANTLY INFILTRATED BY THE
RU.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REYNOLDS TO THE BUREAU, AL, BU, CG AND NM, NOVEMBER 4, 1974.
SOURCE IS [redacted]
NO LWH TO BE SUBMITTED.
END
MR 219 CODE

935PM NITEL NOV, 14, 1974 RDE

TC: DIRECTOR (122-448092)
BUTTEL (183-9147)
SALT LAKE CITY (128-44)

FROM: DENVER (152-130-47)
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/INTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VWAV/ISO) COO: CHICAGO


ADVISED OCTOBER 29, 1974 CONVENTION OF COLORADO-
UTAH-WYOMING REGION TO BE HELD BOLDER, COLORADO, NOVEMBER 23-
24, 1974: EXACT MEETING PLACE NOT YET KNOWN. SOURCE PLANS TO
ATTEND AND PERTINENT OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED AIRMMAIL COPY SENT TO CHICAG.

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MBT FRQH ACK 11 CLR
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

(TYPE IN PLAINTEXT OR CODE)

VIA

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(PRIORITY)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC, [Redacted]
SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
IS - VVAW/WSO
00: Chicago

REG 'Tel to Bureau, 11/6/74.

On 11/11/74, [Redacted] whose identity is known to
the Bureau, advised that the Chapter Coordinator of the
newly forming Salt Lake City Chapter of VVAW/WSO is
in Utah. The

Chapter Office is also being handled from this address.

Members from The Covered Wagon, a GI coffee
house in Mountain Home, Idaho, have advised him that
is attempting to get a regional meeting of the VVAW
organized at Denver on 11/22 or 29/74; however, no definite
arrangements have been made as yet.

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DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Through established sources discreetly ascertain if
plans are being formulated for meeting.

2 - Bureau (AM) (Reg.)
2 - Denver (AM) (Reg.)
2 - Salt Lake City (AM) (Reg.)
1 - Chicago (100-50772) (AM) (Reg.) (Info)
3 - [Redacted]

GTS/imw
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE CINCINNATI VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAM/WSO), HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974, IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT A REGIONAL AMNESTY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE VVAM/WSO WOULD BE HELD NOVEMBER 15-17, 1974 IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. IT WAS STATED THAT SOMEONE (UNIDENTIFIED) FROM CANADA WOULD SPEAK AT THIS MEETING AND THE IMPRESSION WAS CREATED THAT IT WOULD BE A "U.S. EXILE OF THE VIETNAM WAR." A FORMER ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER 12, 1974 VVAM/WSO MEETING.

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CHARACTERIZATION: VVAV/WSO LEADERS HAVE TOLD THEIR MEMBERS THAT THE VVAV/WSO IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN ASKED TO CO-OPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MARXIST GROUPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

FIRST CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

RECIPIENTS CANVAS SOURCES TO DETERMINE ANY PLANNED PARTICIPATION FROM VARIOUS AREAS. SPECIFICALLY, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE NAME OR IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING ALLEGED PROPOSED SPEAKER FROM CANADA. ANTICIPATES HE CAN ATTEND CONFERENCE BEGINNING MID-DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1974. INFORMANT UTILIZES CODE NAME OF LOUISVILLE FURNISH NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AGENT WHOM
INFORMANT MAY CONTACT IF SECURITY PERMITS.

TELETYPE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PROTECT SOURCES.

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TRY TO GET... OUT... AND CALL US LATER... AND WE... TRY... TO HELP THEN... SORRY.
FBI
Date: 11/14/74

Transmit the following in Via AIRTEL (Type in plaintext or code)

TO: DIREC A, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-50772)
SUBJECT: VIET NAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION SPONSORED NATIONAL G.I. CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 10/11-14/74

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, 11/7/74, captioned as above.

Copies of referenced LHM have been furnished to 902 Military Intelligence Group as well as NISO and OSI, Chicago, Illinois.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)  
DATE: 11/18/74

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-1745) (C)  

SUBJECT: VVAV/WSO  
IS: (00: JK)

Re Jacksonville letter to Bureau 9/5/74.

Continued scrutiny of VVAV/WSO Chapter in Gainesville, Fla., reveals that it is, in fact, defunct. Meetings are not being held, and information from the Intelligence Unit, Alachua Co. S.O. as well as other sources in Gainesville, show no indication that the former members of the VVAV are utilizing the American Veterans move as a cloak to hide their subversive activities.

In view of the fact that Bureau airtel captioned "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/INTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO); INTERNAL SECURITY" dated 7/15/74, advised that if VVAV/WSO Chapters and individual members did not meet qualifications for continued investigation, cases should be placed in a closed status, therefore, this case is being considered closed in the Jacksonville Division.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (100-1577) (P)

SUBJECT: SM - VVAV WSO
       (CC: ALEXANDRIA)

DATE: 11/21/74

Re Boston letter to the Bureau, 9/19/74; and Alexandria letter to the Bureau, 10/17/74.

Referenced Boston letter showed an enclosure for Alexandria of two copies of a Baltimore letter to Boston dated 2/12/74. This enclosure was not received at Alexandria. Boston is requested to forward the enclosures to Alexandria.

Bay L.J. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
MESSAGE RELAY
Date 11-15-74

FROM: Director, FBI
TO: RUEADWW/ [ ] The President
     RUEADWW/ [ ] Vice President
     RUEADWW/ [ ] White House Situation Room
     RUEHOC/ [ ] Secretary of State
     RUEAIA/ [ ] Director, CIA
     RUEKJCS/ [ ] Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
     RUEACSI/ [ ] Department of the Army
     RUEBGFA/ [ ] Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
     RUEOLKN/ [ ] Naval Investigative Service
     RUEAOS/ [ ] 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

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SUBJECT: SEE NEXT PAGE

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ON NOVEMBER 13, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE CINCINNATI VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WARM/INTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO), HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974, IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT A REGIONAL AMNESTY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE VVAV/WSO WOULD BE HELD NOVEMBER 15-17, 1974 IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. IT WAS STATED THAT SOMEONE (UNIDENTIFIED) FROM CANADA WOULD SPEAK AT THIS MEETING AND THE IMPRESSION WAS CREATED THAT IT WOULD BE A "U.S. EXILE OF THE VIETNAM WAR." ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER 12, 1974 VVAV/WSO MEETING.
ON NOVEMBER 13, 1974, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD CONFIRMED THE PLANS FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL COMMENCE FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 15, 1974, AND WILL BE HELD AT A "PREACHER'S SEMINARY" IN THE LOUISVILLE AREA.

CHARACTERIZATION: VVAN/WSO LEADERS HAVE TOLD THEIR MEMBERS THAT THE VVAN/WSO IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN ASKED TO CO-OPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS.

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Date: 11/15/74

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    □ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
    □ and Internal Security Section
    □ and General Crimes Section
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CLASSIFICATION: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/INTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAYS/O)

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAD FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE
CINCINNATI VVAYS/O, IT HAD BEEN STATED THAT THE PERSON COMING
FROM CANADA TO SPEAK BEFORE THE AMnesty CONFERENCE COMMENCING IN
LOUISVILLE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1974, (PHONETIC),
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A DESERTER FROM A GREEN BOY ROLL UNIT. IT WAS
STATED AT THIS MEETING THAT THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT
DESERTERS COMING TO THE U.S. FROM CANADA WILL NOT BE ARRESTED FOR
A 15 DAY PERIOD, WHICH PERIOD THEY HAVE TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER
THEMSELVES. THEREFORE, IF CONAN (PHONETIC) WERE TO BE ARRESTED
BEFORE BEING IN THE U.S., HE COULD CLAIM HE INTENDED TO GIVE
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(PHONETIC) ACTUALLY INTENDS TO SURRENDER AFTER 15 DAYS, RETURN TO CANADA, OR REMAIN IN THE U.S.

ADMINISTRATIVE

BE CINCINNATI TELETYPE-114/14/74, BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI-114/14/74, AND CINCINNATI CALL TO LOUISVILLE-114/14/74.

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE CINCINNATI VVA/WSO IT HAD BEEN STATED THAT THE PERSON COMING FROM CANADA TO SPEAK BEFORE THE AMNESTY CONFERENCE COMMENCING IN LOUISVILLE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1974, Was DESCRIBED AS A DESERTER FROM A GREEN BERET UNIT. IT WAS STATED AT THIS MEETING THAT THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT DESERTERS COMING TO THE U.S. FROM CANADA WILL NOT BE ARRESTED FOR A 15 DAY PERIOD, WHICH PERIOD THEY HAVE TO VOLUNTARILY SURPERVISE THEMSELVES. THEREFORE, IF COHAN (PHONETIC) WERE TO BE ARRESTED BEFORE BEING IN THE U.S. HE COULD CLAIM HE INTENDED TO GIVE HIMSELF UP BEFORE THE 15 DAY LIMIT. IT WAS NOT STATED WHETHER...
PHONETIC ACTUALLY INTENDS TO SURRENDER AFTER 15 DAYS, RETURN TO CANADA, OR REMAIN IN THE U.S.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE 11/14/74, BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI 11/14/74, AND CINCINNATI CALL TO LOUISVILLE 11/14/74.


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R RELAY
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) AND SAC BALTIMORE (100-32558) CHICAGO (100-55606)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-47162) (P)

ATTENTION: INTO.

CONFIDENTIAL

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WFO), IS.


THE VVAV WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAV/VSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAV/VSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT.

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

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
SPONSORED, NATIONAL G.I. CONFERENCE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

10/11-14/74

Re Norfolk teletype to Chicago, 10/8/74, captioned
"BLACK MILITARY RESISTANCE LEAGUE, EXTREMIST MATTER (BMRL)",
Chicago teletype to Bureau and Norfolk, 10/10/74 with dual
caption, "VVAV/WSO - BLACK MILITARY RESISTANCE LEAGUE" and
Chicago teletype to Bureau and Norfolk, 10/18/74, captioned
"BLACK MILITARY RESISTANCE LEAGUE" and Legat Tokyo letter to
Bureau, 10/17/74.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) pertaining to a Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) sponsored National G.I. Conference (NGIC) held in Chicago during the period October 11-14, 1974. Also enclosed for designated offices are copies of the LHM. These offices should, where appropriate, either index names pertinent to their territory or reproduce the LHM in the event it is necessary to open new cases on individuals set forth in the LHM.

Norfolk teletype pointed out that Naval Investigative Service Office (NLSO), Norfolk, made available literature obtained aboard the naval base, San Diego, California, which indicated the Black Military Resistance League (BMRL) was holding a conference in Chicago during the period October 11-14, 1974, with the sponsor organization indicated to be the VVAW/WSO.
Chicago has no other information indicating that the BMRL was holding a conference and it is assumed that NISO meant that BMRL was going to participate in the conference.

A number of organizations participated in the conference with VVAW/WSO as sponsor, therefore, this matter is being handled under the single caption of VVAW/WSO.

For the information of Norfolk, referenced Legat Tokyo letter to the Bureau indicated that Tokyo has no reference to the BMRL and would appreciate receiving any available information regarding this group. BMRL is characterized in the LHM. If Norfolk has additional information pertinent to this group, it should be furnished to Legat Tokyo.

The LHM is classified confidential to protect the identity of the first source.

Characterizations of the pertinent organizations available to the Chicago Office are contained in the appendix section of the LHM.

Regarding the "Resist" newsletter mentioned in the LHM, Chicago teletype to the Bureau, et al., 10/11/74, requested Boston to ascertain facts regarding this grant to the VVAW/WSO.
Second source is Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, location 100-50772-2202.
A first and second source advised on October 23, 1974, and November 1, 1974, respectively, that a National G.I. Conference (NGIC) sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), was held at the YMCA, 826 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during the period October 11-14, 1974.

The second source advised that the VVAW/WSO initiated the NGIC in the interest of beginning an effort to build a fighting anti-imperialist movement in the United States military.

During the conference, the first and second sources obtained the following pre-printed list of participants in the conference:

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Leonard Cizewski, Marion Neudel (312) 427-2533

Bay Area Military Law Panel, Room 220, 2588 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94110
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Joel Sarch

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Terry Longe

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Tom Doran

GI Assistance Project, c/o AFSC, 7194 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, MO 63143
Denny Cummins, Jane Cummins, Mike Forst, Art Graves, (314) 781-7100

Military Law Project, 319 E. 25th St., Baltimore, MD 21218 (301) 366-7200
Bob Barracca, Steve Bruns, Chip Cole

Pacific Counseling Service/Military Law Office, 2588 Mission St., Room 220,
San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 285-1212
Sheila Weston, Bob Traller

Third World Political Education Project, 892 E. 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44108
(216) 681-3509
Johnny Franco, Norman Peery

Third World Political Education Project, 160 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) LO3-9372
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VVAW/WSO, PO Box 10116, Columbus, Ohio 43201 (614) 299-
John Alexander, Bill Davis, Sue Rovick

VVAW/WSO, PO Box 1625, Dayton, Ohio 45401 (513) 274-3171
John Judge, Gary Staiger

VVAW/WSO, PO Box 1891, Denver, CO 80218 (303) 321-3717
Bob Anyon, Eddy Eskelson, Robert Hennig

VVAW/WSO National Office, 82 West Newport, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 935-2129
Brian Adams, Richard Bangert, Ellie Mattern, Sam Schorr, Marla Watson, Peter Zastrow

VVAW/WSO, Box 411, Tillicum, Washington 98492 (Tacoma)
Jim Ransom, Glenn Robb, Bob Pella

WILDCAT, PO Box 1381, Evanston, IL 60204 (312) 276-0027
Brad Boyer, Ken Ratner, George Schmidt, Nancy Stetton

LA Military Law Panel, 2212 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026 (213) 413-4430
William G. Smith (also represented National Lawyers Guild)

LA Military Law Panel, C/O Richard Fox, Suite 225, 1888 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067 (213) 553-2700 Richard Fox

David Hill
observer from: Military Service Counseling Center, 514 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007 (213) 828-3260

Center for National Security Studies, 122 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002 (202) 544-5380
Dave Cortright (observer)

Dave Bunten, c/o Midge Slater, 1535 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50314 (515) 243-5761
part of GI Assistance Project delegation from St. Louis

Art Schmucker, 510 Revere Dr., Goshen, Indiana 46526 (219) 533-0745
part of Columbus, Ohio, VVAW/WSO delegation

Cleminie Henderson, Fred Lee
from Onipa - Veterans and Military Counseling, 1503 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 924-3648
part of Third World Political Education Project - Cleveland delegation

Bart Lubow, 425 E. 12th St., Manhattan, NY (212) 254-4988
observer
In addition, the following persons were personally observed at the conference by the first source:

- Pacific Counseling Service, St. Louis
- MAC - Wildcat
- VVAV/WSO G.I. Project, Milwaukee
- VVAV/WSO, Columbus, Ohio
- formerly of Peoples House, Clarksville, Tennessee
- (LNU), VVAV/WSO, Chicago Chapter
- SAM SCHORR, ED DANATO, VVAV/WSO, National Office
The following persons were personally observed at the conference by the second source:

- VVAW/WSO, National Office
- VVAW/WSO
- Los Angeles Military Law Panel
- GIAP, St. Louis
- Covered Wagon
- Center for Servicemen's Rights, San Diego
- Center for Servicemen's Rights, San Francisco
- VVAW/WSO, National Office
- Center for Servicemen's Rights
- Los Angeles Military Law Panel
- Center for Servicemen's Rights
- VVAW/WSO
- GIAP, St. Louis
- Chicago VVAW/WSO
Vietnam Veterans Against The War/Winter Soldier Organization
Sponsored National G.I. Conference
Chicago, Illinois
October 11-14, 1974

TWPEP, Cleveland
Covered Wagon
VVAM/WSO, Denver
Wildcat
VVAM/WSO, New York City
Ford Heade
Tidewater Defense Committee
Center for Servicemans Rights
Center for National Defense Studies

RMMP, Denver
The sources advised that the NGIC was not open to the public and that the various groups were asked to attend by invitation only. They stated the purpose of the NGIC was to consolidate efforts of similar thinking organizations in order to develop a program that all G.I. type organizations could relate to.

The VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/SOLDIER ORGANIZATION proposed that the NGIC adopt a unified program proposal for G.I. work around a minimum goal Armed Forces Day, 1975. Armed Forces Day was referred to as being "one of the few times of the year when widespread efforts were made to mobilize G.I.s toward certain very basic or general goals. The proposal included a plan that local and regional actions/demonstrations should take place at or near United States military installations around the world on Armed Forces Day, May 16, 1975.

The second source obtained the following literature which was presented to the conference:
BUILDING THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST GI MOVEMENT

Statement and Proposal

by the

National Office

Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization

For the National GI Conference - Chicago - October 11-14, 1974
I. The World Situation - Today the world situation is clearly characterized as being in a period of great turmoil. Far from being a bad thing, this is a good thing; a sign of the approaching victory of the people's struggles all around the world for independence, freedom and an end to all forms of oppression. This situation has developed from, and correspondingly adds to, the deepening worldwide crisis facing US imperialism. Major realignments of forces have developed with incredible rapidity in the past few years as US imperialism has suffered one defeat after another at the hands of liberation struggles all over the world. Nor is this crisis of imperialism isolated to the struggles of Third World people for independence and an end to colonialism and neo-colonialism. It has also resulted in a burgeoning anti-imperialist movement among the people living inside the US.

II. The Situation in the US - As imperialism is defeated, step-by-step, it is increasingly forced to try and place the burden of its crisis on the backs of the American people. But whatever form it may take, attacks on workers' living conditions, political repression, national oppression, inflation, etc., one thing is clear: people in the US are fighting back against imperialism. The American people are rapidly learning that their interests and the interests of the corporate system that our government is controlled by have absolutely nothing in common. One need only look at the rising workers struggles, the growing struggle against national oppression, the anti-war movement, the women's movement, the veterans' movement or the GI movement to see evidence of this resistance. Repression breeds resistance! And the case of the US is certainly no exception.

III. Preface to the National GI Conference - VVAV/WSO sees the holding of this National GI Conference, the first such gathering in over two years, as being an important step in furthering the development of this overall anti-imperialist movement. Clearly, the building of a strong anti-imperialist GI movement must be seen as one of the priorities for progressive forces in the US. This conference provides us with an excellent opportunity for doing just this. By summing up and sharing the practice and experience of the past few years of the GI movement, we will hopefully be able to collectively arrive at some of the basic lessons or conclusions to be drawn from that practice. These lessons in turn must be used to guide our future action - to broaden and deepen our work with the GI movement. Unless we can learn the lessons of our own history, we can never hope to achieve any real progress.

Just as all things in our world are in a constant state of change and motion, so are the conditions affecting the nature of the work we must be doing in the GI movement. Particularly at this point in time when conditions in the world are changing so fast, it is both a necessity and our responsibility to continually sum up and re-analyze and improve our work. We sincerely hope that this conference will make a significant contribution to that end. Finally, as was stated in the original call for the conference, we hope that the experience of coming together and sharing our varying experience and outlooks on the GI movement will begin the process of building a much deeper sense of unity within the GI movement. Certainly the greater the unity we can achieve within the GI movement, the greater our success will be.
IV. The Role of the Military under Imperialism - Primary understanding of the GI movement and of the necessity of building a strong anti-imperialist GI movement, is an understanding of the role that the military plays under imperialism and the special oppression that GIs face under it. The military is a primary tool of imperialism, both at home and abroad. Its ultimate purpose is to serve the interests of the monopoly capitalists that run the US. Its very nature dictates that it can serve no other interests in the long run. Here in the US the military is fully prepared, and trained, to act as a strike-breaking force or to back up local police forces in the event of 'civil disturbances'. It remains equally ready to implement US foreign policies abroad or to undertake US-backed dictatorships. Our experiences with the war in Indochina have provided us all with a classic demonstration of what the real role of the military is and who's interests it serves.

V. The Oppression of GIs - As well as the role that the military plays under Imperialism, there is also an internal contradiction within the military between the class interests of GIs and the role into which they are forced by the class which controls the military. Not only are they used as the human cannon fodder for imperialism's military adventures, such as the war in Indochina, but they are also subjected to a system that degrades and dehumanizes them. To start with, most GIs are forced into the military on the basis of their class position and race. If they aren't forced into the military by the draft, they are forced in by the gun of economic necessity held to their heads. Once in, GIs are not only divided from the rest of the working class and directly set against it, but they are similarly divided from each other through an adroit fostering of national oppression and male supremacy.

Unlike most jobs in civilian society, GIs are prohibited from either striking or quitting; instead they face heavy repression and harassment from the brass for the slightest sign of resistance to military rule. Working and living conditions are deplorable, unsafe and dehumanizing; yet fighting to improve them lands one in the clutches of the military's medieval judicial system, the UCMJ. Under it, GIs are not given the slightest pretense of anything remotely resembling justice. Whether it comes from an actual court martial or results from the system of non-judicial punishment it all means the same thing: GIs have no real rights under military law. But whether it is racism, bad working and living conditions, the UCMJ or the oppression of women, it all adds up to the specific ways GIs are oppressed by imperialism while they are in the military. And it is this very real, concrete basis of oppression under imperialism that provides the material basis for organizing GIs to fight back.

VI. The Need for Building an Anti-Imperialist GI Movement - Imperialism dictates the role that the military will play, and as long as the system of US imperialism remains intact, the military will continue to be used against people all over the world; and it will continue to oppress the GIs who are forced into it. The role of the military, then, and the oppression that it breeds, calls for a fighting movement of GIs who can both combat their own oppression and the imperialist system they are forced to serve. Further, given the history of the GI movement, from the resistance to the war in Indochina to struggles such as those of the Iwakuni Five, the USS MIDWAY or the USS LITTLE ROCK, there is a clear mandate to show that GIs not only can be organized, but that they must be organized. Spontaneous resistance to the military by GIs occurs almost on a daily basis. GIs are ready to join, and build, the worldwide anti-imperialist movement and it is the duty of all progressive forces in the US to do all they can to build the anti-imperialist GI movement.

VII. The Current Status of the GI Movement - What then is the current status of the existing GI movement? With the exception of a few projects, the energy level of conscious organization is very sporadic and its involvement with the larger anti-imperialist movement...
is very limited. Historically, there has been a serious lack of political and programmatic unity among the GI movement. (There has also been a serious lack of structural unity, which should be seen as one of the highest expressions of true political unity.) There has also been a real lack of understanding of the need for a fighting anti-imperialist GI movement among other progressive forces on the left, which has similarly held the struggle back. Certainly the end of a direct combat role in Indochina for hundreds of thousands of American GIs had a profound effect on the status of the GI movement.

For the time being at least, people are not being drafted, and there are no longer 500,000 GIs in Indochina. There are also no longer the dozens of GI projects, GI papers and GI organizers that once used to flourish near US military bases all over the country. Undoubtedly much of this is the direct result of the changing material conditions facing GI organizers today. However, while the strategy of the military and its direct intervention abroad has changed, the GI movement did not reflect an understanding of that change in its organizing strategy. What does remain are most of the same miserable conditions of military life that GIs have faced for years - potential cannon fodder in wars of aggression; national oppression, harassment from the brass, poor working and living conditions, oppression of women, brutality in military prisons and the UCMJ. And as the crisis of imperialism deepens, these conditions within the military will worsen.

Moreover, the ongoing lessons of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have not been lost on the American people or American GIs. There is a rapidly growing awareness of what US imperialism is all about. While there may not be the mass revolts of 1971 and Firebase Pace, there is today a much deeper and more profound understanding of the nature of the system of imperialism. It is on this growing awareness that a new and stronger GI movement must be built. That and other aspects of the new conditions in the military, such as the emergence of women as a prominent part of the new 'volunteer military' must be analyzed and turned to the advantage of the anti-imperialist movement.

VIII. Style of Work - 1) In looking at these changing conditions and formulating our work for the coming period, it is also important to take into account the changing level of struggle in the US as reflected in the growth of not only anti-imperialist consciousness but many anti-imperialist organizations as well. This growing anti-imperialist movement is a political development which should affect our whole outlook towards GIs. We should not see our work among GIs, or anyone else for that matter, in isolation from other struggles taking place today in the US and throughout the world. Rather, we should look at GI organizing as an important part of a much larger struggle against US imperialism. And we should always be striving to link these various components of the struggle together. This is an essential key to any real success in our work. Tendencies to make very narrow formulations on GI work should be thoroughly combatted. In reality such isolation cannot but hold the struggle back.

2) In carrying out our daily work with GIs, we feel that the most important aspect of that work is its anti-imperialist content. Whatever the problem we are faced with, whether it is homeporting or hair regulations, we should always be striving to explain how that problem fits into the overall struggle against imperialism. Exposing the nature of imperialism - and summing up the common experience of GIs as victims of imperialism - is at the essence of successful local political work. Without providing an anti-imperialist perspective on local work, and without linking this with the day-to-day struggles GIs are waging, we will be failing to identify the real cause of these problems and, objectively, holding back the struggle. We cannot deal with one symptom of imperialism after another without exposing how it is just another manifestation or 'side effect' of the basic illness. As long as the basic problem remains, the 'symptoms' -
aggressive wars, racism, depression and so forth - will continue. It is in the very nature of the beast that this is so. Anything less than a basic anti-imperialist analysis to guide our political work with GIs will be inadequate. Anti-imperialism must be at the very heart of the GI movement.

3) Our style of work in the GI movement, besides providing an anti-imperialist analysis, must be viewed from the point of view of conscious leadership. Leadership that serves a vanguard role of always being out front showing the best possible way to carry the struggle forward - leadership that is continually trying to initiate action to organize GIs to fight back. This is certainly not to say that the GI movement should then ignore the spontaneous resistance of GIs that we see cropping up daily. Rather, we should always be prepared to go to those struggles and do all possible to broaden and deepen them, constantly striving to inject as much political content into them as possible. But to passively wait for spontaneous action by GIs to occur before GI movement organizers become involved is not only not leading, but tailing behind uncertainty and spontaneity. At times the GI movement has had aspects of such an approach to GI organizing, as do people still today: but clearly this error is only liquidating the need for conscious leadership. We see that the exact opposite, more conscious leadership, is what is really needed. We should always be searching for ways to initiate action and put the GI movement on the offensive at the very onset of our work.

4) A cardinal principle in all our GI work should be an orientation towards building a fighting GI movement. Above all, the GI movement must be based on, and its strategy derived from, the understanding that its primary strength is the united, militant mass action of GIs. If we fail to realize this and instead rely on external factors - the military system, courts, etc. - we will inevitably make major errors in our work and fall into reformism. However, if we base all our actions on our primary strength, the people, we will be able to win real victories. We will be determining our own initiative rather than continually reacting to the initiative of the military. Facing ourselves on the people and understanding that we can never win if we try to work through the system, our whole organizing goal then is to organize GIs to FIGHT BACK against imperialism. We do want to expose imperialism to GIs, linking up how it oppresses them as well as people all over the world. But this is not enough. We aren't interested in just shining a light in the face of imperialism to show everybody what an ugly monster it is - but rather to organize them to fight back against it - to ultimately wring its bloody neck! Unless we build a fighting movement that will consciously address itself to actively fighting back against the system we can never expect to get anywhere. But if we truly understand what our primary strength is - the united, militant action of GIs fighting back against imperialism - then we can expect to win real victories, not just meaningless concessions.

IX. Problems Existing in the GI Movement - In building a fighting anti-imperialist GI movement it is essential to avoid what we consider to be one of the main short comings of the GI movement in the past, which is the tendency to look upon GI work as a service project. Hopefully what has already been said in this paper will have explained the rationale for struggling against seeing GI work as a service project. If we agree that the nature of imperialism can never be mitigated, improved or reformed; and that it is now facing an ever growing crisis necessitating ever more desperate and barbaric actions, then we can clearly see that we will be doing nobody any real 'service' by trying to merely numb the pain caused GIs by imperialism with a little service or assistance. If the tooth is rotten it must be pulled. The only real service we can provide GIs, and the rest of the American people, is by actively working to end imperialism once and for all.
But even given agreement on this basic formulation, there is still a danger of unconsciously falling into a service mentality. Particularly work around the UCMJ this is a danger. Obviously legal counseling, a service, is an important component part of any GI work. An understanding of the government's rules - what can be done within the limits of the system - is always a valuable tool. But in the final analysis this understanding can only be a tool to be used in our work; one tactic among many to be selected as dictated by the specific conditions of a given situation. It must not, however, be raised to an organizing strategy in and of itself. The only real motivating force which can carry the struggle of GIs forward and make it meaningful politically will be a thorough political understanding of imperialism and the military's role under it, and the mass action of GIs directed against it. There is a qualitative difference between tools or tactics and an overall strategy. The strategy should be to build a fighting anti-imperialist mass movement in the military. Within that strategy of course there is always the need for many different tactics depending on the situation, but we cannot allow a tactic such as counseling be raised to the level of a strategy.

2) Another problem which has long been a characteristic of the GI movement, which we think needs to be struggled against, is the attitude of individualism among many projects. In some cases it seems to have been raised to the level of a principle. The specific fact of whether or not a given project is independent or part of a larger organization is not what is at issue here. Rather, it is the approach to GI organizing as it relates to the rest of the movement of progressive forces in the US that we are talking about. We cannot allow ourselves to view the GI movement as a unique or special case that has little if any direct tie-in to the rest of the movement. This would inevitably weaken the GI movement and the larger struggle as well. It objectively digs a little burrow for the GI movement; to crawl into and dig its way along in total isolation from anything else. Linking up the GI movement with the struggles of other sections of the population must be an essential part of our work. We cannot see any struggle in isolation; we are all fighting against the same system and it should be of primary importance to see that these struggles are brought closer together. The struggles of workers, oppressed nationalities, women, students, etc., are important and inseparable from our own work.

3) Individualism; attitudes of 'our project is sacred' and must be independent of all other political activity; concepts of GI organizing as being a service; failure to adjust to the changing material conditions facing the GI movement; have all contributed their share towards creating perhaps the basic problem facing us today: a lack of meaningful unity within the GI movement. Whatever the specific reasons may be, it is vital for us to realize that the period in our history when we can afford such a 'luxury' is over. The responsibilities of our task simply do not permit it.

There are no longer projects at hundreds of military installations; there are no longer dozens of movement people in every major city that are eager to do GI work; there are no longer such fountainheads of economic substance like USSF to support projects all over the country. But even with these conditions, we are still charged with building & increasing unity within the GI movement. Our goal is to constantly be forging ahead with our work and not to be content with the status-quo. With the deepening crisis of US imperialism, with the changing conditions existing within the military, and with the growth of a much more mature anti-imperialist movement in the US, it is time to chart our course for the coming period on the basis of these new conditions and new tasks presented us. We firmly believe that these new conditions demand the closest possible coordination between all GI organizing and the development of strong national organizational forms to implement that work. We realize that this will be a long and
difficult process that can occur through a great deal of struggle. But is is not an impossible goal.

X. Tying the GI and Veterans Movement Together - We in VVAV/WSO also see the great importance of building the GI movement in particularly close relationship with the growing anti-imperialist veterans movement. The struggles of veterans are an important struggle to GIs on a number of levels. Naturally, the vets movement is important to GIs since they will someday be veterans themselves and will be facing new forms of oppression that are only an extension of the same oppressive system they faced in the military. (Ideas on building unity between the vets and GI movement are contained in the Program Proposal following this.) Also, we cannot overlook the need for a movement that GIs can move directly into as they ETS from the service. The vets movement is clearly a logical place for them to go. And, finally, it is logical for veterans to actively work in the GI movement. Given their personal experience with the military and the understanding of the system that they gained by being part of it, vets can and should be recruited into the GI movement as a potentially solid base of civilian support for it.

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In conclusion, we think that GI work for the coming period should concentrate on initiating action and providing an anti-imperialist consciousness to our daily work. As the GI movement continues to grow, it should also be one of our primary tasks to link up the struggles of GIs with other struggles throughout the country and the world. We see this conference as just the beginning of the effort to build a fighting, anti-imperialist movement in the US military. We have called the conference in the interest of furthering that effort and developing the necessary unity to carry it forward. We hope that our proposals and thoughts on the GI movement will contribute to the success of this conference and that the level of struggle can be raised as a result. We don't pretend to have the final word on GI organizing. On the contrary, we know that we have a lot to learn. The most workable strategy for the GI movement can only come out of the process of a lot of practice and a lot of struggle. It is with that orientation that our collective work and struggle here will hopefully be approached.

BUILD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST GI MOVEMENT
UNITE TO FIGHT ALL OPPRESSION!
We in VVAW/WSO see the need for reaching greater unity within the GI movement as one of the major prerequisites for its continued growth and development. We also feel that one of the best ways we can begin the process of achieving such unity — and thereby building the anti-imperialist GI movement — is by building upon our strengths, the common ground we already share, and struggling to achieve as much programmatic unity as we can in the process. While we will undoubtedly not be able to agree on all, or even most, aspects of our work and the strategy for the GI movement (although that is certainly the goal we should all be striving towards), the greater the unified effort we can achieve towards common goals, the greater our success will be. This is obviously not to deny the need, the absolute necessity, for struggle around our political differences. That is the best way of clarifying our various positions and of actually arriving at the best course of action. The point is, however, that in the process of this struggle our goal is always towards achieving greater unity as a result. Unity, struggle, greater unity!

To this end, VVAW/WSO is proposing that the GI conference adopt a unified program proposal for GI work around a minimum goal — Armed Forces Day, 1975. Historically, Armed Forces Day, along with work on ending the war in Indochina, has been one of the high points of the GI movement — one of the very few times of the year when widespread efforts were made to mobilize GIs towards certain very basic or general goals. While we realize that this proposal is only for achieving a very minimum level of unity for very specific and limited goals, we nonetheless feel that it can be an important first step in the process of really uniting the GI movement and moving it forward.

There are three parts to this proposal, which we think should be discussed separately. (I) The first part is the slogan we are putting forward as the general political guideline and goal of our work. That slogan is:

BUILD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST GI MOVEMENT — UNITE TO FIGHT ALL OPPRESSION

(II) The second part consists of the general demands that we feel should be the focus of our day-to-day work with GIs in building for Armed Forces Day. Obviously we are willing to struggle around the specifics of each demand being put forward, but generally speaking the demands selected were done so on the basis of finding the greatest political points of unity in the GI movement as a whole, rather than on attempting to select the specific demands that might be more applicable at one specific military base or ship. The demands fall into two basic categories: demands that are specifically oriented to the day-to-day needs and oppression of GIs, and demands that link the GI movement up with the overall anti-imperialist struggle. They are:

END ALL RACIAL OPPRESSION!
END THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN IN THE MILITARY!
END NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT!
END THE USE OF GIs AS STRIKEBREAKERS AND RIOT COPS!
A SINGLE-TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL GI, AND VETS!
UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL WAR RESISTERS!
IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENTS — END ALL AID TO THIEU & LON NO!

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The last part of the proposal is that based on the general slogan and specific demands listed above that local and regional actions/demonstrations should take place at or near US military installations all over the world on Armed Forces Day, May 15, '75.

Explanation of Proposal

Based on the experience of our own organization, particularly during the last 9 months, we feel that this type of approach lends itself well to mass organizing and towards building the people's movement. The essence of it lies in achieving a unity as possible around a common program and then moving forward as a united body to implement it. The program is characterized in goals and orientation with an overall political theme or slogan and is built around specific demands to base day-to-day work on demands that speak to people's specific needs and the specific way they are oppressed under imperialism, and demands that link up their struggle with the overall anti-imperialist movement. Day-to-day work around the demands is done with the goal of building a common massing of strength at a major high point of activity or, in this case, a coordinated series of actions/demonstrations. The massing of strength being built for then in turn serves to broaden and deepen the future mass work done on a day-to-day basis around the demands. Just as the day-to-day work cannot be seen in isolation from the coordinated mass actions, the mass actions and demonstrations cannot be viewed in isolation from the day-to-day work being done; they should only be seen as high points in an ongoing campaign around the demands.

In building for the national demonstration VVAW/WSD held in Washington this past July, our chapters focused on five demands, including amnesty, the war, bad discharges, veterans benefits and Nixon. We felt that this was very effective in local organizing and was a major reason for the successful 4 days of actions in Washington. The point, again, is that the success was directly attributable to the fact that the demonstrations were only seen as a high point in our ongoing campaign around the demands. Similarly, day-to-day mass work was not seen as being separate from the building work done for the DC demonstration, but rather an integral part of that work.

We felt that starting off with one target date for a GI program was the best approach and that Armed Forces Day was the one that everyone could agree on. As we sum up the experience of this period next summer, we may all decide on continuing with this approach and adding some other dates for local or national actions, or adding or changing the demands. As to what actually happens on Armed Forces Day, this will be up to each project, base or ship. But whatever form these actions take, it will be a day which GIs can look forward to when they can engage in a united form of resistance knowing that other American GIs will be doing likewise all over the world. We think this is at the heart of what we mean when we talk about unity - not merely a sense of theoretical, political unity, but actual, concrete unity that comes out of our day-to-day practice. This proposal, we feel, is a starting point. It is a minimum program which we feel can lay the groundwork for refining and broadening our work in the future and building unity in the GI movement.

The demands which we have put forward are chosen for a number of reasons. The first is that they can all be tied directly into the nature of US imperialism by getting at why there is racial oppression, why women are oppressed, why there is arbitrary, non-judicial punishment, why GIs are used to break domestic struggles, why the military feels it necessary to brand someone for life with a bad discharge, why the government refuses to grant amnesty to war resisters, and why the US continues to maintain its.
The first four demands, we feel, are self-explanatory and do not need elaboration for purposes of this proposal. The fifth demand, a single-type discharge, ties the GI movement into the vets movement. It offers the chance to illustrate the fact that the struggles of GIs are part of a much larger struggle and that once they are out of the military they will face other forms of oppression, i.e., being a veteran. If the demand is explained well, it can help GIs to understand that it's not just the military they are up against, but a whole system - a system that will follow them wherever they go. And finally, this demand can be used to explain why GIs are not given the option to quit their job. The discharge system is, in fact, designed to do just that - keep GIs from quitting their job by threatening to give them a lifelong mark.

The amnesty demand, while not directly effecting most GIs (except deserters), does raise one of the most important: "as of all by pointing out that resistance to the military resistance to wars like Vietnam is correct - that resistance to oppression is our responsibility. We think that the strong history of resistance in the military in the last ten years should not be lost to the signing of the Paris Agreement or the signing of Ford's bogus amnesty. Rather, we think it should be brought forward in our daily work and encouraged. The 500,000 GIs who resisted the military and received bad discharge and the tens of thousands of GIs who have deserted represent a tradition of resistance which should be built on, and cannot and should not be forgotten. As anti-imperialists, we should be encouraging resistance in the military and constantly demanding amnesty for those who do resist and suffer the consequences of resistance.

The final demand, which is on the continuing war, is a demand that not only should be continually raised by all Americans, but it points to the most hideous and well-known example of US imperialism and military intervention in recent history. While there are obviously many, many other such examples of imperialism and people's struggles against it, it's our opinion that a demand on ending the war in Indochina could obtain the widest possible unity within the GI movement given the great unity already existing around this demand. It is a demand that is increasingly of major importance for our work given the concrete situation now in Indochina and one that offers a concrete example of what US imperialism really means. There is also the very real possibility that the US military will be back in Indochina in full force in the near future.

We would also expect that local issues would be raised and added to these general demands during the day-to-day work and again on Armed Forces Day.

Finally, the slogan we are proposing for this program - "BUILD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST GI MOVEMENT - UNITE TO FIGHT ALL OPPRESSION" - we feel sums up the essence of what our primary tasks are in the GI movement. We feel that the GI movement can, and must, be built on overtly anti-imperialist lines, as indeed it has been in essence. Anything less than such a political perspective would be objectively holding the movement back and tailing behind the level of political consciousness existing among GIs. Our role as GI organizers is to play a leadership role, showing GIs the best political direction they can take, not passively following behind whatever spontaneous action they may already be involved with. Secondly, the concept of uniting to fight all forms of oppression, both those facing GIs and those facing all people around the world, speaks to the concept of linking up the GI movement with the people's movement as a whole. It squarely points up the fact that the GI movement is part of the overall anti-imperialist movement and cannot be viewed in isolation from it.
PROPOSALS

TO THE
NATIONAL
CC ORGANIZING CONFERENCE

From
CC DEFENSE COMMITTEE/EDMONTON
CC DEFENSE COMMITTEE/JACKSONVILLE
CC DEFENSE COMMITTEE/CHARLESTON
CC C.U. UNION/PORT KNOW

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We propose that a clearinghouse/ coordinating committee be established to coordinate national and international work done by various groups and to render support to various groups as the situation dictates.

We also propose that the idea of a National Conference be an ongoing action held every year. In the interim, we suggest that the clearinghouse/ coordinating committee meet twice a year (4 months before and 4 months after the yearly conference) to maintain close communications, and to further coordinate strategies and organizing efforts by groups and coalitions of groups, and to lend support where the situation dictates.

We would propose that the clearinghouse/ coordinating committee consist of one (1) member from all of the groups actively engaged in GI organizing.
We see GI struggles as a part of the general working-class movement. To help unify and strengthen that movement, we should encourage the development of ties between enlisted men and women and their families, and civilian workers. This would mean strike support work, agitation against the use of GIs, National Guardsmen, and Reservists to break strikes, and organizing against the Department of Defense's buying up of union products.

One concrete suggestion would be a "Day of Solidarity with the Farm-workers". This would mean a nationwide one-day co-ordinated effort to include:
- a joint endorsement of such a "Day of Solidarity" by all GI groups and the UFW,
- picketing at stores carrying non-union grapes, lettuce, or Gallo wine,
- educational leafleting at bases,
- articles in the GI papers,
- film showing,
- rallies.
In view of the current crisis of capitalism and political turmoil of the past year, combined with the building by reactionaries of racist, fascist sentiment through such things as Operation Zebra and the Boston busing demonstrations, we feel that an increased emphasis on anti-riot control/martial law activities is necessary. This campaign should emphasize to GI’s the political issues involved and serve to further build consciousness of the GI struggle being part of the broader workers’ movement. We should include in this effort an attempt to also reach the other parts of the working class movement.

One way to implement this campaign would be for the Defense Committee and the GI union to organize a multimedia package of leaflets, films, pamphlets and posters displays to be circulated among GI and other groups. It would be necessary to get criticism from other GI groups and also make a joint commitment to use the package in a given period; for instance, declare a Month of Anti-Martial Law Campaign.
We would propose that this conference make a strong commitment for the support of gays in the military. Hopefully this support would take the general form of containing educational work among active-duty people, both gays and straights. Specifically we would propose that we would, through our organizing, and project papers, educate active-duty people on how gay-baiting is just another repressive technique used to divide GIs and other working people, and must be attacked as such.

Besides educational work this support could be put forth in a memo or packet on gay discharge counseling distributed among the various GI projects. Along with the memo on gay counseling, it is proposed that a list of books, pamphlets, papers and organizations of help to gays be made available in the GIPA newsletter.
We propose solid support of independent women's organizations, or project causes autonomous of male control.

(1) Women in projects should have control of what the put in papers.
(2) Women, as a group, should have full access to project resources (money, machines, office space, press...)

We propose that a special issue of reports from people who have had experience in women's groups relating to the military, be published, possibly in GIPA. This would include names and addresses of presently active groups, specific organizing information, resource listings, and past experiences.
We feel that it is particularly important for folks at this conference to uphold the right of third world enlisted men and women to build their own organisations, independent of others. Upholding this right should be part of our defending the right to self-determination for oppressed nationalities.

In practical terms, we would encourage White or multi-national GI groups to:
- publicize the existence and activities of third world GI groups.
- put announcements in the different GI papers offering project resources to third world GIs who wish to use them.
- send a joint letter to Resist and USS! encouraging then to emphasize the funding of independent GI groups.
Resolved, that we should organize a joint-nationwide participation in the Dutch GI conference in November. We should agree to jointly raise funds to send two or three people from the stateside and Asian GI groups, perhaps by each of us pledging $100 or so. Additionally, or in substitution of this, each GI group should prepare a literature bundle and graphic display to be sent to the conference.

We should extend a message of solidarity to the Anti-Nato Conference '74, Holland, with a demand of withdrawal of all US troops from Europe.
We see the Puerto Rican independence movement as part of the overall anti-imperialist struggle. Since U.S. corporate interests have played a large role in Puerto Rico's history both economically and militarily, and is responsible for that country's oppression, we feel that the GLC movement should show solidarity with the Puerto Ricans at their rally at Madison Square Garden on October 27. Furthermore, we feel that GLC groups should actively support Puerto Rican struggles, both in the military and out, with financial and political support: financially by donations when possible, politically with press coverage, and allowing Puerto Rican groups full access to our facilities.
We propose that GI movement groups and organizers regularly issue general reports and press releases to the movement press. We feel that the movement press has failed to put greater emphasis on GI struggles partially because a lack of discipline within the GI movement to inform them that a struggle is being waged. A press release should be written, following the conference, to the left press. An ad hoc public relations committee should be formed to complete the details.
Also the second source provided page eight of a "Resist" newsletter dated September 20, 1974, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, which he obtained at the NGIC. Under the heading of "Grants" this newsletter stated "VAV/WSO, 827 West Newport, Chicago, Illinois.

"They were given a grant to hold out with the conference that they are planning for October 11 weekend. The conference was called out of a need for unity and a national focus, in hopes that it will be a major step in reviving G.I. movement and develop a program that all G.I. organizing groups can relate to. They hope to begin building a strategy that will seriously challenge the role of the US military under imperialism."
APPENDIX

BLACK MILITARY RESISTANCE LEAGUE

The Black Military Resistance League (BMRL) was organized in Norfolk, Virginia, during 1974 to represent black military personnel in obtaining their rights within the military. Organizer and leader of the BMRL is ANTHONY GENE LEWIS.
APPENDIX

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/26/74

SAC, MOBILE (100-2408) (RUC)

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

RemOairtel to the Bureau and Chicago dated 6/12/74.

Sources report that [redacted] is the [redacted], Alabama, and having returned to St. Louis, Missouri, is working full time at the [redacted], Alabama, and no action is being taken to actually establish a [redacted]. The local community in the area of [redacted], Alabama, has not supported attempts to establish a [redacted].

Inasmuch as attempts to establish this [redacted] have been unsuccessful and there is no VVAV activity reported at [redacted], Alabama, this file is considered RUC.

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PLANS WERE FORMULATED TO HAVE ALL RSB CHAPTERS IN OHIO PARTICIPATE AS WELL AS CHAPTERS IN OHIO OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR - WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION (VVAW-WSO). IN ADDITION, PLANS WERE MADE TO SUBMIT LETTERS TO ALL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWSPAPERS IN THE STATE OF OHIO TO PUBLICIZE THE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION.
ONLY INITIAL PRELIMINARY PLANS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AND NO DISCUSSION HAS OCCURRED CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT VIOLENCE SHALL OCCUR.

A SECOND AND THIRD SOURCE WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST HAVE CONFIRMED THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

THE REVOLUTIONARY-UNION (RU), FOUNDED IN EARLY 1968 IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, IS A MILITANT SEMI-COVERT MARXIST-LENINIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION IDEOLOGICALLY ORIENTED TOWARDS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE "THINGS OF CHAIRMAN HAO TSE-TUNG.


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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

From: SAC, CHICAGO (100-50772)

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

The next VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM) is scheduled to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, 12/27-31/74.

As in the past, it is most imperative that we have coverage of the NSCM, and in this connection it is believed that offices receiving this communication are those with sources who could logically attend and furnish good coverage of the NSCM.

All offices with sources in a position to attend the NSCM should request Bureau approval for their travel to St. Louis and coordinate pertinent details with St. Louis.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: November 22, 1974

FROM: LEGAT, TOKYO (100-1005)

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

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: S.C., WFO (100-58810) (C)

DATE: 12/6/74

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) AT WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 28, 1974 IS - VVAW/WSO

Re WFO nitels dated 10/8/74 and 10/28/74.

Enclosed for Baltimore are 28 photographs taken of the 10/28/74 demonstration.

Referenced WFO nitel dated 10/28/74 set forth the details of the demonstration held primarily in front of the Veterans Administration Assistance Center, 25 K Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

On 10/31/74 made available the enclosed photographs which were taken of the demonstration on 10/28/74.

On 10/31/74 advised that the following persons from the Baltimore area attended the demonstration:

- Bureau
- Alexandria
- Baltimore (100-32558) (Enc. 28)
- Chicago (100-55606)
- Philadelphia
- WFO
  (1-100-47162)(VVAW/WSO)
  (1-105- ) (TASS)

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DATE: 12/6/74

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During November, 1974, a review of the photographs by the above sources and WFO personnel familiar with RU and VVAV/WSO activities reflected that the following persons attended the demonstration:

It should be noted that one photograph of a Discharge Paper reflects the name of...

During the demonstration, persons were observed who had utilized vehicles bearing the following license numbers:


RL 4799 (Maryland)  Marylands date of birth 1969 Volkwagon

160-748 (District of Columbia)  1964 Chevrolet

4020-ES (Maryland)  Drive, Maryland date of birth 1973 Ford Pickup Truck
On 11/18/74 Officer [redacted] advised that in addition to the above vehicles, two vehicles bearing Pennsylvania license were observed and they are K-48-199 and R46-748. K48-199 is registered to [redacted] Pennsylvania, for a 1970 AMC Hornet and R46-748 is registered to [redacted] Pennsylvania.

Baltimore is requested to review the enclosed photographs and mark any identifications on the reverse side of the photographs and forward to Alexandria for possible identification. Upon completion of the identification of participants, the photographs should be returned to WFO. No additional investigation in this matter is being conducted by WFO, and this case is being placed in a closed status.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
AND SACS CHICAGO
CINCINNATI
CLEVELAND
DETROIT
INDIANAPOLIS
PITTSBURGH

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (120-178357)

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ATTN: UND

SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY (NCURA) LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

NOVEMBER 16-17, 1974. INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1974, FIRST AND SECOND SOURCES WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMNESTY WILL BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, NOVEMBER 16-17, 1974. CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY (NCURA) HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK CITY (NYC).
FIRST SOURCE ADVISED THAT AMONG THOSE ATTENDING CONFERENCE ARE

, DIRECTOR, PROJECT ON AMNESTY OF AMERICAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU), FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH AMEX/
CANADA AND CURRENTLY A COORDINATOR, NCUUA, NYC, OF UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST, REPRESENTING AMERICANS FOR AMNESTY,

EDWARD DAMATO, MEMBER OF NATIONAL COLLECTIVE, VIETNAM VETERANS
AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAM/USO), CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS AND OF THE WAR RESISTORS LEAGUE (WRFL) AND NCUUA,
NYC.

SECOND SOURCE ADVISED VVAM/USO WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN
CONFERENCE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO "PACK THE CONFERENCE" AS AMNESTY IS
ONE OF MAIN ISSUES SUPPORTED BY VVAM/USO. VVAM/USO PARTICIPATION IN
CONFERENCE IS BEING COORDINATED BY NATIONAL OFFICE, VVAM/USO.

SPECIFICALLY EDWARD DAMATO. REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS VVAM/USO
REGIONS WILL ATTEND. SMALL VVAM/USO GROUP FROM NYC AREA PLAN TO ATTEND
WHICH WILL INCLUDE CHAPTER COORDINATOR, OLD WESTBURY
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FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
SECOND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, ABOVE SOURCES ADVISED THAT CONFERENCE IN LOUISVILLE, NOVEMBER 16-17, 1974, IS NATIONAL AMNESTY CONFERENCE REFERRED TO IN RE BUREAU AIRTEL.

BUREAU APPROVED CHARACTERIZATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN INSTANT TEL WITH EXCEPTION OF VVAM/WSO ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

DATE REQUIRED: ASAP

DATE: 27 Nov 74

THRU: CCL

FROM: IVOAD

TO: AGENCIES TO BE CONTACTED FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION

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- CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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SPECIFIC INFORMATION DESIRED

ATTACHED is the draft of a projected article for a forthcoming issue of the AFOSI Information Brief which requires coordination with the FBI. The article is based on an FBI report of the Chicago Field Office, file 100-50772, 7 Nov 74.

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Article (C), Subj: VVAW/WSO Proposes Anti-Military Action (U) 27 Nov 74, 1 Cy.

REQUESTING OFFICIAL: Cletis E. Ramsey, Lt, USAF

OFFICE SYMBOL: IVOAD

TELEPHONE: 36087

DATE: DEC 5 1974

ADDITION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) 12/3/74 CNL: meg

The FBI interposes no objection to use of FBI information as set forth and classified in attached draft of projected article for a future issue of the AFOSI Information Brief.

(SEE NOTE PAGE TWO)
NOTE:

OSI is requesting FBI approval for OSI use of information contained in Chicago LHM 11/7/74 captioned "Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) S/ Scared National GI. Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 11-14, 1974," in proposed future issue of the AFOSI Information Brief. OSI article will be titled "VVAW/WSO Proposes Anti-Military Actions" and concerns itself with VVAW/WSO proposal for coordinated anti-military demonstrations on Armed Forces Day in May, 1975. FBI information will be suitably classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and FBI sources are adequately protected.
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FBI/DOJ
TO: DIRECT. R, FBI (100-448092)
FROM: SAC
SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VWAN/WSO)


On 11/9/74, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the "Workers Liberation Army Manual," "Home-Makeable," Cartridgeless Machine Gun plans were received by the Idaho-Montana Chapter of VWAN/WSO on 11/8/74. The manual was sent first class from Chicago, Illinois, with no return address or other enclosed explanation.

A copy is being provided for the Laboratory and Quantico in view of their possible interest in this weapon.

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Approved: Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/22/74

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-54329) (C)

SUBJECT: 

Enclosed for FBI Headquarters are four copies of an investigative summary, two copies of a FD-376, with two photographs of subject attached. One copy of investigative summary disseminated to Secret Service, Newark.

Subject does not meet Adax criteria.

Interview not being recommended since subject offers no informant potential and there is no information that she would cooperate.

The following have been identified as subject's relatives:

- Father
- Mother

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats, or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U.S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U.S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U.S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☑ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U.S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☑ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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[Signature]

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)
In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

November 22, 1974

This investigation is based on information which indicates that in view of her affiliation with the Revolutionary Union (RU) (see Appendix) and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) (see Appendix), is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), or Title 50, United States Code, Sections 781-798 (Internal Security Act of 1950).

has been identified as a member of the Peace and Equal Rights Committee (PERC), from the period to She participated in six demonstrations of this committee.

The aims of the Peace and Equal Rights Committee are to support all anti-war activities by peaceful demonstrations, marches and picketing the military establishments, and passing out literature, protesting United States involvement in Southeast Asia. Meetings are attended by three to twenty people who are mainly high school and college students and adults opposed to war on a religious basis.

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In August, 1972, was one of a group of eight individuals in Asbury Park, New Jersey, for passing on literature and interfering with pedestrians on the boardwalk in a protest against the Vietnam War.

participated in a demonstration on June 25, 1974, sponsored in part by the VVAW/WSO and the RU.

Rond.
REVOLUTIONARY UNION

The Revolutionary Union (RU), founded in early 1968 in the San Francisco Bay area, is a militant semi-covert Marxist-Leninist revolutionary organization ideologically oriented towards the People's Republic of China and the teachings of Chairman Mao-Tse-tung. Its objectives as set forth in its theoretical publication "The Red Papers," and in its monthly newspaper, "Revolution," 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. Members of the RU have been identified as collecting weapons while engaging in firearms and guerrilla warfare training. As of July, 1974, RU national headquarters was located in Maywood, Illinois.

APPENDIX

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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 that VVAW is a revolutionary group, not "just another group of war veterans." Also, the membership has been told that 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 United States. In April, 1973, the group changed their name to VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (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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FBI/DOJ
To: SAC/S, St. Louis

From: Director, FBI (100-448092)

12/10/74

Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM)
St. Louis, Missouri, December 27-31, 1974

Reported 12/5/74, captioned "Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), IS-VVAW/WSO, CO: Chicago."

Authority is granted for [redacted] to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, to afford coverage of captioned meeting. In addition, [redacted] is authorized to pay source up to $225 to cover expenses arising out of such travel. [redacted] insure that an exact accounting of expenses is made and, following a prompt debriefing of source upon his return, [redacted] pertinent information to the St. Louis Office for inclusion in its overall LMM.

St. Louis should advise [redacted] of means by which informant can contact handling Agent of the St. Louis Office in the event a situation of an urgent nature occurs at captioned meeting. Contact should, of course, be consistent with informant security.

1 - Chicago
1 - [redacted]
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SEE NOTE PAGE 2
Airtel to [redacted] and St. Louis
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAV/WSO)
National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM)
St. Louis, Missouri, December 27-31, 1974

NOTE:

The VVAV/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, from 12/27-31/74, will further define the direction of VVAV/WSO in the future. Adequate informant coverage is important. The first source authorized to attend this meeting and payment for travel and living expenses is justified. Source has cooperated with this bureau and is currently paid up to $150 per month for services and up to $25 per month for travel. Total requested expenses of $150 per month for travel and living expenses (where source lives) to and from St. Louis, Missouri, and for living expenses in connection with source's attendance at above five-day conference, and is considered very reasonable. Accordingly, authority for travel and for payment of expenses requested is being granted.
NR 001 COOEO
10:55AM NITEL DECEMBER 5, 1974  CAY

TO:  DIRECTOR (100-47092)
      CHICAGO (100-50772)
      ST. LOUIS (100-21603)

FROM:  (PD)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAV/WSO).  IS - VVAV/WSO.  00 CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 26, 1974.

DECEMBER 5, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS AVAILABLE
TO TRAVEL TO NEXT VVAV/WSO NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

SOURCE ADVISED WILL NEED [REDACTED] AND LIVING
EXPENSES.

END

PMJ FBIHQ CLR

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DATE:  11/15/74 BY [REDACTED]

FBIHQ CLR

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11/15/74

DEC 5 1974
MEMO

TRANSMITTED VIA TELETYPE THE ATTACHED MESSAGE.

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

SUBJECT: See Next Page

(Text of message begins on next page.)
THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/INTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAWSO), INC. CHICAGO.

THE VVAN WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAN LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAN IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS." ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAN HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMunist AND MARXIST GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAN A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATUS IN THE US.

IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAWSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAN/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO END PAGE ONE.
EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

A SOURCE WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT A VVA/WSO MEETING, MILWAUKEE, NOVEMBER 30, 1974; VVA/WSO IS PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, WOOD, WISCONSIN, ON DECEMBER 15, 1974. DEMONSTRATION WILL CONSIST OF PICKETING, CHANTING, AND LEAFLETTING; HOWEVER, ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ENTER HOSPITAL AND ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO SEE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR. NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED.

VA AUTHORITIES, MILWAUKEE PO, AND SECRET SERVICE, MILWAUKEE ADVISED.
TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)
CHICAGO (100-50772)
FROM: MILWAUKEE (100-5674) (P)

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

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 POTENTIAL ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE US.

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.

A source who has supplied reliable info in the past, advised instant that the following announcement was made at a VVAVW/USO meeting, Milwaukee,ember 30, 1974; VVAVW/USO is planning a demonstration which is scheduled to take place at Veterans Administration Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin, on December 18, 1974. Demonstration will consist of picketing, chanting, and leafleting; however, attempt will be made to enter hospital and attempt will be made to see hospital director. No violence anticipated.

VA authorities, Milwaukee PD, and Secret Service, Milwaukee advised.

Administrative. Source is MILWAUKEE WILL FOLLOW.
Re WFO letter dated 6/12/74, captioned "Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) Internal Security", enclosing a copy of Washington, D.C. (WDC) VVAW/WSO chapter membership list, WFO letter to AX 8/19/74, AX letter to WFO 9/3/74, WFO letter to AX 10/22/74, AX letter to WFO 11/1/74.

A preliminary inquiry was initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if the subject was a leader or activist of the VVAW/WSO, activities of 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), and 793 (Espionage).

On 5/29/74, Officer Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, furnished a copy of the WDC Chapter VVAW/WSO membership list to a representative of that chapter as a result of an alleged burglary of chapters office on 5/25/74.

The name of subject and his home phone number, was included in the membership list.

A check with the 1974 Haines Telephone revealed that his phone number was listed to a residence in Virginia.

Investigation conducted by the Alexandria Division at Loudon County Court, Leesburg, Va. revealed that a...
A check of Loudon County Credit Bureau, Leesburg, Virginia was negative on Further investigation determined by Alexandria that 
According to therefore would not be identical with

Physical surveillance by Alexandria Division of Street, Virginia and subsequent checks at Department of Motor Vehicle revealed that a reside at above address. WFO indices negative on both names, and advised that neither are involved in VVAW/WSO activities in the WDC area.

WFO indices, credit, U.S. Park Police and FBI, WDC negative re subject. For information of Alexandria, a re-check of MFD records reveals a Road, WDC, dob ; no other information available, leads WFO to speculate that may have been the age would not be identical to subject.

The following WFO sources were contacted with negative results during the month of October-November, 1974.

On 12/10/74, who has provided reliable information on VVAW/WSO in the past, advised subject is just on the mailing list on the WDC chapter of VVAW/WSO and is not an active member nor leader of this group.
In view of the above, WFO is not recommending the subject for inclusion on the ADEX, and is placing this case in a closed status.
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-58527) (C)

DATE: 12/12/74

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VVAV/WSO (OO:WFO)

Re WFO letter dated 6/12/74 captioned "Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAV/WSO), Internal Security", enclosing a copy of the Washington, D.C. (WDC) VVAV/WSO chapter membership list.

Letter classified Confidential to protect [redacted] in the interest of national security.

A preliminary inquiry was initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if the subject was a leader or activist of the VVAV/WSO. Activities of 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), and 793 (Espionage).

On 5/29/74, Officer [redacted] of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) WDC, furnished a copy of the WDC chapter VVAV/WSO membership list to a representative of the WFO. The membership list was furnished to Officer [redacted] as a result of an alleged burglary of that chapter's office on 5/25/74.

The case of subject, home address of [redacted] in Maryland 20760, home phone number [redacted] was included in the membership list.

WFO indices, credit, U.S. Park Police, MPD, WDC, Montgomery County PD and Prince George's County PD in Maryland were negative re subject checked during the months of August through November, 1974.

[Redacted]

AUTHOR: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] 12/19/74

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
The following WFO sources were contacted during the months of September and October, 1974 with negative results re subject:

Baltimore indices, Baltimore County and City Police Departments negative re subject.

On 11/14/74 [redacted] and [redacted] advised [redacted] that subject was not involved in VVAW/WSO activities in the Baltimore area.

On 10/22/74 [redacted] advised subject is just on the WDC chapter VVAW/WSO mailing list, and is in no way an active member or leader of this group.

In view of above, WFO is not recommending subject for the ADEX and placing this case in a closed status.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM: LEGAT, TOKYO (100-1005) (P)

DATE: 12/4/74

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

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DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: INTD)

SAC, CINCINNATI (100-21874) (P)

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF
ATTICA DEFENDANTS, SPONSORED BY REVOLUTIONARY
UNION (RU) AND VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, CINCINNATI, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 17, 1974:

Re CI nitel 9/17/74 captioned as above.

For information of the Bureau, cases regarding
seven (7) individuals arrested 9/17/74 were continued
9/25/74, 10/7/74, 11/26/74. It was determined that a court
date is set for 12/13/74 in this matter.

LEAD:

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will follow and report results of court
disposition in this matter.

2-Bureau
2-Cincinnati

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