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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

11/15/73 DATE:



SAC, ALBANY (100-22519) (P)

SUBJECT:

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

Re Bureau letter to Albany, 10/12/73. b2670

On 11/9/73, who is informant of the <u>VVAW</u> is in a position to attend meetings and to Informant, advised that the VVAW chapter within the Albany Division is not active and that individuals mentioned in referenced communication are not leaders but merely on the mailing: list of the VVAW.

In referenced communication Albany Division has pending cases open on individuals mentioned.

62 b 7D is in a position to furnish information on an immediate basis concerning any activity of the VVAW within the Albany Division.

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Will maintain contact with re VVAW in Albany Division.

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## *1emorandum*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE:

11/14/73:

FROM

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-51647)

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

Reference Bureau letters dated 10/4 and 10/15/73, captioned as above.

#### Predication for Investigation

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

> VVAW/WSO was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam Veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in the Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activitiés. but during late 1971, demonstrated increasing militancy culminating 12/71, with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO Chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by Communist-dominated groups, including the CPUSA and the Socialist Worker's Party. VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans". VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have

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reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During July, 1972, VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including Conspiracy to Riot during Republican National Convention August, 1972. One of these individuals was also indicted for Possession of an Unregistered Explosive and Incendiary Device. In January, 1973, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified government information to be used against United States interest, and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such activity. There were also indications at this meeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

Referenced Bureau letter of 10/15/73, indicated a list of seven addresses of offices and persons in the Philadelphia Division whose addresses appeared on lists of VVAW/WSO regions, chapters, and individuals connected therewith dated 9/8/73 and 4/5/73.

Philadelphia files reveal the following information concerning each of these individuals:

 VVAW/WSO, 2440 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19125 Telephone Number 215-GA3-3161

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Philadelphia report of SA 10/10/73, captioned, "REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES; IS-RA", indicates that the Philadelphia Chapter, VVAW, is located at 2440 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., and that at a regional meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region, VVAW, held 9/22/73, at St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Street, it was decided to move the VVAW Regional Office from Philadelphia, Pa., to Reading, Pa., and that a chapter of the VVAW would remain in the Philadelphia area located at the above address. The meeting which decided this move, while a regional meeting,

VVAW/WSO,
 P.O. Box 4114
 Mount Penn, Pa. 19606

On 6/20/73, review of postal records indicated that P.O. Box 4114, Reading, Pa., (Mount Penn, Pa., Post Office), was opened 12/4/72, in the name of the VVAW Defense fund.

The box was subscribed to by

Street. Reading, Pa., telephone number

Office records show purpose of the VVAW Defense Fund is "raising funds". The Mount Penn Post Office advised that P.O. Box 4114 gets very little mail. Investigation is currently being conducted concerning under Philadelphia file

100-55249 to determine the extent of his involvement with VVAW. Original information concerning the fact that Reading Chapter of VVAW had been soliciting defense funds by mail from other anti-war groups from P.O. Box 4114, Mount Penn, Pa., was furnished by

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Street Carlisle, Pa. 17013

which is opened to determine his relationship with VVAW and develop background data.

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was subject of Philadelphia file 100-54293. Subject interviewed 2/16/73. It was determined that he did not meet ADEX criteria, and case closed 8/28/73. It is noted that Philadelphia informants in Reading area provided coverage of subject's limited activities.

5. VVAW/WSO, 14 West Broad Street Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

This address is a mailing address for VVAW in the Bethlehem-Reading-Allentown, Pa., area.

Street
Farrisburg, Pa. 17102
Telephone Number 717-232

is subject of Philadelphia file 100-55079. He is a staff member of the Harrisburg Independent Press. Investigation concerning this individual is continuing; however, at this time it appears that he merely writes articles in relation to VVAW as one of his assignments, and appears not to participate in VVAW activities other than on a reporting basis.

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This individual is identical with subject of Philadelphia file/100-54012. Philadelphia letter and LHM captioned, "SM-VVAW; 00: PHILADELPHIA", dated 4/5/73, details subject's activities and background. Subject was not recommended for inclusion on the ADEX.

As indicated above, on 9/22/73, at a regional meeting of Eastern Pennsylvania Region, VVAW, it was decided to move the VVAW Regional Office from Philadelphia, Pa., to the Reading, Pa., area. It was also decided that a chapter of VVAW would remain in the Philadelphia area located in the Office of the Philadelphia Free Press (FREEP), 2440

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Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. It is noted that in the past the Philadelphia Regional Chapter of VVAW never actually performed any of the functions of a regional chapter, in that the individuals who frequented this office and the activities planned by this office were all localized in Philadelphia, Pa.

- As of 10/3/73, 📹 also known as was Acting Coordinator of the Philadelphia VVAW. There is no regional coordinator of the VVAW at the present. Subsequent to 10/3/73, Philadelphia informants have advised that the Philadelphia Chapter of VVAW is now defunct and totally inactive. While mail is still received at the FREEP Office, who is a non-veteran, is interested in maintaining an office in Philadelphia, Pa. Old time VVAW members have inthat they regard the organization as inactive dicated to and would be very much opposed to any attempt on his part and on the part of FREEP staff members to usurp the name of the organization or to utilize its banner in activities inconsistent with the bab Poriginal anti-war goal of the VVAW. has advised that regional records of the VVAW would be sent to the Reading, Pa., area in the near future.

Referenced Revolutionary Activities report indicates that Philadelphia Chapter of the VVAW has been virtually inactive and that no one from the Philadelphia Region attended the August, 1973, National Steering Committee meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

On 10/3/73, advised there are in the Eastern Pennsylvania Region of VVAW/WSO, and that this region was soon to be relocated in the Reading, Pa., area. Source noted that this figure includes Southern New Jersey, Delaware, and all of Pennsylvania. The Pittsburgh Chapter is inactive and there are a few members each in Allentown, Bethlehem, York, Harrisburg, Reading, and Philadelphia, Pa. Total membership, including those currently inactive, is 35 members at the most.

On 9/25/73, advised there had been no political activities on the part of VVAW/WSO in the Philadelphia area in recent months.

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On 10/3/73, furnished the same information as furnished by on 9/25/73.

babab on 10/3/73, and advised that the Philadelphia VVAW had \$65.00 to \$75.00 in its bank account with no dues money coming in.

Referenced Bureau letter instructed Philadelphia to review the above references to furnish current status of VVAW/WSO within the Philadelphia Division and advise of informant coverage including member informants specifically identified and steps taken to develop member informants.

It is noted that the focus of activity of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region of VVAW has been Philadelphia, and that this regional office is in the process of moving to the Reading-Mount Penn, Pa., area.

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These sources under development should insure that the Bureau is apprised on a timely basis of pertinent VVAW activity. Within Philadelphia, there are also non-member informants who are able to provide timely information concerning VVAW activity; however,

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VVAW. Within the Reading-Mount Penn-Allentown, Pa., area, it is felt that the under development will be able to provide effective coverage if VVAW continues its planned activity to move the regional office to that location. There is also available in the Reading area informant whose background and affiliation with anti-war activities place the source in an excellent position to furnish details of VVAW plans and activities.

Philadelphia is aware of the need for good intelligence information of the type which member informants can provide, and will in the future continue to be alert for opportunities

to develop additional informants should the opportunity arise.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/14/73

FROM

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-12620 Sub 1) (C)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

IS - VVAW/WSO

(San Antonio Division)

Re Bureau letter dated 10/14/73.

JOHN KNIFFEN, P. O. Box 12986, Austin, Texas 78711, mentioned in referenced letter, is identical to JOHN WOODFORD KNIFFIN III (Bufile 100-471746, SAfile 100-12710).

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On October 30, 1973,

Austin, Texas,

KNIFFIN, advised that KNIFFIN
is not in Texas and was last known by him, through correspondence
from (KNIFFIN to be in Gainesville, Florida.

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On October 30, 1973,

Waystin, Texas,

former close associate of KNIFFIN, stated that KNIFFIN was last known to be in Gainesville, Florida, and that she had been told in August, 1973, in Gainesville, that KNIFFIN would remain in the Gainesville, Florida area.

On October 31, 1973, Mrs.

Inspectors Office, U. S. Postal Service, Austin, Texas, advised that P. O. Box 12986 was vacated by KNIFFIN on January 23, 1973, and that this box is now in the name of fustin, Texas.

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On July 16, 1973, Lower William U. S. Post Office, Killson, Texas, advised that the VVAW had received mail through P. O. Box 1265, which is the same Post Office box utilized by the Oleo Strut Coffee House.

advised that on July 1, 1973, this box was closed since there was no renewal of payment of rent for the next quarter. Neither the Oleo Strut Coffee House or the VVAW furnished a forwarding address.

On November 5, 1973, Captain SHERMAN GRIFFIN, Killeen Police Department, and Captain S. M. BRUNO, 112th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Hood, Texas, advised that there has been no VVAW activities in the Killeen-Fort Hood area for the past year.

The bank account for the VVAW at the American State Bank, Killeen, has a balance of \$18.99, but there has been no activity for approximately one year.

On November 2, 1973, a former member of the San Antonio VVAW, advised there is currently no known VVAW activity in San Antonio, nor has there been for some time. The Store Front, where the activities were formerly located, has been closed. The has lost all of his following and was "on the outs" with everyone over some money that was missing or that he owed the Store Front some time ago.

On November 2, 1973, Sudden Cleaners, 1921 North New Braunfels, advised that the Store Front, formerly located at 1913 North New Braunfels, San Antonio, was vacated in July, 1973. No forwarding address was available.

on November 2, 1973.

had his telephone at Avenue, San Antonio, disconnected on January 11, 1973.

Office, advised Avenue, San Antonio.

mentioned on Page 2 of referenced letter is identical with (Bufile 100-473-785, SAfile 100-12944).

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Contacts with logical sources including Texas
Department of Public Safety (DPS) Intelligence, Austin, inc
that the VVAW has not been active in the Austin, Texas, are
over a year.

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In view of the above, San Antonio feels that fur investigation in captioned matter is not warranted at this time.

### Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/15/73

FROM :

SAC, BUFFALO (100-21623) (P)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR (VVAW)/WINTER
SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO)
IS - VVAW/WSO
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Re Bureau letter to Buffalo, dated 10/16/73 captioned as above.

Referenced Bureau letter instructs the Buffalo Division to review the current status of VVAW/WSO within the Buffalo Division in order to determine the extent of VVAW/WSO activity. Additionally, Buffalo was instructed to comment concerning informant coverage of the VVAW/WSO within the Buffalo Division.

The Bureau advised that lists of VVAW/WSO regions and chapters, dated 4/5/73 and 9/8/73 contain the following addresses located within the Buffalo Division:

Regional Office

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Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14223 (716) 837

VVAW/WSO Post Office Box 902 Ellicott Station Buffalo, New York 14205 (716) 886-8645

VVAW/WSO
40-H Ramona Park | 100-448092-329\*
Rochester, New York 14615\*\*\*
(716) 647-1852

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For the information of the Bureau,

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to the Buffalo Chapter,

VVAW/WSO, a student at the State University of New York at
Buffalo (GUNYAB), and the New York-Northern New Jersey

Coordinator of the VVAW/WSO from October, 1972 through October,
1973.

is the subject of Buffalo file 100-22441;
Bureau file 100-475539.

New York, was rented on 12/21/72 by

Avenue, Buffalo, New York under the name VVAW.

Tis the subject of Buffalo file 100-21315; Bureau file 100-470152 entitled "VVAW/WSO."

York is a residence occupied by has publicly been identified as the Rochester area

Coordinator of the VVAW/WSO.

Buffalo file 100-22507; Bureau fire 100-477988.

### Buffalo Chapter of VVAW/WSO

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The Buffalo Chapter of the VVAW/WSO operates in a storefront office at 363 Connecticut Street, Buffalo, New York, telephone number 886-8645. On the front of the storefront is a sign marked "VETERANS SELF HELP CENTER" and under this, in smaller letters, "VVAW/Winter Soldier Organization." The majority of the meetings of the group are held in the storefront. This storefront also serves as the office for the headquarters of the New York-Northern New Jersey Region of the VVAW/WSO.

Approximately 35 individuals have been identified as calling themselves members of the Buffalo Chapter, VVAW/WSO. 25 of these individuals are male and 10 are female. All of the members are white and the vast majority of them are college students at SUNYAB. The non-college students are employed in menial type jobs in the Buffalo area.

The New York-Northern New Jersey Regional Coordinator of the VVAW/WSO as of 10/73 has been identified as

subject of Buffalo file 100-21063; Bureau has been described by sources as being rather levelheaded and non-radical in his political beliefs, however, upon return from the National Steering Committee meeting in St. Louis, Missouri which was held in September, 1973; made the statement that going to the National Steering Committee meeting on the National Steering Committee meeting and the statement of the National Steering Committee meeting and the statement of the National Steering Committee meeting and the National Steering and t file 100-474192. Dmade the statement that going In September, 1973, and the statement that going to the National Steering Committee meeting was an "incredible experience" that switched his head about. He stated that at the National Steering Committee meeting, stated that at the National Steering Committee meeting, it was learned that the aim of VVAW/WSO is to be "a radical political organization."

The local chapter is controlled and directed by a Steering Committee sometimes referred to as a Coordinating Committee which consists of five members. Membership on the Steering Committee is an elected position and members change frequently. As of 11/12/73, the following individuals comprised the Steering Committee: subject of Buffalo file

b7-100-20579; Bureau file 100-458170 entitled is also the subject of Buffalo file 70-934 entitled CIR-IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; SM ( is not believed to have been a 00: Minneapolis. veteran and has traveled to Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade.

Investigation being conducted to determine Buffalo, New York, background and involvement with VVAW/WSO. regarding address

New York. DOB VVAW/WSO.

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subject of Buffalo file
100-22662 which is currently in a closed
status. That been described by sources
as having no influence on the chapter and
actually rather confused about the whole
thing. Sources advise that the appears
to be afraid to do anything publicly or
become heavily involved with the VVAW/WSO.
On 11/12/73, a source advised that the
will shortly be voted off the Steering
Committee.

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nee subject of
Buffaló file 100-22746. is a

; DOB resides at

Street, Buffalo, New York.

She is not a veteran; she is a member
of the Women's Group of the Buffalo Chapter,

VVAW/WSO. Background information being
developed.

In addition to the Steering Committee, the local chapter has several other committees, namely the Political Education Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, the Community Action Committee, the Drug and PVS Counseling Committee, Amnesty Committee, and Anti-Militarism Committee.

Of these committees, only the Political Education Committee appears to play an active role in VVAW/WSO. The committee members are supra, and supra, and subject of Buffalo file 100-22071; Bureau file 100-472646. It appears that and wish the VVAW/WSO Chapter to work for socialism. At a VVAW/WSO meeting on 10/20/73, and publicly proclaimed that he is a Marxist-Leninist and defined his position as follows:

He stated that according to MARX, history is progressive, and struggles take place along class lines. He said social answers rest in moving the working class to an awareness of their own problems and oppressions. He stated that being a Leninist means being organized politically.

He wants the organization to be flexible enough to have a place for people who are moderate or non-political, but who want social change. This would allow for a wide range of representation from the community within the organization and also would provide the opportunity for political education of these people. At the same meeting, stated that he wants the organization to stop being defensive, i.e., against imperialism, but rather offensive, i.e., for socialism.

It appears that the membership does not want a concrete statement of goals and politics, because such a statement would exclude people who do not believe in their politics or would cause the group to become too rigid.

At a VVAW meeting on 4/11/73, suggested that everybody in the VVAW should read the works of MARX and ENGELS. supra, said that this was not a good idea. He said a person could go to the SUNYAB Campus and find a lot of "stupid hippies" who are familiar with the works of MARX and ENGELS but have no effect on the campus scene. said that the VVAW should be interested in helping veterans and that this should be their primary goal, taking priority over political matters.

Investigation seems to indicate that although there are several Marxist-Leninist oriented individuals in the Buffalo Chapter, the Chapter as a whole, appears to be primarily interested in veterans help programs, legitimate protest activities against what they consider to be the evils of the establishment, and community action programs to improve social situations in the Buffalo area.

Regarding VVAW contacts with other subversive groups, it appears in the past they have expressed an unwillingness to align themselves with any other radical groups in the Buffalo area. At mass demonstrations in Buffalo, they have taken steps to maintain their identity as members of the VVAW by wearing their military uniforms and congregating around VVAW banners. They have excluded the American Servicemen's Union (ASU) from their activities at Buffalo inasmuch as the ASU and its parent group, Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF) are too radical. Until recently, however,

they have been on friendly terms with members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) and Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) at Buffalo and have participated in social functions with these individuals. However, at a softball game recently between the VVAW and YWLL, incidents occurred which prompted the local YWLL organizer to write a letter to VVAW accusing them of racism and sexism. This letter called for a meeting between the League and the VVAW to resolve their differences. When this letter was discussed at a recent Steering Committee meeting, it was decided that the YWLL is "all f...ed up" inasmuch as they are concerned with petty matters such as racism and sexism and do not really work for social change within the community. It was decided that the VVAW will not meet with the YWLL.

In addition to the individuals described above, the only other "hard core" member of Buffalo Chapter, VVAW/WSO is subject of Buffalo file 100-20848; Bureau file 100-473811.

The members who are not described above, participate in VVAW meetings and activities on an irregular basis and do not devote any great amount of time to promoting VVAW activities.

In addition to general meetings of the chapter, there are meetings of a Women's Groups and attempts were made to have meetings of a Men's Group. Meetings of the Women's and Men's Groups are designed to be "BS sessions," and more or less group therapy encounters in which the members can discuss personal problems. The women meet regularly each Monday night, however, the Men's Group has had no meetings because only one or two mf the men wish to attend these sessions. Most of the general meetings of this group, which are held on an irregular basis, consist of self-criticism of past failures, and the devising of ways and means to assure future success. To date, none of the programs devised appear to be successful due to the lack of active participation in the programs by the general membership.

To date, investigations concerning the members who are veterans has failed to indicate that any of them have had intelligence or other specialized training while in the service. None of the members have been identified as being

members of the military reserve.

The only member who is currently on ADEX is

With regard to informant coverage, as of 11/73, Buffalo has the following member informants in the Buffalo Chapter, VVAW/WSO:

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Regarding VVAW/WSO affiliation with other subversive groups in addition to the above, the following informants have provided information in this regard:

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### Rochester Chapter, VVAW/WSO

Regarding the Rochester Chapter, VVAW/WSO, investigation has determined that a chapter probably exists in the Rochester area, however, the only individual who has been identified as being active in VVAW/WSO has been supra.

On 12/11/73, a New York source reported that the Rochester Chapter had been inactive, but was attempting to organize. At a state meeting of the VVAW in Newburgh, New York, 2/9-11/73, members of the Rochester Chapter were in attendance, and it was learned that the chapter was working to revive itself. At a State VVAW meeting at Geneseo, New York, 4/6-8/73, Rochester Chapter was described as having ten active members. At a VVAW regional meeting held in Albany, New York, 6/9-10/73, the Rochester Chapter was described as

remaining active, but was unable to send a representative.

On 5/9/73, supra, spoke at a May Day Rally in Rochester which was sponsored by a coalition of groups, including the Revolutionary Union, Attica Brigade, and VVAW. Three individuals from the Rochester Chapter were at this rally.

On 11/12/73, it was learned that supra, New York-Northern New Jersey Regional Coordinator, has been making trips to Rochester in attempts to get the chapter going. The chapter is described as having ten members, of which four or five are active.

At the present, there are no member informants of Rochester VVAW/WSO Chapter, however, Buffalo informants have been targeted to obtain information regarding the chapter.

Rochester Chapter when they have activities in connection with other subversive groups.

It is the policy of the Buffalo Division to conduct investigations regarding VVAW/WSO members within the Division utilizing the guidelines set out in Bureau letter, dated 8/2/73. Complete investigations are being conducted concerning regional and local coordinators and individuals who attend the National Steering Committee meetings in order to submit reports concerning these individuals and to make appropriate ADEX recommendations.

Regarding informant coverage, attempts are continuously being made by the Buffalo Division to insure adequate informant coverage of VVAW/WSO activities within the Division by attempting to develop new informants that may be placed in contact with the VVAW/WSO. Attempts are also being made to have present informants obtain leadership positions within the local chapters and to have them attend state and national meetings.

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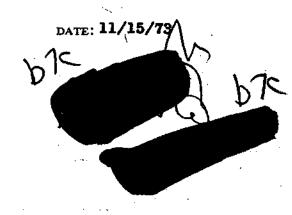
### Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) TO

. SAC, PHOENIX (100-7603) (C)

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IS - VVAW/WSO



ReBulet to PX, 10/15/73.

The following investigation was conducted by SA at Phoenix, Arizona:

The following persons were contacted, all of whom are knowledgeable with some phases of revolutionary and extremist groups and individuals in Phoenix, and each advised that he had received no information that the captioned organizations are in existence in the Phoenix area, or that are presently involved in any VVAW or related activities:

> bic Intelligence Department of Public Safety 11/4/73

> > Intelligence Unit Maricopa County Sheriff's Department 11/8/73

> > Intelligence Unit, Maricopa County Sheriff's Department 11/8/73

> > , Intelligence Unit. Phoenix Police Department

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The following investigation was conducted by at Tucson, Arizona:

The following persons were contacted, all of whom are knowledgeable of some phases of revolutionary and extremist groups and individuals in Tucson, and each advised that he had received no information that the captioned organizations are in existence in the Tucson area, or that is presently involved in any VVAW or related activities:

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Special Investigations Unit Tucson Police Department 11/5/73

Department of Public Safety 11/6/73

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University of Arizona 11/6/78

GEORGE CORTI, Chief of Police South Tucson, Arizona 11/7/73

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In view of the fact that investigation at Phoenix and Tucson has determined that there is no active chapter or individual connected with the captioned organizations in either city, this matter is being placed in a closed status in the Phoenix Division.

PX 100-7603 JMA: lme

All individuals contacted have been advised to notify the PBI of any information concerning the captioned organizations that might come to their attention and the Bureau will be advised of any developments in this regard.

# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/16/73

FROM

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (100-16051) (P)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/

WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

IS - VVAW/WSO

OO: CHICAGO

Re Bulet to all offices, 10/4/73 and Bulet to IP, 10/17/73.

Relet requested that this Division re-evaluate the current status of VVAW/WSO activities including the number of members informants, informants in a position to furnish information relative to captioned organization's activities through their affiliation with other subversive groups and the steps intended to develop member informants in captioned organization.

Each Resident Agency and Headquarters conducted a survey to determine the extent of VVAW/WSO activities within its territory. With the exception of Headquarters and Ft. Wayne Resident Agency, all reported that at the present time there is no VVAW/WSO activity taking place. All reported that they had no member informants in this organization, however, advised that they had informants and confidential sources within their territories that would know if there is any VVAW/WSO activity taking place, and would report this fact. The names and symbol numbers of these informants and confidential sources are included on memoranda in the Indianapolis VVAW/WSO case file and are not being reported to the Bureau in the interest of brevity. Agents handling security matters in this division also reported that in the event any VVAW/WSO activity was occurring, sources would be directed to report on these activities and attempts would be made to develop member informants within the organization. REC 45/00-44/2 3279

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With regard to member informates this division

Currently has

attended numerous vvaw/wsu functions

and activities

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meetings.

At the present time an individual by the name of (IP 100-24548) has been attending meetings of the VVAW/WSO at the regional headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. Cincinnati sources have reported rethe extent of his activities within the Indianapolis Division.

is currently no VVAW/WSO activity taking place in the territory, however, (IP 100-24068) is the captioned organization's coordinator in that area, but he has not received the support necessary to organize any significant VVAW organization. (IP 100-26503) has attempted to help organize VVAW/WSO activities in the Ft. Wayne - Huntington, Indiana area, however, he has been bab Dependently unsuccessful to date. That are individual by the name of (IP 100-26566) is supposed to be a VVAW/WSO contact in the Huntington, Indiana area.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE:

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SAC, WFO (100-47162) (P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
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RewFolet to Bureau, dated 9/24/73 and Bulet to WFO, dated 10/15/73.

Referenced WFO communications set forth information that VVAW/WSO activities in the Washington, D. C. (WDC) area consists of a Political Action Office for VVAW/WSO/located at 2028/P Street, Northwest, WDC, and headed by and the Committee for Action/Research of the Intelligence Community/(CARIC)...operated by

the Dupont Circle Building, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, North-west, Washington, D. C.

WFO investigation to date reflects that is still running the Political Action Office for VVAW/WSO and attended the VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri from 8/22-27/73. Is currently associating with members of CARIC and helping them organize an Intelligence Conference, being sponsored by CARIC and to be held in Washington, D. C. in January or February of 1974. This conference will be titled In From The Cold: Public Testimony on American Intelligence and will feature former "FBI, CIA and military intelligence personnel" who have been involved in past intelligence activities.

has furnished reliable information on CARIC and should be in a position to provide additional information regarding details on this conference planned in WDC, early 1974.

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WFO has in the past contacted past
WDC VVAW Regional Coordinator, and
Philadelphia VVAW member currently residing in WDC, regarding
local VVAW activities. Attempt to recontact the individuals will be made by WFO to further explore their source potential.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/15/73

FROM

SAC, TAMPA (100-2514) (P)

SUBJECT: (

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

Re Bureau letter to Tampa dated 10/17/73.

Tampa is fully cognizant of its responsibility for effective investigation of the VVAW/WSO and the development and upgrading of their member informants. To this end active investigations have been and are being conducted on all VVAW members to fully identify as to background and activities. In addition member sources are constantly seeking advancement within the VVAW.

Tampa is further aware of the Marxist-Leninist leaning of many of the VVAW leaders and in fact much information to this end was furnished by Tampa source bスbクD

Tampa currently has two active VVAW chapters within its division, Tampa and St. Petersburg, with member informants in both and is in a position to know if and when other chapters are formed within the division.

Tampa file Bureau Tampa file Bureau Tempa file file Bureau Tampa file file and The Bureau is aware of the quantity and quality of information furnished by these informants. concerning or pertinent VVAW activities. REC-38 D<sub>2</sub>)<sub>Bureau</sub> 1-Chicago (100-50772) (Info) 20 NOV 19 1973 × 104 2-Tampa TVH:lms

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In regards to names of officers furnished in referenced letter the Bureau is aware of the identity of Tampa file 100-2831, Bureau file 100-471377, was past coordinator of the St. Petersburg chapter and has been a subject of Tampa since November, 1971.

100-3578, was vice coordinator of the St. Petersburg chapter but has reportedly moved to Miami. Investigation is continuing or

The Tampa VVAW continues to be a viable and active albeit non-violent organization. Since the start of school at the University of South Florida (USF), Tampa, in September 1973, numerous students have joined the VVAW but most have proven to be inactive. It is expected that the Tampa VVAW will continue as an active growing organization in the foreseeable future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  $oldsymbol{M} emorandum$ DATE: 11/14/73 DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) CHICAGO (100-50772) SUBJECT: ORW\WAV.V IS - VVAW/WSO Re Bureau letter dated 10/15/73 requesting the current status of the VVAW/WSO, informant coverage and steps to be taken to develop additional informant coverage. The VVAW/WSO Chapter lists for Northern Illinois-Iowa, dated April 5, 1973 and September 8, 1973, set forth the following information in regard to individuals and chapters covered by the Chicago Office: DR Aurora, Illinois hicago, Illinois D Elgin, Illinois Bureau (RM) b7c all Chicago (1 - 100 - 54426)(1 - 100 - 49086)Classified by (1 - 100 - 53380)Exempt from Go Category (1 - 100 - 53886)Date of Declass fication Indefinate (1 - 100 - 53836)(VYAW/ WSO REGION) - 100-54213) -100-54229) -100-51935) -100-53492) -100-53529) 100-(RICHARD BANGERT). (1 - 100 - 53339)(BARRY ROMO) -- 100-53703) (EDWARD\_DAMATO) NOV 19 1973 (1 - 100 - 54033)(VVAW/WSO, CHICAGO CHAPTERS) (1 - 100 - 53924)(1 - 100 - 53526)(1 - 100 - 53545)RW:css Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Resularly on the Payenll Sanings Plan

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#### Chicago File 100-54426

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-Preliminary investigation is currently being conducted to fully identify and to determine the extent of his activity. If warranted, recommendation will be made regarding his inclusion on the ADEX.

Bureau File 100-477205 Chicago File 100-49086

Chicago summary LHM dated June 4, 1973, set forth all information available at that time regarding FD-356 was simultaneously submitted to St. Louis regarding the military record of and this was returned unsearched to Chicago because of the fire at St. Louis NPRC. On September 17, 1973, FD-356 was resubmitted and to date a reply has not been received from St. Louis.

has advised that his considered to be a member, but not a leader, of the VVAW/WSO Chicago Chapter. There has been no activity reported regarding since the submission of the June, 1973, LHM. His activities are being followed, and if appropriate, recommendation will be made regarding his inclusion on the ADEX.

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### bic Chicago File 100-53380

The September 8, 1973, YVAW/WSO Chapter list indicated that was residing at Elgin, Illinois. Subsequent to that time investigation has indicated that is now residing in Normal, Illinois, and appropriate leads have been set forth for Springfield. Investigation is continuing in the Chicago Office.

#### Chicago File 100-53886

Preliminary investigation is being conducted to fully identify and determine the extent of his activity. If warranted, recommendation will be made for his inclusion on the ADEX.

VVAW/WSO REGIONAL OFFICE 618½ East Lincoln Highway DeKalb, Illinois Chicago File 100-53836

has advised that the Regional Office currently is inactive. They have not held meetings for approximately two months, they are not conducting any official business, and there are no designated leaders of the region. Is continuing to afford coverage of the Regional Office and will be aware of any renewed activities or changes in their status.

CHICAGO CHAPTER Chicago File 100-53924

has advised that the VVAW/WSO has established a Chicago Chapter with headquarters at 3215 West Dickens, Chicago.



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Chicago File 100-54213, and Chicago File 100-54229, are members of the Chicago Chapter Steering Committee.

attended the August, 1973, VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting. These two individuals are currently under preliminary investigation and if warranted, recommendation will be made regarding their inclusion on the ADEX.

Also, according to

Bureau file 100-473817, Chicago file 100-51935, recently
resigned VVAW/WSO National Coordinator, is to become affiliated
with the VVAW/WSO Chicago Chapter. He is currently maintained
on the ADEX, and it is not known at this time whether he will
assume any deadership position in the Chapter. Also,
attended the August, 1973, NSC meeting. His activities will
be followed through Chicago informants.

b2b2D advised on November 12, 1973, that

were to assume leadership of the VVAW/WSO Chicago Chapter and set it up as a model for other chapters to follow

Bureau File 100-473616 Chicago File 100-53526

to determine the extent of his activity and if warranted, recommendation will be made for his inclusion on the ADEX.

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Bureau File 100-477098 Chicago File 100-53545

A summary report dated August 15, 1973, has been written regarding and investigation is continuing to determine the extent of her activities. If warranted, recommendation will be made regarding her inclusion on the ADEX.



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Investigation is continuing to identify any other Chicago Chapter leaders and members and to determine the extent of their activities. Where appropriate, ADEX recommendation will be made.

VVAW/WSO National Headquarters Chicago File 100-50772

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#### National Coordinators

Bureau Filc 100-470445 Chicago File 100-53492

is currently maintained on the ADEX. He attended the August, 1973, NSC meeting and Chicago is continuing to follow his activities.

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Bureau File 100-468432 Chicago File 100-53529

attended the August, 1973, NSC meeting and Chicago is continuing to follow his activities.

### RICHARD LANE BANGERT

BANGERT was elected as one of the VVAW/WSO National Coordinators at the August, 1973, NSC meeting in St. Louis. He is currently residing and working at VVAW National Headquarters and a letter has been directed to St. Louis requesting them to submit an FD-128.

BARRY LOUIS ROMO Bureau File 100-469265 Chicago File 100-53339

New York has remained Office of Origin in this case. By letter dated November 9, 1973, they were requested to submit an FD-128 changing Office of Origin to Chicago. His activities are being followed by Chicago.

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EDWARD J. DAMATO Bureau File 100-476232 Chicago File 100-53703

On May 30, 1973, New York submitted a summary report regarding DAMATO with no recommendation for inclusion on the ADEX. Chicago by FD-122 November 9, 1973, has recommended his inclusion on the ADEX and his activities are being followed.

The position of National Coordinator vacated by RICHARD DAVID SAVAGE has not been filled and apparently will not be until the next NSC meeting in December, 1973.

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Chicago File 100-54033

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Preliminary investigation is being conducted to fully identify and to determine the extent of her activities. Sattended the August, 1973, NSC meeting. If appropriate, recommendation will be made regarding her inclusion on the ADEX.

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This coverage is considered adequate at this time. However, as investigation of VVAW/WSO leaders and members progresses, their cases will be evaluated for informant potential and necessary action will be taken.

All information received regarding the VVAW/WSO, including the "dinter Soldier" newspaper and VVAW/WSO Newsletter, will be thoroughly reviewed on a continuing basis and appropriate leads will be set out for interested offices.

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## Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE:

11/16/73

SUPEJECTE:

SAC, DENVER (100-10467) (P)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) IS - VVAW/WSO (DENVER DIVISION) OO: CHICAGO b18

Reference Bureau letter dated 10/16/73.

It is noted that while the 4/5/73, chapter list of VVAW offices indicated a chapter of the VVAW was located at the address of one 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado, neither the June, 1973, issue of "Winter Soldier", nor the National Office Chapter and Region List of 9/8/73, continued to list address as a dapter location. However, Denver opened a case concerning 5/18/73, to determine if a VVAW/WSO Chapter actually existed in Grand Junction and to determine if was active in the organization. Was identified as date of birth white male American, pounds, brown and eyes who claims to be in the Dusiness with The investigation tailed to reveal any VVAW/WSO Chapter active in the area and it was determined was not known as an activist.

It was also determined that the came from and inquiry was made of that Office which determined a bench warrant exists in the company of the pay a parking ticket 3/5//3, but that the city is not willing to extradite for such a violation. VVAW sources advised they were not familiar with the company mailing list that has originated with VVAW in the came from the came

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In view of the lack of activity on the part of

VVAW in Grand Junction, the file on was closed 9/28/73.

DAVID Concerning the Regional Office of VVAW/WSO, the address
of 1358 Emerson, #13, Denver, Colorado, is that of DAVID

LEE ROSEN and his wife (possibly common law). ROSEN and
have been known to be affiliated with VVAW in the Denver area
for the past two to three years. In addition to these two,
and
from the Denver area, were said to be in attendance at the

VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee meeting in St. Louis.

C Missouri 8/23-27/73. These individuals, plus
are the only ones known to be connected with the Regional

Office at the present time.

Denver office, it has been learned that in August and September, 1973, the VVAW/WSO was sharing office space with a group called Rocky Mountain Military Project (RMMP), Room 3, 1460 Pennsylvania Avenue, Denver, Colorado. The RMMP is an anti-draft, anti-military organization with goals common to VVAW. This source also was able to advice that as of 8/15/73, the VVAW had According to the source, on 9/17/73, several organizations, including VVAW/WSO and American Friends Service Committee, held a meeting where plans were discussed for a future unified program among the groups present.

Other activities of the Regional VVAW/WSO in the recent past included the attendance of DAVID ROSEN at the National Steering Committee Meeting in Placitis, New Mexico, in April, 1973; the presence of as a delegate at the Toronto Amnesty Action Conference in May, 1973; the presence of an unknown number of Colorado members at Gainesville, Florida in July, 1973, to protest the trial of the "Gainesville Eight"; and the presence of VVAW/WSO members and representatives from Clergy and Laity Concerned (religious anti-war group), Along the parade route at the Veteran's Day Parade in Denver on 10/20/73, Mamnesty leaflets were handed out. Further, an article in the "Rocky Mountain News", 11/14/73, indicates that are on a defense committee along with representatives from RMMP and other groups which has been set up to assist Colorado, for being AWOL in Sweden for the past five years.

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From the above, it appears to Denver that the activities of VVAW/WSO have been severely curtailed since the end of the war in Vietnam. Apparently the only way the group can successfully participate in any public action is to combine its small forces of other antt-war type groups. Occasionally, through his association with one and a hangeron with the VVAW/WSO crowd is able to pass on information concerning plans of the group. As indicated above.

office operation at 1460 Pennsylvania

Additionally, Denver has very recently interviewed who has been acquainted with for a period in excess of vears.

This potential source was an

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was known to be furnishing valuable and reliable information

willingness to assist this office and to furnish information to the FBI exclusively. In addition to the individuals mentioned knows other people in and around the who are involved with groups that are now combining with VVAW in a coalition. Denver believes

will be extremely valuable in covering activities of VVAW/WSO.



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SOURCES AT WSU ADVISED 11/16/73 THE ONLY MEETING SCHEDULED

WSU 11/16-18/73 IS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BY SWP.

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### **LEADS**

### CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. Is requested to contact the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to identify the owner of the aforementioned vehicle and further to determine whether or not that individual is a member of captioned organization.

## NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Is requested to contact the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to identify the owner of the aforementioned vehicle and further to determine whether or not that individual is a member of captioned organization.

### LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will, upon completion of identifying those people present, report results to the Bureau.

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To: SAC, Detroit

11/20/73

From: Director, FBI (100-448092)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) is - vvaw/wso

ReBUtel 11/15/73.

Referenced teletype advised Buffalo source reported that a labor conference was to be held in Detroit on 11/16-18/73. In addition to members of captioned organization, representatives from the Communist Party, USA, and black militant labor groups would also be in attendance.

This is to confirm instructions telephonically furnished Detroit Extremist Matter Supervisor 11/15/73, to coordinate coverage of above conference with Revolutionary Activities personnel of the Detroit Office to insure any black militant labor groups in attendance are identified and pertinent data concerning their activities at the conference are reported under appropriate caption.

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NOTE:

REC-1 100-117012-3307 Above instructions necessary to insure the

identification and development of pertinent data concerning any black militants in attendance at the above conference. Detroit is headquarters for the black Extremist Intownational Black Workers Congress and members of this group could be involved in this conference. This matter has been coordinated yours

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DIRECTOR, FBI

11/16/73 DATE:

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For information of recipients, during the past year dissident activity among Americans in Japan has centered in three principal organizations, Pacific Counseling Service (PCS), Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) and National Lawyers Guild (NLG). These 3 U.S. based organizations all have full time civilian activities in Japan to further their avowed goal of disrupting U.S. military functions primarily by subverting U.S. military personnel and discrediting

PCS, VVAW and NLG operate here much like a can of worms-they share office and living space, have joint meetings, and work together on publications. It is not difficult to separate the activities by organizations. \*\* CIOSI ENCLOSHOP

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They presently operate 5 centers -New Peoples Center at Yokosuka, Peoples House, United Front, and Women's House on Okinawa, and Semper Fi House at Iwakuni, all near concentrations of U.S. military facilities. BEHEIREN (The Japan Peace for Vietnam Committee) has worked with PCS, VVAW and NLG in Japan as have other Japanese radical organizations from time to time.

PCS, VVAW and NLG distribute Black Panther Party and Marxist literature as well as a wide variety of publications by U.S. radical and extremist groups condeming "U.S. imperialism" and designed to undermine military morale.

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DIRECTOR, FBI MINNEAPOLIS (100-16434) (C)

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11/14/73

Title changed to set forth subject's middle name. Subject's name previously indexed at Bureau as

> Re Bureau letter to Minneapolis, dated 10/16/73, captioned Vietnam Veterans Against the War/ Winter Soldier Organization; IS-VVAW/WSO; (Minneapolis Division)."

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

In view of the fact that there is no indication there is a VVAW/WSO chapter in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or that the subject is in any way participating in VVAW activities other than allowing his name to be used in VVAW organizational lists, no further investigation is being conducted concerning the subject at this time.

Local Draft Board #1, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised as follows on August 4, 1972:

Records reveal into the U. S. Army at Sioux Falls on May 22, 1967, and was discharged June 24, 1969. Upon entering the service, his

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 14, 1973



A preliminary inquiry has been initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if the subject is a leader or activist of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (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), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage), and 2101 (Antiriot Laws).

on July 13, 1972, furnished a list of individuals designated as VVAW coordinators. Contained in this list was the name and the designation, under the sub-title, "North Dakota-b". South Dakota-Nebraska," and the address Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104.

VVAW/WSO was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971, demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971, with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were

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quoted as telling members that VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During July, 1972, VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, August, 1972. One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In January, 1973, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified Government information to be used against U. S. interests, and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such activity. There were also indications at this meeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

> Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) is an anti-war organization organized in 1967, with headquarters in New York City. Its first published objective is "to demand an immediate secession of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops from Indo-China."

The City Directory of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, resides at

Avenue and he is listed as an employee of there is a listed as residing listed as residing at Avenue, and his occupation is listed as NE

η η η η and advised on August 4, 1972, as follows:

Records reveal that

is the son of

and according to a newspaper article of this city,

was married in

time of their marriage, both were students at Sloux Falls College,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

advised on August 4, 1972, that as of April moved from and as far as she knows, he is still residing at that address.

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He is acquainted with the subject and both of whom are

The subject is an analysis of the past four years. Within the last several months, subject and according to their records, and as of 1968, he was a resident of Minnesota.

Subject has been attending under the He explained that under this program the

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He has observed that the subject does wear the has observed that the subject does wear the has upon occasions, which says something to the effect,

Subject has expressed no radical expressions on this campus, has not endeavored to organize any sort of organization, such as Vietnam Vets Against the War, etc., and actually there has been no occasion to take any disciplinary action against him.

Department, Veterans Administration Center, on August 23, 1972, advised as follows:

He has reviewed subject's VA file, VA Claim Number A summary in that file is as follows:

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On October 31, 1973,

advised as follows:

The instructor who knew the subject best while subject was a student at the Sioux Falls College, majoring in was his

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worked with subject when was connected with the Veterans Administration and that told that he felt sorry for subject because the knew subject, due to his would always have difficulty in making a living.

recalls talking to a Vietnam veteran about two years ago on this campus who was a fellow student of the subject and whose identity he does not now recall. This veteran told him that subject has become a pacifist; was against the United States participation in the Vietnam War, and thus, desired to associate himself with the organization called "Vietnam Veterans Against the War." About two years ago, subject, for a while, wore in his lapel a button which read

"VVAW." Subject, according to this veteran, tried to interest other veterans on campus in associating themselves with that organization, but subject was having "no luck" in interesting other veterans in that organization. After about one year (which would now be about a year ago), subject seemed to lose interest, according to source, in any further effort to organize veterans in the VVAW movement, and subject never actually conducted any meetings, either on or off campus (to source's knowledge or to the knowledge of the foregoing veteran with whom source talked). Source noticed this was particularly true after the Vietnam War came to an end.

concerning subject and was told by him that subject is not engaged in any active VVAW activities and never was successful in organizing any chapter of that organization in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

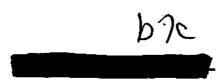
bable indicated subject is by by by and supra, on November 1, 1973, advised as follows:

To supplement his information furnished from subject's Veterans Administration file on August 23, 1972, the additional facts are now available concerning subject. Subject's job in the U. S. Army was and he served in On March 9, 1972, he was certified to

which A hospital summary is in his file, dated March 29, 1972, indicating subject had and the

His Social Security

Number is and continue to be mailed to him at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 100-16434

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 14, 1973

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Reference

SECURITY MATTER-VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/15/73

SAC, MEMPHIS (100-5804) (P)

UBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
IS - VVAW/WSO

ReBulet to Memphis, 10/16/73 224)

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

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For the information of the Bureau, an LHM dated 4/25/72 captioned SM - VVAW," has been submitted to the Bureau by the Memphis Office. A review of this memorandum and Memphis file 100-6022 revealed the following information regarding

He was born on at Tenn. He resides at Aver, memphis and is employed as a by the and they have one son. He served in the U. S. Army from the at which time he received an honorable discharge. His occupational specialty while in the U. S. Army was that of a He served in Vietnam in 1968. He is not a member of the armed forces reserve.

was active in the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO at Memphis, Tenn., from to As a member of this organization he participated in meetings of the chapter and demonstrations sponsored by the chapter at various locations in Memphis. These demonstrations were primarily directed at opposition to United States participation in the war in Southeast Asia. He was

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On 11/13/74, was interviewed by Agents of the Memphis Office. He stated that after the United

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States withdrew its armed forces from a combat status in Vietnam the Memphis chapter of VVAW/WSO ceased to exist as an active organization. He commented that he does not believe this chapter will again become active unless the United States again commits its forces to combat status in Southeast Asia.

An LHM regarding will be submitted by the Memphis Office at an early date.

The Memphis Office in the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO during the period of time this chapter was an active organization. The sources were In addition, former and

is in a position to furnish any information indicating that and/or others plan to re-activate the Memphis chapter.

The following sources are members of and/or active in organizations listed by the symbol number, which organizations have in the past been closely affiliated with the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO:

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Since information has been reported by and was confirmed by interview of on 11/13/73 that the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO no plonger exists as an active organization, it appears that the Memphis Office has adequate coverage of individuals formerly

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associated with this organization. It also appears that the Memphis Office has adequate coverage of organizations formerly associated with the VVAW/WSO; however, the Memphis Office is making an effort on a continuing basis to develop additional coverage of the and the BPP.

A report is being prepared on the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO placing this case in a closed status. The Memphis Office will remain alert for information regarding individuals formerly associated with the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO, and should any information be received indicating that efforts are being made to re-activate the Memphis chapter, appropriate investigation will be conducted and pertinent information furnished the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (100-15674) 2P

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

FIRST SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST,

ADVISED HE HEARD VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW)

IS SUPPOSED TO CONDUCT A RALLY AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

BUILDING, MILWAUKEE, WIS., AT 10:30 A.M., INSTANT DATE:

SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST,

ADVISED THE ABOVE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION WAS DISCUSSED AT

A VVAW NUCLEUS MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD ON 11/15 LAST. SOURCE

ADVISED AT THE MEETING THEY ADVISED THIS DEMONSTRATION WOULD

BE HELD TUESDAY, 11/20 NEXT, FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M. WITH

APPROXIMATELY 40 PEOPLE SIGNING UP TO ATTEND. THE

DEMONSTRATION WILL CONSIST OF LEAFLETTING AND WALKING MEETING

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GSA SECURITY, MILWAUKEE PD, VA OFFICIALS, AND USA'S OFFICE ADVISED OF POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATION ON BOTH DATES.

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MILWAUKEE FROM

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

REMITEL TO BUREAU, INSTANT.

FIRST SOURCE, WHO HAS RPOVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) HELD A DEMONSTRATION AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) BUILDING, 342 NORTH WATER, MILWAUKEE, AT 10:30 AM, INSTANT DATE. SOURCE STATED APPROXIMATELY 26 INDIVIDUALS TOOK PART IN THIS DEMONSTRATION, WHICH LASTED UNTIL REC-08 10-441092-3311 APPROXIMATELY 11:10 AM. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD, MILWAUKEE PD ADVISED DEMONSTRATION AT VA, THIS DATE, WAS ORDERLY WITH T NO ARRESTS, AND THE GROUP DISPERSED AT APPROXIMATELY 1::106 NOV 20 1973

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SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE. AFTER COMPLETION OF TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION, THE MILWAUKEE CHAPTER OF VVAW PLANS TO CONTINUE DEMONSTRATION TOMMORROW, 11/20 NEXT, AT 11:00 AM, TO IPM. SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED NO VIOLENCE OR DISRUPTIVE TACTICS ARE PLANNED.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, AS SET FORTH IN RETEL, CONTACTED AND ADVISED REGARDING DEMONSTRATION, 11/20 NEXT.

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(100-448092)DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

11/15/73

ATLANTA

(100-8910) (P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER

SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

IS - VVAW/WSO

(ATLANTA DIVISION)

Re Bulet, 10/12/73.

Preliminary inquiry in conjunction with a review of Atlanta files confirms the nominal existence of a VVAW organization at Athens, Ga. Atlanta would emphasize that this existence is nominal as contrasted with active.

Re Bulet made reference to the following:

VVAW/WSO Georgia University Station Box 2373 Athens, Georgia (404) 742-8870 30602 babb

On 11/12/73,

reported as follows:

An organization known as Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) is registered with the Student Affairs Office, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, as a campus organization.

Georgia University Station Box 2373 was rented on 7/5/73, by subscriber Georgia.

Telephone number is the home , Crawford, Ga. It is noted that telephone of t 1/2 Crawford, Ga., is located approximately 15 miles South East of Athens in rural Oglethorpe County.

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According to this source, although VVAW is recognized as a legitimate campus organization, no information has been developed to date indicating any activity on the part of VVAW in the Athens vicinity or on the campus of the University of Georgia. In addition, no information has been developed to date indicating any involvement by persons other than

As FBIHQ is aware, the last communication submitted by Atlanta in the matter of aka SM - VVAW (Atlanta file 100-90/5) (Buffle unknown) was dated 2/5/73, at which time his case was closed. In view of ReBulet, Atlanta will reopen the file for reevaluation.

In the past, Atlanta had in VVAW one of whom had been identified as continue to be active, however, their respective areas of coverage had been redirected following the demise of VVAW in Atlanta in 1972. Although

it is most doubtful that either could be without causing suspicion and endangering other vital coverage.

Although exists within the Atlanta Division, are in a position to furnish information concerning VVAw through affiliations with other groups.

on 11/13/73. discussions were had with VVAW. Neither informant could substantiate the existence of any VVAW organization at Atlanta, Ga., nor were they aware of any activity at Athens, Ga.

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## AT ATHENS, GEORGIA

In accordance with Bulet 10/12/73, explore more fully the extent of VVAW at the University of Georgia. If deemed necessary take appropriate steps to develope member informant coverage. Pay particular attention to the identification of individuals who may be associated with VVAW other than

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/20/73

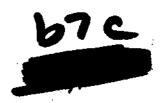
SAC, DALLAS (100-12222)(P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTERS SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION

IS - VVAW/WSO

OO: CHICAGO



Re Bureau letter to Dallas dated 10/16/73; St. Louis dated 10/12/73, entitled report of SA decision and dated 10/12/73, entitled "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 8/23-27/73. IS - VVAW/WSO"; and Dallas airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 7/31/73.

Bureau advised that lists of VVAW/WSO regions, chapters and individuals connected with the organization as shown on 9/8/73 and 4/5/73, disclosed Nacogdoches, Texas; Arlington, Texas; and Austin, Texas, were located within the Dallas Dallas, Texas; ( 100-448092 -

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Bureau instructed that in regard to the above listed individuals, appropriate preliminary inquiries should be conducted to identify them and determine the extent of their VVAW/WSO activity as well as other individuals who may be involved in the organization at these locations. For the information of the Bureau, investigations were conducted on and in 1972; nonprosecutive summary reports submitted. Neither individual was believed to meet the ADEX criteria and these investigations were closed due to their inactivity in the VVAW/WSO field. The Bureau is referred to Dallas report of SA dated 1/18/73, entitled SM - VVAW" (Bureau file 100-471819, Dallas file 100-12378); and Dallas report of SA dated 3/16/73 SM - VVAW" (Dallas file 100-12508). entitled | Preliminary inquiry of was conducted in December, 1972, and concluded in March, 1973, as his activities in the VVAW/WSO were determined to be of brief tenure. This investigation has been reopened and results will be submitted to the as noted by the Rureau NOV 23 1973 Bureau by 11/30/73.

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Texas, which is covered by the San Antonio

Referenced St. Louis report of 10/12/73 did not indicate any VVAW/WSO organizational activity nor were individuals in attendance at the VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting identified as being from the Dallas Division area. Two vehicles parked in the area of the meeting were registered to residents living within the Dallas Division. Dallas indices contain no information regarding them and preliminary inquiry is being conducted to determine if they have any affiliation with the VVAW/WSO. Results of these inquiries will be furnished to the Bureau upon their completion.

Contact with all informants, confidential sources and established sources throughout the Division was made during October - November, 1973, which determined that there is no known VVAW/WSO activity in Dallas, Arlington, Nacogdoches or any other location within the Dallas Division. and were interviewed during the course of their investigations in 1972 and at that time both advised the VVAW was no longer active in the North Texas area. was reinterviewed on 11/1/73, at which time he advised he was not cognizant of any VVAW/WSO activity and had received no form of communication from the organization since the Gainesville 8 were initially arrested and a subsequent letter was sent to all VVAW/WSO chapters from Gainesville.

By LHM dated 7/31/73, entitled "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR", Dallas advised that as a result of interviews of former VVAW members and informants and sources knowledgeable of VVAW activities, it was determined that there has been no organized activity of the organization in the Dallas Division since approximately July, 1972.

Dallas will remain alert to any attempts made to reactivate VVAW/WSO organizations within its area and informants will be targeted to become members at that time. Dallas informants and sources will be specifically contacted every 90 days to determine the status of VVAW/WSO activity within the Division's area. If positive information is developed from these contacts, the Bureau and Chicago will be immediately advised.

## Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/19/73

FROM

AC, TAMPA (100-2514) (P)

SUBJECT:

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

IS-VVAW/WSO (00: CG)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed for other receiving offices are two copies each of LHM.

A copy of the LHM is being furnished to Commander,

Confidential source furnishing information is

<u>The</u> dateline of LHM is shown as Chicago since Chicago is the national headquarters for VVAW and it could reasonably be expected that most of the information from the VVAW would emanate from there.

The LHM is also being classified confidential to protect source.

Information in the LHM is being furnished to the

Copies also being furnished to Cincinnati since information to Tampa was furnished by NOSCAM office there.

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#### PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois November 19, 1973

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

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) is a national organization composed primarily of veterans of the war in Vietnam, that has organized and participated in numerous demonstrations against the war in Vietnam during 1970-72, including the seizure of the Statue of Liberty, New York City, and the occupation of the Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December 1971. Six members of the VVAW were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, Florida, July 1972, on charge of conspiracy to violate the Federal Antiriot Law.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that who was one of the main forces in the VVAW chapter has transferred to has transferred to him has transferred to him has transferred to have the present time is

has requested Titerature from the VVAW national office concerning the objectives of the VVAW and the VVAW newspaper "Winter Soldier," since he plans to organize a VVAW chapter at

was furnished with the names of VVAW leaders whom he could contact for assistance in organizing

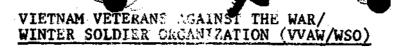
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a VVAW chapter. He was advised to obtain a Post Office Box off base if possible so that he could receive VVAW literature.

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DATE: 11/13/73

FROM TRAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-17091) (C)

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Re Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 10/16/73, captioned, "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION; AS - VVAW/WSO; (Minneapolis Division)."

#### Basis for Investigation

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/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), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage), and 2101 (Antiriot Laws)

Purnished a list on the letterhead of the National Office of VVAW/WSO entitled, "Chapter List as of 9/8/73." Contained in this list was the name General Delivery, Aberdeen, South Dakota, under the subcaption "Kansas - W. Mis North Dakota - South Dakota - Nebraska."

VVAW/WSO cas 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/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971, demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971, with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO

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is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and **have** reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During July, 1972, VVAW/W80 leaders and members were indicted by a Federal GrandJury Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, August, 1972. One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In January, 1973, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. 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 VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAV/VSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a minitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is cumently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

Aberdeen, South Dakota, Resident Agency of the Minneapolis Division.

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advised that the parents of the subject currently reside at Grand Forks, North Dakota. She said that the subject was never in the military service, and would certainly have been a Conscientious Objector. He was very anti-Vietnam War and distributed literature among the young people in the church

as well as on the street in Aberdeen. He was very controversial

The following is a description of the subject as recalled by Subject as b7c

while in Aberdeen because of these activities.

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Age

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American

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Established sources in the Aberdeen, South Dakota, area have never reported any VVAW/WSO activity in the area.

Checks with the following sources in the Minneapolis - St. Paul area concerning the subject's activities have revealed no information indicating the subject participated in VVAW activities in the area.

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and his activities were non-violent in nature, and there is no indication he held any position with the VVAW or even participated in VVAW activities, Minneapolis is conducting no further investigation in this matter at this time. If in the future subject's activities warrant further investigation, Bureau approval will be requested to reinstitute investigation providing the subject is still in the ministry at that time.



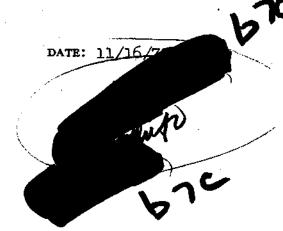
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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-77703) (P)

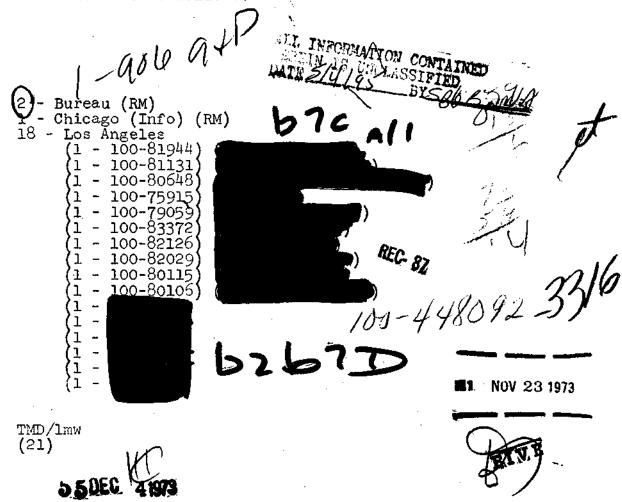
SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION IS - VVAW/WSO (Los Angeles Division)



Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 10/16/73.

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced communication, a complete review of captioned organization in the Los Angeles area was conducted. The results of that review are as follows:





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#### STRUCTURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA VVAW/WSO

The Los Angeles area VVAW/WSO is broken down into organizing committees and chapters. The criteria necessary in attaining a chapter status is simply the collecting of nine or more active members in any given area. If the coordinator is unable to organize the necessary number of members in his area, that group then becomes an organizing committee. The purpose of differentiating between a chapter and an organizing committee is to create a more equitable arrangement with regular membership representation when various regional elections are held. Currently, a chapter is entitled to five votes, and an organizing committee is entitled to have three votes. The aforementioned guidelines of chapters and organizing committees were adopted during the California-Nevada Regional Conference, which took place on 9/22-23/73.

The following is a current breakdown of Los Angeles area VVAW/WSO chapters and organizing committees:

1) Regional Headquarters 1810 East Anaheim Street Long Beach, California 90813 Telephone: (213) 591-4218

The above address also serves as the Long Beach

Chapter.

Subresional Coordinators; Calif.

Note Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated on

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Long Beach Chapter Coordinator:

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It is noted that in a National VVAW/WSO Newsletter, dated 10/9/73, the former Long Beach Chapter, located at 4920 Holly Avenue, Long Beach, California, has been deleted and is relocated at Regional Headquarters. Meetings of the Long Beach Chapter are scheduled on a weekly basis with in attendance.

3) South Bay Chapter
2004 Curtis Avenue
Apartment E
Redondo Beach, California
90278
Coordinator:

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In light of recent election to the position of Subregional Coordinator, he may relinquish his position as South Bay Chapter Coordinator in the future. The Bureau will be immediately apprised if same should occur.

Chapter meetings are generally held on a weekly

basis.

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Silver Lake Organizing

4228 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90028

Chapter meetings are regularly held on a weekly basis with approximately in attendance.

5) San Bernardino Chapter
VVAW/WSO
24818 \*\*\*Mondo Boulevard
San Bernardino, California
92408

200 Coordinator:

The San Bernardino Chapter is currently participating with the Gary Lawton Defense Committee at San Bernardino, California. It is felt, however, that upon completion of LAWTON's trial, that chapter may lose support, and subsequently its chapter status. Further, Los Angeles should be better able to distinguish and identify VVAW/WSO members from those individuals solely concerned with the Gary Lawton Defense Committee.

It is noted that the mailing address for the Gary Lawton Defense Committee, Post Office Box 5154, San Bernardino, California, is rented and paid for by

6) Venice Chapter
VVAW/WSO
226 San Juan Avenue
Venice, California
90291
Coordinator:

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The aforementioned chapter was first noted in the June 1973 issue of Favorite Sons. It is not known at this time whether or not Venice has successfully attained chapter status. Los Angeles is currently in the process of determining same and also the extent of VVAW activity there.

7) VVAW/WSO Organizing Committee 6545 Greenleaf Street Whittier, California Telephone: 693-6670

Situated at the aforementioned address is a leather goods shop called Leatherwork. On 11/16/73, the Whittier Police Department, Intelligence Division, advised that the VVAW/WSO activity in Whittier has been virtually nonexistent in recent months.

It is noted in National VVAW/WSO Newsletter, dated 10/23/73, that the Whittier Chapter had been deleted from the Southern California VVAW roles.

8) VVAW/WSO Chapter
1421 State Street
Santa Barbara, California
Telephone: (805) 687-1134
Coordinator:

advised that activity in the aforementioned chapter has been minimal in recent months. That chapter has been continually losing members and support since the end of the Vietnam conflict. Chapter membership is estimated at approximately 15 active members.

9) The Orange County Organizing

and are currently the only known Ofange County members to have been observed participating in any VVAW/WSO functions in recent months.

Orange County Chapter of the VVAW/WSO has been virtually nonexistent.

On 10/30/73, and advised the Orange County VVAW/WSO Chapter office, located at 1414 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California, is currently closed.

Post Office Box 4815 Irvine, California Telephone: (714) 557-7178

The aforementioned Post Office Box has been closed since 7/1/73.

(10) VVAW/WSO Chapter 2860 Ocean Drive Oxnard, California 92030

The aforementioned location first appeared in a National VVAW/WSO Newsletter, dated 10/23/73, on a revised chapter up-date list.

Preliminary investigation has determined that is currently residing at that address. Is currently enrolled at Ventura Junior College in Ventura.

On 11/16/73, Oxnard Police Department advised that there has not been any reported or observed VVAW/WSO activity in this area.

be formed at California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) with as coordinator. who also attends CSULA, has been actively recruiting new memoers on that campus.

#### INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following is a breakdown of the informant coverage within the Los Angeles Division:

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It is further noted that subject promptly apprises this office of the same, therefore, affording this office the necessary time to prepare for any demonstration or function and to make the necessary notifications.

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Source advised subject, of Los Angeles file was

of the VVAW/WSO in

Subject has since

Source advises that preparation is currently under way to that organization. Source advised, nowever, in light of increased difficulty in placing a contact in that organization, successful infiltration is not expected within the forseeable future.

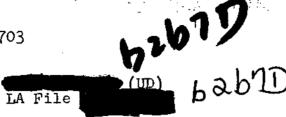
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Source currently does not have any contact within the ranks of the VVAW/WSO.

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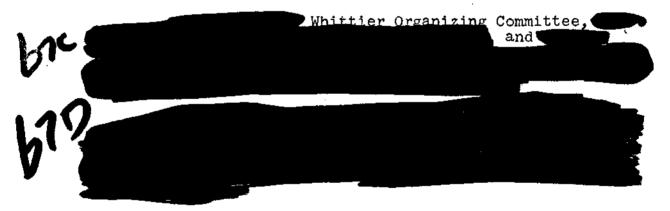
Subject is currently residing in the Orange County area, and in the event VVAW/WSO should reorganize there, attempts will be made to place subject in that chapter.



Subject is currently under development at Santa Barbara, California, and is attempting to join the VVAW/WSO Chapter there.

is noted, however, that it has become increasingly difficult to successfully

Further, the Los Angeles area VVAW/WSO has formed a security committee, whose purpose is to work in a liaison capacity with the Citizens Action Research Investigative Committee (CRIC).



Los Angeles is constantly striving to improve upon its informants' coverage concerning VVAW/WSO and will continue to do so. Further, the Bureau will be immediately apprised of any change in the present situation regarding informant coverage.

Los Angeles will continue to closely follow and report the activities of the VVAW/WSO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

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SAC. BUTTE (100-9147) (P)

SUBJECT:

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WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

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Re Bureau letter to

All logical sources and Informants were canvassed concerning above-captioned matter.

67 b very little interest in the VVAW/VSO in the Boise-Mountain Home, Idaho, area. At the National Steering Committee meeting in St. Louis in August, there was some talk of combining the VVAW Chapters from Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah, into one chapter since there is very little activity. reason the Boise-Mountain Home Chapter of the VVAW/WSO has been so inactive is because the previous members have moved to other parts of the country and at present, there are only Din this area. No demonstrations about • have been planned and there have been no meetings.

) Informant advised that returned to The Covered Wagon (TCW), Mountain Home, Idaho, TCW has been hampered and is trying to reorganize it. lately by lack of funds and the lack of permanent rep

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Indian Movement. Implication might possibly return to TCW around 11/1/73, for a short time. During recent stay at TCW in late September and early October, he organized it enough to get out a Summer-Fall edition of "The Helping Hand", which is the GI underground newspaper associated with TCW.

Source advised

Source advised that the still in and apparently is making no plans to return to TCW.

Source stated that has not been at TCW for some time and he believes that may be in the area or at the fine has not been in the area or at the fine has a still active in VVAW/WSO activities.

Source advised that has not been further interest in it.

Informant advised that and and have taken no further action on their membership in VVAN/WSO and are apparently no longer interested.

b7c For the information of the Bureau mentioned in b7D referenced letter.

With reference to the VVAW/WSO, care of Borrowed Times, mentioned on page two of referenced letter, continuous contacts with sources knowledgeable of dissident activity in Missoula, Montana, revealed there has been no activity

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whatsoever on the part of the VVAW in Missoula, Montana, since 3/19/73, when described the statement calling himself leader of VVAW, issued a public statement seeking a donation of food, clothing and medicines for the Indians besieging Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The response for this call for donations was minimal and VVAW has not been heard from since.

According to sources, there are no known members of VVAW on the campus of the University of Montana, nor have they ever brought themselves to the attention of the student body.

A check of all banking institutions in Missoula revealed no accounts for the captioned organizations.

via summary report, dated 7/16/73. Relative to the mailing address care of the "Borrowed Times" newspaper, P. O. Box #1311, Missoula, Montana, it is noted the "Borrowed Times" publishes infrequently and a recent article appearing in the "Missoulian", a daily newspaper published at Missoula, indicates the 11/15/73 issue: of the "Borrowed Times" will be its last because of lack of money.

The sources referred to above are:

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It is further noted that these sources and other sources who closely follow dissident Indian activities in Missoula have reported no links between the Indians and the VVAW, other than the food, clothing, and medicine appeal mentioned above.

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o : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM SAC. CINCINNATI (100-19743) (P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION. IS - VVAW/WSO (CINCINNATI DIVISION)

Rebulet to CI, 10/16/73; and CI let to the Bureau, 10/24/73.

As noted in Bulet, VVAW/WSO has four reported sites of activity within this Division; specifically in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Yellow Springs, Ohio.

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Review of VVAW/WSO activity here reflects that the Cincinnati Chapter has less than ten adherants of continuing involvement. The Cincinnati Chapter leadership is provided almost exclusively by is under active to some extent by ( investigation by both Louisville (Office of Origin) and is under active investigation by Cincinnati. Cincinnati: 🕻 The chief activities of the Cincinnati Chapter until several months ago was the promotion of anti-war demonstrations which received scant support. In September, 1973, the Cincinnati VVAW sponsored a Mid-West Regional Amnesty Conference which attracted less than 50 persons (mostly from Cincinnati) from a multi-state area. Recent indications are that the Cincinnati Chapter will devote the majority of their time in the future to amnesty and military discharge upgrading matters, and a possible propagandizing for penal reforms. 00-448092-33/8 🔐

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Cincinnati Chapter. he is providing excellent information on a timely basis as to the activity and planned activity of the Cincinnati Chapter, and to some extent, the activity of other VVAW/WSO Chapters within this Divisiont. A current review of fallen-away members of the Cincinnati Chapter has been undertaken to provide a basis for selective interviews designed to develop additional coverage in depth of this group.

With regard to the Dayton. Ohio Chapter of VVAW/WSO that office has as its almost exclusive activity the operation of NOSCAM which is an acronym for the National Office - Service People's Counseling and Materials.

has been made the subject of initial investigation.

have met with what can best be described as apathy. That situation existed prior to the VVAW/WSO alarm which was occasioned by the publicization of FBI informants within their ranks which occurred at the trial last summer of the Gainesville 8.

2679the VVAW, has real potential to provide member informant coverage of the Dayton Chapter of the VVAW/WSO.

With regard to the listing of
Yellow Springs, Ohio, as a VVAW location, it is noted that
Yellow Springs, Ohio, is the site of Antioch College.
It is also noted that Yellow Springs is almost contiguous
to Dayton, Ohio. There has been no reported indication of any
overt VVAW activity at Yellow Springs. Active investigation
of is underway. In addition to other avenues
of potential coverage at Antioch, it is considered
reasonable to believe that if is successful
in his efforts to attempt membership at Dayton, he will be
a knowledgeable source concerning VVAW/WSO activities at
Yellow Springs.

The Columbus, Ohio, Chapter of VVAW/WSO has not been active in the sponsorship of demonstrations or other overt activity. From time to time announcements have appeared in the "Lantern", a campus publication at Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, of VVAW meetings to be held at the Wesley Foundation building which is adjacent to the OSU Campus but such meetings have not materialized. VVAW maintains a P. O. Box at Columbus but has no office space. VVAW telephone at Columbus is listed to the long-standing spokesman for VAW at Columbus and who

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The Bureau is assured that Cincinnati shares Bureau concern for the general apparent direction in which the VVAW is heading and the concurrent need for knowledgeable informants and sources in a position to keep us apprised of pertinent plans and activities of this group.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

SAC, HONOLULU (100-6941) (C)

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

Re Bureau letter to Honolulu dated 10/16/73.

Review of Honolulu files discloses that Honolulu has been in receipt of the lists mentioned in referenced Bureau letter of VVAW/WSO chapters and of individuals connected therewith, which included the

name. "Liberated Barracks, c/o
Street, Honolulu, Hawaii", which on latest lists
was changed to "Liberated Barracks, c/o Street, Kailua, Hawaii"

100-472436: HN file 100-6997). The files of the Honolulu Office disclose that in 1969 while a student at School and that she later became a member of Liberated Barracks (LB). was one of the founders, in 1971, of LB in Honolulu.

> Investigation of LB in Honolulu was discontinued following instructions set forth in Bureau letter to Honolulu dated 3/26/73 captioned, "LIBERATED BARRACKS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING", (Bufile 100-466887; HN file 100-6967). At that time, the Bureau advised that investigation should be discontinued inasmuch as LB was apparently a GI coffee house-type organization. was not recommended for inclusion on the ADEX.

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Although LB has not been the subject of active investigation since March, 1973, information obtained from established sources periodically indicates that this organization continues to publish its paper and to conduct "GI counseling" for military personnel at its headquarters, Street, Kailūa.

According to these sources, the thrust of its counseling as well as of most of the articles in its paper is to develop the military person's awareness of his legal rights under military law and to advise them of the legal avenues for complaints and redress for infringement of those rights by military superiors.

No information has been received indicating subversive infiltration or affiliation of LB. Although VVAW/WSO is considered to be non-existent as an organization in Honolulu, this office will be alert for active organization or related developments toward that end. Should a VVAW chapter appear to be emerging as such, Honolulu will conduct active investigation in accordance with guidelines set forth in Bureau letter of 8/2/73.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)ATTN: INTD

CHICAGO" (100-50772)

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FROM

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER

ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), IS - VVAW/WSO, OO: CG.

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ON ON 11/15/73. 11/14/73 MEMBER OF STEERING COMMITTEE,

CHAPTER, CHAPTER. VVAW/WSO. AND LEADING ACTIVIST

MEMBERS.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT WAYNE STATE

UNIVERSITY AND IN ADDITION TO VVAW. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE

IN ATTENDANCE FROM CPUSA AND BLACK MILITANT LABOR GROUPS.

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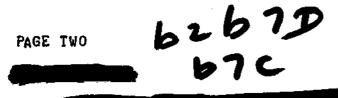
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation was conducted concerning and an LHM was submitted in 1972.

was interviewed on 11/13/73. An up-to-date LHM is being prepared and will be submitted.

The period of this report predates that of referenced report because information set forth herein had not been channelized when the previous report was prepared.

Careful consideration was given to the use of T-symbols, and T-symbols were used only in those instances where it was necessary to conceal the source.

This case is being placed in a closed status based on information furnished by when interviewed on 11/13/73. The Memphis Office will remain alert for information regarding the VVAW/WSO and should any information be received indicating that this organization has again become active in the Memphis Division, appropriate investigation will be conducted and pertinent information furnished to the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

Predication on which investigation of this organization is based was set forth in Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 11/15/73.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

NOVEMBER 20. 1973 Date:

Field Office File #: 100-5804

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Office: MEMPHIS

Bureau File #. 100-448092

Title.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

Synopsis:

who was coordinator of the Memphis chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), advised on 11/13/73 that this chapter no longer exists as an active organization. Sources familiar with the activities of the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO advised that this organization has held no meetings or functions since 4/73.

#### DETAILS:

Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971, with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist

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The Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO was organized by members of the Memphis chapter of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) in May and June, 1971. The membership of the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO included members of the YWLL from its inception and these members participated in and influenced the planning and activities of this chapter. The Memphis chapters of the VVAW/WSO and YWLL jointly sponsored and participated in demonstrations protesting American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia in 1972 and 1973. The Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO was inactive during the period April-October, 1973.

The YWLL is a youth organization of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). It was formed as a Marxist-Leninist youth group in February, 1970.

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#### I. ORGANIZATION

#### A. Headquarters

The Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO has never maintained an office or rented space where meetings were held. Most meetings and business affairs of this chapter were conducted at various churches in Memphis, Tennessee.

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#### B. Aims and Objectives

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On September 13, 1971, furnished a leaflet distributed by the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO in September, 1971. This leaflet contained the statement of purpose for the VVAW/WSO nationally as well as actions adopted by the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO. These are as follows:

#### Nationally:

- 1. A total U. S. military withdrawal immediately from Southeast Asia.
- 2. The securing of GI and veterans' rights by fighting to end racism and repression both in the military and out of it, increasing employment for veterans, and improving Veterans Administration medical facilities.
- 3. The active support of other progressive movements who share our goals and whose programs we endorse.

#### Locally:

- A campaign for mass endorsement of the People's Peace Treaty.
- 2. Visitations with patients at our Veterans Administration hospital with the goal of establishing programs which will meet veterans' needs, such as a methadone treatment clinic.

3. Demands to local government and business to take immediate steps toward creating decent job opportunities for veterans, particularly black veterans who have been hit hardest by unemployment.

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### C. Membership

when interviewed on November 13, 1973, who was coordinator of the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO, advised that the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO no longer exists as an active organization.

On October 10, 1973, and advised that the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO was inactive during the period April - October, 1973.

#### D. Officers

The VVAW/WSO national office located in Chicago, Illinois, maintained information in September, 1973, which indicated that as of September 8, 1973, Street, Memphis 38128, was connected with the VVAW/WSO.

September 24, 1973)

When interviewed on November 13, 1973,
who resides at Avenue, Memphis, advised
that he was coordinator of the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO
during 1972 and 1973.

#### E. Finances

On November 13, 1973,

advised that the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO never maintained a bank account during the period he was a member of and active in this organization. He stated that when funds were needed, a collection was made among the membership and supporters of the organization.

#### II. ACTIVITIES

Memphis, Tennessee. At this meeting there was a discussion regarding

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was held on

amnesty for men who had left the United States to avoid serving in the Armed Forces.

March 15, 1973)

the VVAW/WSO of the organization attended this meeting. No particular topics were discussed and no plans were made for future.

meetings of the group. April 20, 1973)

Om November 12, 1973, and other sources familiar with the membership and activities of the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO were contacted and these sources advised that this chapter had held no meetings since April, advised that the Memphis chapter of the VVAW/WSO no longer exists as an active organization.



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Memphis, Tennessee November 20, 1973

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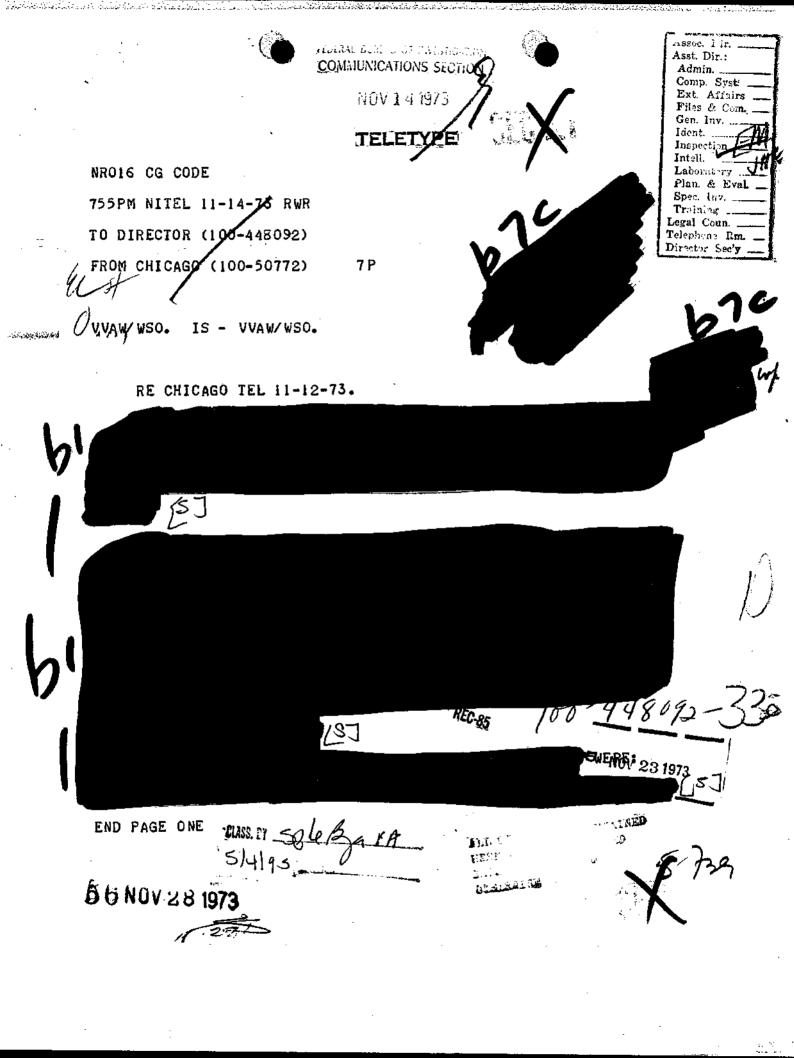
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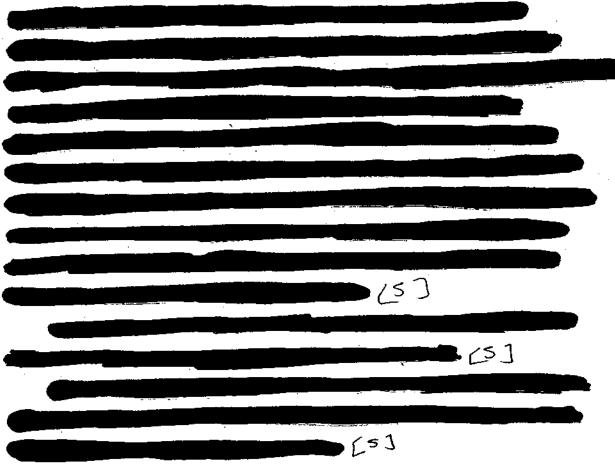
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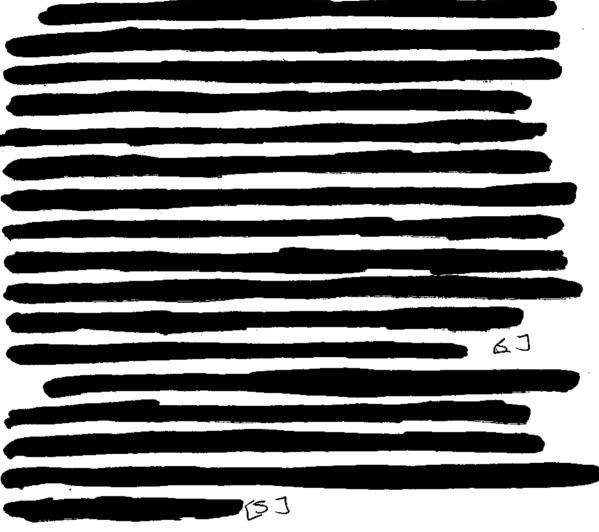


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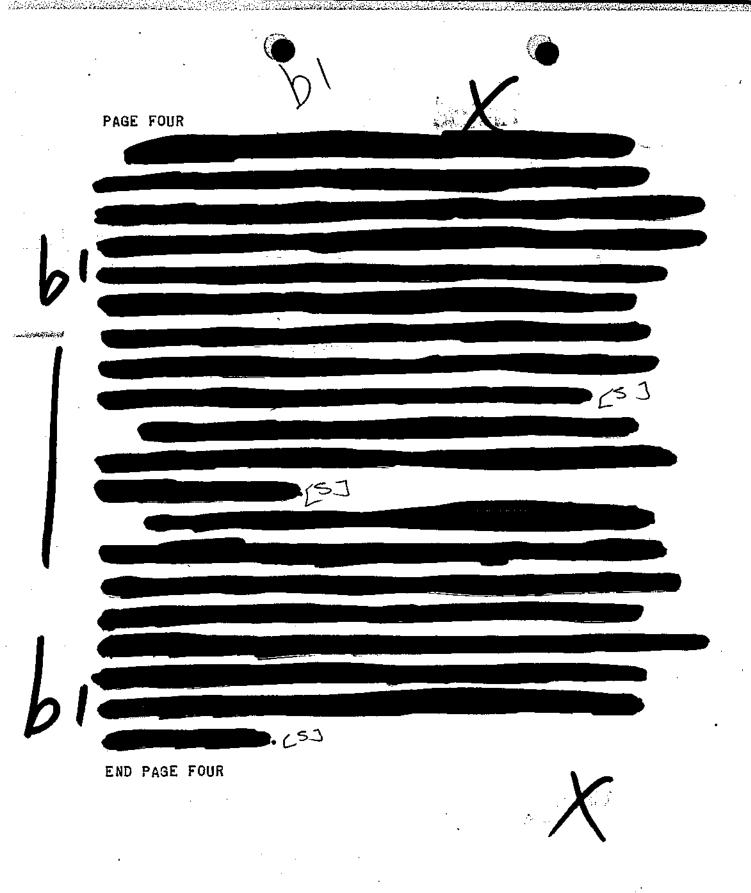


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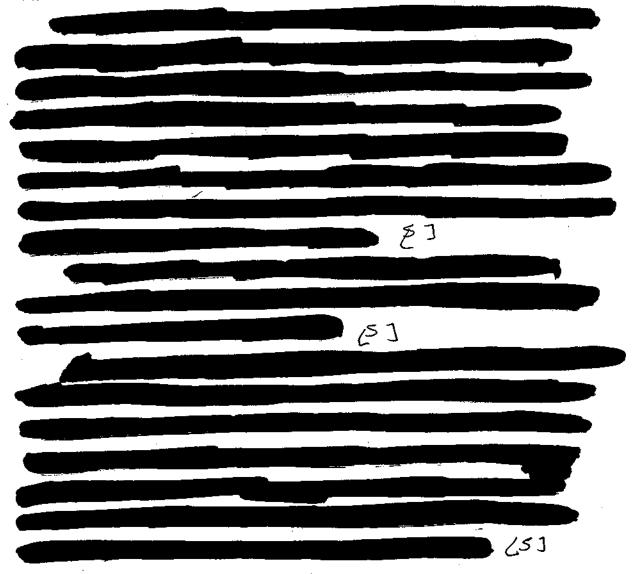


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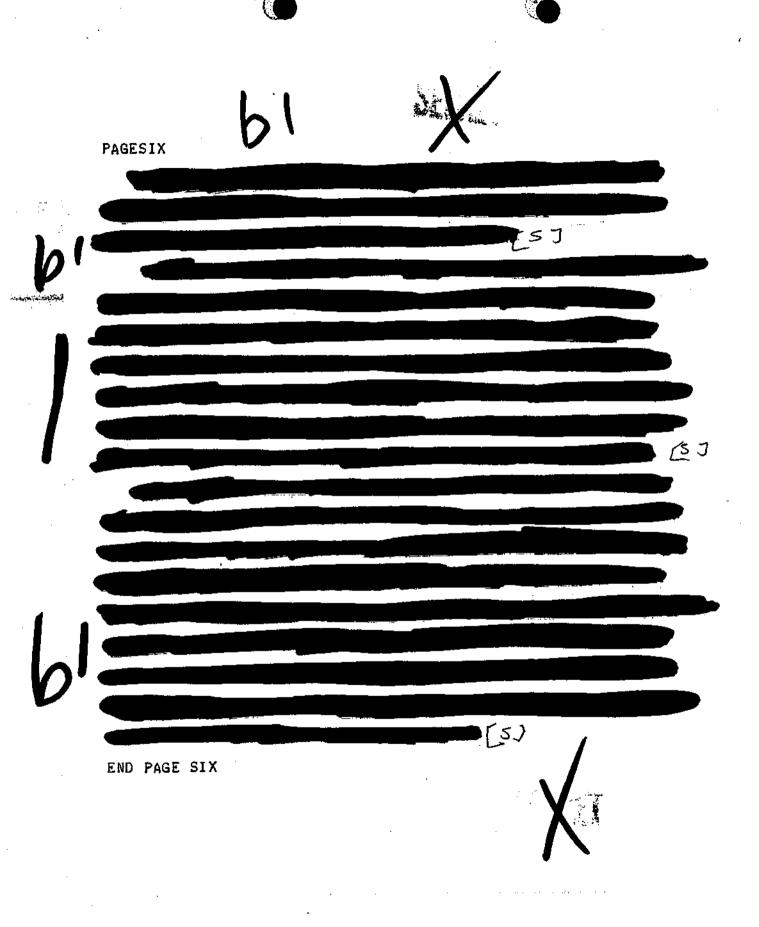


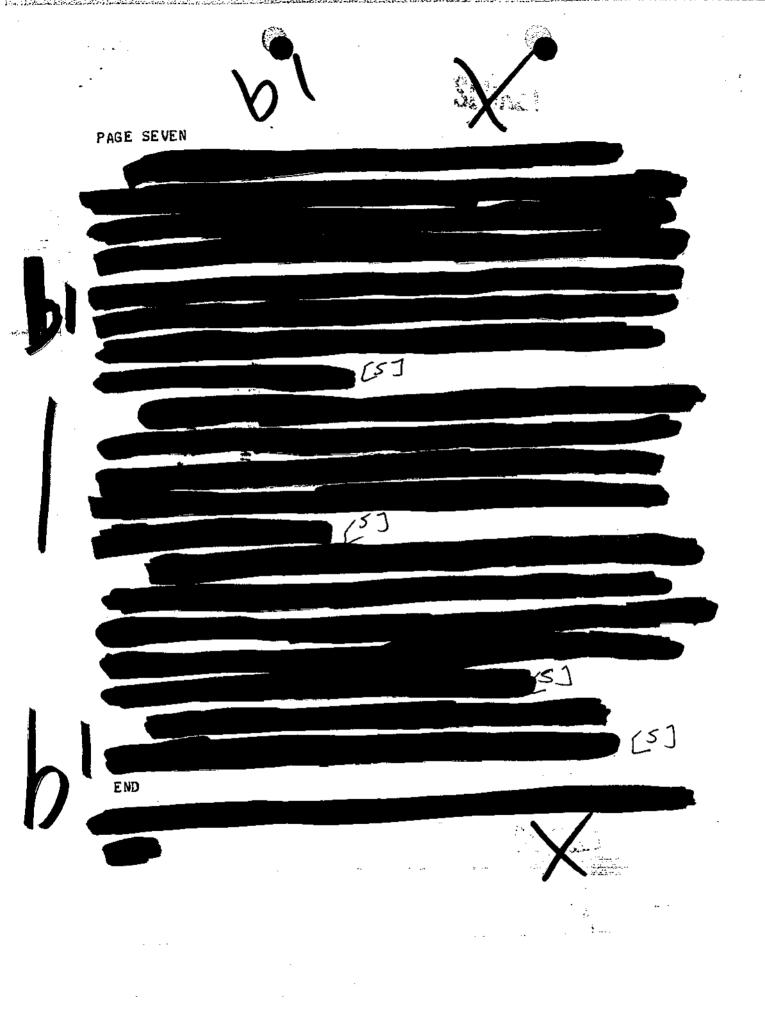
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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/73

FROM

SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-4570) (C)

SUBJECT:

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Re Sacramento letters to Los Angeles, 6/11/73, 7/23/73, and 9/27/73; Los Angeles letters to Sacramento, 7/25/73 and 9/28/73.

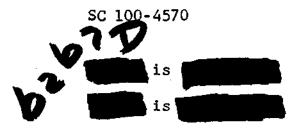
Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of LHM in captioned matter.

One copy is designated for Secret Service, Sacramento.

FD-376 is attached.

Office and inclusion of his name in ADEX is not recommended.

It appears likely that was invited to speak the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) Steering Committee meetings (9/28-10/3/72), as a member of the Union of Vietnamese Students in America rather than a member of the VVAW. Since sources in a position to know do not know of any other activities by the subject, it is believed this matter warrants no further investigation.



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Department of Motor Vehicles and California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) checks at Sacramento, California, were made by SC

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Sacramento, California November 20, 1973

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A preliminary inquiry has been initiated concerning for the purpose of determining if he is a leader or activist of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), 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), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage), and 2101 (Anti-riot Laws).

On October 1, 1972, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that spoke at the initial meeting of the VVAW National Steering Committee meetings at Palo Alto, California, on September 29, 1972.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971 with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with

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ENCLOSURE

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## I. BACKGROUND

# A. Birth Data

On February 1, 1973, records of the California
Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California,
reflected was born on

### B. Education

On January 17, 1973, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that was registered at Fresno State College, Fresno, California, during the spring of 1971 but was not then a student at

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California State University at Fresno (CSUF), formerly known as Fresno State College.

On September 14, 1973, and advised that attended the summer session at CSUF, which ended on August 23, 1973, but fall registration records at CSUF would not be available until after October 1, 1973.

On November 14, 1973,

advised that

### C. Marital Status

On November 14, 1973,
California, advised that told

# D. Citizenship

On March 16, 1973, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Fresno, advised that his files failed to reflect is or was a foreign student at CSUF. advised that INS has no record at all concerning

On March 16, 1973,
Financial Aids and Veterans' Affairs, CSUF, advised that
does not and has not attended CSUF as a veteran of
military service in the United States.

### E. Residences

1) Current

On November 14, 1973, supra, advised that

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Fresno. Smith advised that reside in Apartment at that address.

#### 2) Former

On November 14, 1973. Advised that resided at Avenue, Apartment Fresno, during the summer of 1973.

On December 5, 1972, records of the California
Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, reflected
previously resided at
Apartment Fresno, and at
ment Fresno.

Apartment Fresno.

On January 17, 1973,
U. S. Post Office.

On June 18, 1972,

Fresno, to

Apartment

Fresno,

On March 16, 1973, College
Manor Apartments, Fresno, advised
that does not reside in Apartment at that address,
and he did not reside there in June, 1972. Advised
that during the summer of 1972, Apartment was rented to
and who moved out in September,
1972.

On March 16, 1973, supra, verified that submitted a change of address in September, 1972, from Apartment Fresno.

On June 28, 1973. Acono
Sweeping Service, Anaheim, California, advised that between November, 1972, and February 6, 1973,



address in her records was Avenue, California.

## F. Employments

1) Current

On November 14, 1973, supra, advised that the is employed by as a supra, at Avenue, Fresno, and he also attends CSUF.

# 2) Former

On June 28, 1973, Supra, supra, advised that from November, 1972 to February 6, 1973, was employed by Acono Sweeping Service, Anaheim, as a member of a clean-up crew.

## G. Identification

On January 17, 1973 and January 12, 1973, records of the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Fresno, reflected no arrest record for

On January 31, 1973, records of the California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII), Sacramento, reflected no arrests for

# H. Credit

On January 17, 1973, records of Merchants Association of Fresno, 822 North Abby Street, Fresno, reflected no credit records for

#### II. ACTIVITIES

# A. Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW)

ON On October 21, 1972, supra, advised that meetings of the VVAW National Steering Committee were held in Palo Alto, California, between September 28, 1972 and October 3, 1972. advised that a pounds, and who is approximately spoke at the initial meeting of the VVAW National Steering Committee on September 29, 1972. California license number AHV-482.

On December 5, 1972, records of the California
Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, reflected California
license AHV 482 is registered to
Fresno, California, for use on a

### B. Informant Contacts

On February 14, 1973 and March 16, 1973, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with militant and revolutionary activity in the fresno area, advised that is unknown to him.

On March 9, 1973 and November 13, 1973, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with militant and revolutionary activity and organizations at CSUF, advised that the six not known to him.

# C. Physical Description

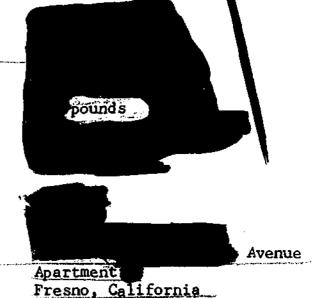
The following description was obtained from supra, and California driver's license records:

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Name: Sex: Date of birth: Height:

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Characteristics:
California driver's
license number:
Marital status:
Wife:
Residence:











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Director

| Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220 RE:  |
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| 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. |
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| 2.   Attempts or threats to redress grievances.   |
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| <ol> <li>Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile<br/>incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.</li> </ol>  |
| 5.  Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.   |
| 6. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.   |
| 7. The Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U.S.  |
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| Contelley   |
| Clarence M. Kelley  |

Director

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

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# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

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SAC, MOBILE (100-2408) (P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

IS - VVAW/WSO

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 10/31/73 and Mobile letter to Bureau and Chicago, 10/30/73.

Enclosed for Gurean is one copy of referenced Mobile RECEIV. letter dated 10/30/73.

Mobile letter set forth data concerning a former student at Auburn University and at Auburn University.

It also set forth the fact that the VVAW chapter at Auburn University is the only VVAW group within the Mobile Division which had engaged in any activity and this group had not been active since late 1972.

It is noted that the VVAW has proposed establishment of a free clinic at Resurrection City, Bogue Chitto, Dallas County, Alabama, but no progress has been made in this regard. Mobile is following the activity at Resurrection City through sources of information and in the event this free clinic is established or any VVAW activity reported, the Bureau will be advised.

It is noted that Bureau file concerns the activities at Resurrection City, Reguen Thitto, Dallas County, Alabama.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/19/73

FROM A SAC

SAC, OMAHA (100-8410) (C)

SUBJECT:

Vietnam veterans against the war/winter soldier organization

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SM - VVAW OM file 100-9095

Re Bureau letter to Omaha dated 10/15/73.

Contact with sources at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as well as the Cedar Rapids area, have failed to identify either contact with any subversive extremist or revolutionary activities in those areas. Sources have further advised that the VVAW no longer has an active chapter in that area.

has not been identified with any VVAW activities since February, 1973, during which time he led a brief, demonstration in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, protesting

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U. S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Sources have advised to be residing on the West Coast, exact address unknown.

Sources advised is currently attending Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but he is not attempting to organize any type of VVAW activities and has made no effort to revitalize the VVAW at Kirkwood.

Sources advised that since the termination of the Vietnam War no support or interest has been generated for the VVAW at Kirkwood Community College or in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area.

Investigation at Omaha determined is currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and no information was developed identifying him with any subversive, extremist or revolutionary activities in the area. That had previously during the Vietnam conflict attempted to contact the National Chapter of the VVAW in order to establish an Omaha group to protest the war, but such organization never came into being due to lack of funds on the part of the Since the conclusion of the Vietnam war that has not no interest in any further attempts to organize a VVAW Chapter.

In view of preliminary investigation outlined above, which failed to identify subjects with any subversive or extremist activities, their respective cases are being closed in the Omaha Division. Further, the Omaha case on captioned organization is also being closed inasmuch as there are no VVAW chapters currently active within the division.

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DIRECTOR. FBI

SAC. ALBANY (100-22943) (C)

SUBJECT:

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Re Albany letter and LHM to the Bureau dated 2/7/73, Bureau letter to Albany dated 10/12/73 captioned "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR, WINTER SOLDIER ORGANI-ZATION . IS - VVAW/WSO, Albany Division".

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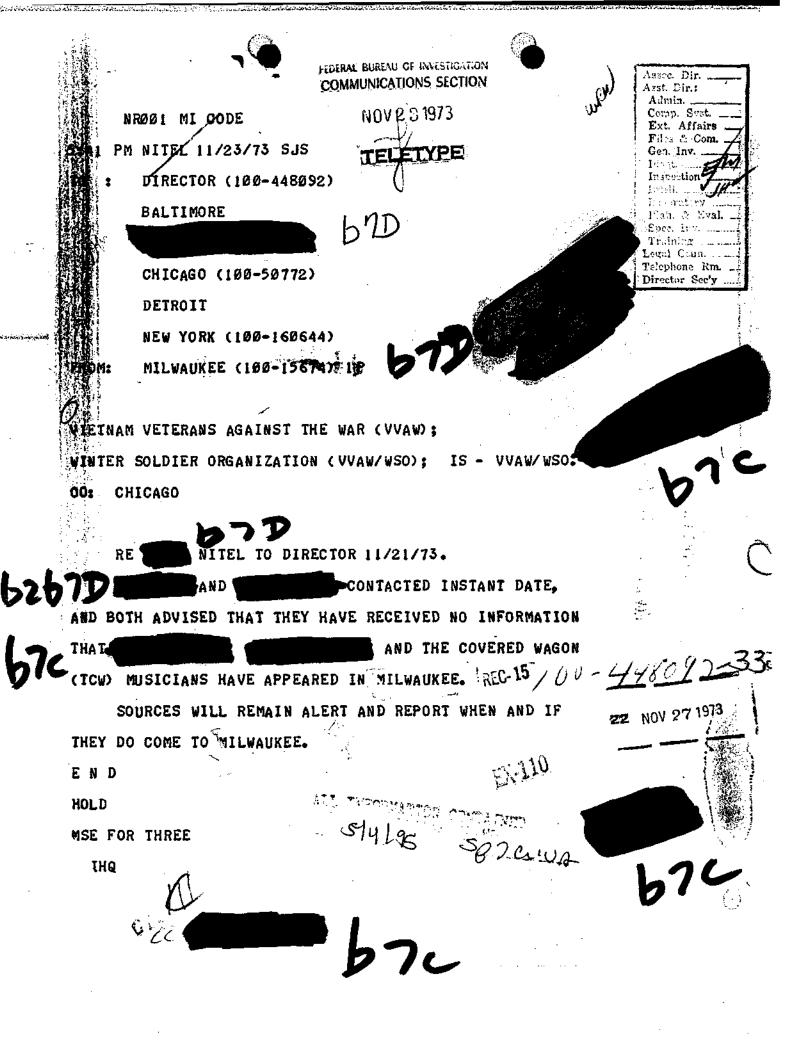
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an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in 12/71 with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans". VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During 7/72 VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, for violation of rederal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted and the process of the second statutes and the process of the second statutes are indicted by a federal convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted and the process of the second statutes are indicted by a federal convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted and the process of the second statutes are indicted by a federal convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted and process of the second statutes are indicted by a federal convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted by a federal convention and process of the second statutes are indicted by a federal convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted by a federal convention and process of the federal statutes are indicted by a federal convention and process of the federal statutes are indicted by a federal convention and process of the federal statutes are indicted by a federal convention and process of the federal convention and process of the federal convention and

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The VVAW is a national organization composed primarily of veterans of the Vietnam War, which has conducted demonstrations against the war during 1970-1972. Its first published objective is to demand an immediate end of fighting and withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina.

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ON NOVEMBER 27. 1973. SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE AND TROUPE OF CINFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT SINGERS FROM THE COVERED WAGON (TWC). A GI COFFEEHOUSE IN MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO, WERE PRESENT 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE "GUARDIAN" AT HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY (NYC), ON

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VVAW/WSO IS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN CHICAGO, ILLINGIS, THAT HAS ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES IN OPPOSITION TO WAR IN INDOCHINA DURING 1978-73, INCLUDING SEIZURE AND OCCUPATION OF TWO OF NATION'S KANDMARKS IN DECEMBER, 1971.

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Enclosed for background information only for the Bureau, New York and Legat, Bonn are copies of a self-explanatory document dated 9-6-73.

Attached document indicates that there are some 32,000 U. S. deserters as well as a large number of Selective Service violators abroad. Attached indicates that American churches in Europe may be exploited in moves to obtain amnesty for those who refused to fulfill their U. S. military obligations. The VVAW or some similar group would presumably attempt to take over and direct any such movement if it ever becomes effective.

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### PASTORAL TO THE AMERICAN CONVOCATION

In the Name of Jesus -- He who calls us to be One in Him -- I send you my sincerest greetings.

This pastoral is a result of my concern for the young Americans living in exile because of their resistance to military service during the war in Southeast Asia. It is also a result of my concern that for our own souls' sake, as well as for these men, we must all participate in a process of reconciliation so badly needed in our country.

One way to participate in this process of reconciliation is to call and work for the return of these young men so that they might contribute their concerns and talents in the rebuilding of our country. To the American Convocation's Convention this past May, I canounced my intention to visit some of the exiles living in Stockholm in order to collect data and obtain first-hand impressions which might inform me in my support of unconditional amnesty. A three visit was made in August and I was accompanied by the Rev. Edward Lakee, Ir. and Mr. James H. W. Jacks, rector and junior warden of St. James "Courch, Florence, Italy.

To raise the question of amnesty for the some 32,000 military deserters still "at large", the tens of thousands of draft resisters including those in exile and in jail and under indictment, the coun tless numbers of veterans of the Vietnam era who have been given lessthan-honorable discharges, and the many thousands of American citizens who because of their participation in non-violent, civil disobedienceand resistance activities have received criminal records - to raise the question of amnesty for these people is to raise a serious, complicated, legal and moral issue which confronts our society and especially our churches. Nevertheless, no matter how sensitive and emotional the issue of amnesty is likely to be for all of us, it is my hope that your parish will be a place where a forum will be crea ted for the raising and examining of this issue. Just possibly, there fore, our parishes in Europe could be that sacramental and pastoral expression of Christ's reconciliation as we show our concern for the persons and the questions raised by the issue of amnesty. To begin this forum, this pastoral is intended to share with you some informa tion and impressions we received in our visit to Stockholm. 92-333

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There are three over-all impressions which summarize the many we received, and which begin to answer the following three questions (1) Who are the exiles? (2) What do they believe? (3) What are their hopes regarding amnesty?

First, the question Who are the exiles? In Sweden alone since 1967, over 700 men Have sought asylum. Today they number approximately 450 living primarily in the cities of Stockholm, Malmo and Gothenburg. With their wives and children they are a community of around 1,200 persons living in exile, separated from their home country. But who are they as persons? I think I can best answer this by sharing with you something about those whom we met during our visit.

We met with three different groups of exiles. The first group consisted of six men, a wife of one of them and a girl friend of and ther. Four are draft resisters and two are military deserters. Their average age is early to middle twenties and have been in Sweden three to five years. Clearly, all have above average intelligence and are from varied geographical and sociological backgrounds. This particular group has a very definite political understanding of their resistance and desertion, and they were intensely concerned to share the se convictions and explain their subsequent activities in Stockholm. Later, I will have more to say about these convictions.

The meeting with second group of exiles began in the apartment of a young deserter, his wife and their six month old son, the father himself being an Episcopalian from the Diocese of Southern Virginian Several others joined us and then we all went to dinner. For several hours we asked questions and listened. As with the first group, we were impressed with the depth of their convictions, with their attempt to set personal priorities which showed a genuine concern for their country at the expense of their own personal hopes. Furthernow, with this group we moved by their difficult struggles to adjust to their new life in exile, and with their honest, wistful longing to return home to family and friends.

We met the group in the office of the American Exile Project. This is a program financed by the Department of Immigration of the Swedish government and sponsored by the Swedish YMCA. It was begun and still continues to be staffed and operated by the exiles themse wes. They are concerned with the immediate social needs and adjustment problems of their fellow exiles. They provide information and assistance in dealing with Swedish officialdom, locating housing, fittaining and employment opportunities, establishing a child care coter for their growing community, visiting those exiles who are in Swedish prisons (the current number is 13 persons), operating a number of socially-oriented projects in the interest of creating a stronger sense of community among the exiles.

Who are they? In my experience these men and their families are socially, educationally, and religiously a fair sampling of a cross-section of American society. In conviction they are deeply sen sitive, concerned, and convinced regarding their actions. To the que stion, what might we do to help their situation, one of the young men said: "If you can help to change the image that others have of us, then please do! We are not as some of the press and certain go vernment and military officials have depicted us — criminals, sexual perverts, dope addicts, social misfits. Nor on the other hand are we special moral heroes. We do not wish to be used. We do not wish to be made scapegoats by those who have prosecuted and perpetuated the war. Nor do we want to be made martyrs by the radical left. We are individuals who out of conviction chose this way to vitness because we could not conscientiously participate in this war".

This brings me to the second question, What do they believe? One young man said to me, "All I want is to be able to go home. I feel as though I have been in prison for these three years and there are times when I could climb the walls". But another exile said, "Those responsible for the war should be tried as we tried those at Muremberg for war crimes". Across this spectrum of feelings and beliefs, from the very wistful expression to return home to family and friends, to the expression of a very strong international political agenda, there was at the same time an almost unanimous conviction that even more important than the issue of amnesty is the issue of our nation coming to grips with the reasons which involved it in Southeast Asia in the first place so that it never happens again. This is to say, that within each of these three groups, we met the strong belief that these men had not forgotten why they had conscient tiously resisted participation in the war. One of them said. "I wor ry that the price of unconditional amnesty might be a kind of natio nal self-absolution which will never deal with the reasons for our war in Southeast Asia, reasons which, therefore, will never get into the American consciousness." What I heard was a hope and a conviction: a hope for a better and just world, and a conviction that this can hardly be achieved without a serious examination of the tragedy in "Southeast Asia which would then lead to corrective measures ensuring the world and ourselves that it will not happen again.

To the question, What are their hopes regarding amnesty? I have one composite impression: the exiles are cautious when discussing it. They are cautious so as not equivocate, even for their own futures, the issue of the war which had been the basis for their decision to resist. They are cautious also because they feel amnesty so not an immediate possibility with the present American administration. They do not want to build false hopes. They are cautious because they do

not want to give the impression that they are begging or pleading for that which they believe is an inherent right, the right to return. And yet, even with this cautiousness it was obvious that they almost all desire this right to return which an act of amnesty could give. At the same time, they are also unanimous in their contention that an act of amnesty should not discriminate between the draft resister and the military deserter as some proposed amnesty bills before Congress are attempting to do. These bills stipulate that amnesty should only be granted the draft resister, leaving the fate of the military deserter in the hands of military justice. To do this, contend the exiles, is to deny that a person's conscience has the capacity to change and develop after accepting induction or an assignment to a battle zone, precisely the circumstances which created their crises of conscience in the first place.

A pastoral must ask the questions, What can we do? What as Christians must be our responsibilities concerning these men and this issue? I know that the answers must be realized locally, in the places where you gather as the local embodiment of the Body of Christ. Therefore, I encourage your priest and vestry and other lay leaders to consider how this forum can be continued as a result of this pastoral.

At the same time, as I have asked this of you. I want to indicate how I, as your Bishop, will continue to be concerned about this issue. First, in every way possible at the forthcoming General Convention, I will seek to advocate and support a resolution calling for unconditional ammesty. Second, as I have tried to begin this forum in the Episcopal/Anglican congregations, I am also seeking ways to raise the same issue with the many interdenominational American congregations located throughout Europe. And third, my office will establish a special fund for American exiles to help assist them in their various needs. To this fund any individual or congregation may contribute. The need and manner for which the monies will be used will be fully reported to the giver and the Convocation. This is only a beginning and I ask your concern and support.

I want conclude this pastoral with a brief consideration of the word amnesty because I think it focuses our thoughts and prayers on a premise that can serve as a beginning for our concern and action. Amnesty comes from the Greek word 'amnestia' from which comes the word amnesia. In the legal sense amnesty has nothing to do with for giveness since forviveness implies moral guilt of some sort. Rather, amnesty means 'to forget' or 'to blot out', the law's own way of un doing what the law itself has done. Historically, and it has been granted often in America, amnesty is an act done by a nation for the sake of that nation. While legal in intent it becomes moral in scope.

and it is at this point that for the Church and for Christians amne sty becomes an important element in that process of reconciliation which ought to be its constant concern. It is reconciliation that we need at this time, a reconciling of those alienated from one another for the purpose of healing the larger human family in America and abroad. We cannot forget that the exiles in Sweden are fellow-countrymen - and there are others like them in Denmark, Holland, France, England, Mexico, as well as Canada - and all of them are in these "far-off places" because they had to make particular decisions about the war in Southeast Asia which most of us did not have to make. Nevertheless, the issues of that war are no less our issues and the men in extle represent that fact in a very dramatic way. Nothing can be gained by forgetting them or by punishing them. Granting them unconditional amnesty will be one indication that we, as a nation, are willing to face the same issues we compelled them to face. To advoca te ammesty is the least the Church can do at this time. While in and or itself it is not reconciliation, it is that first step which can enable it to happen. That is why I am asking for your involvment of thought and prayer and action at this time.

# Memorandum

11/27/73 DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) DATE: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-77703) VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ SUBJECT WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) The following information was furnished by on 11/21/73. Chapter of the VVAW/WSO On 11/19/73, convened at the home of identifying the following: consisted of Source stated that it was disclosed that the Chapter has been fairly inactive having held only three meetings in the last six months. 1-906. - Bureau (RM) - Chicago (Info) (RM) - San Francisco (Info) (RM) 10 - Los Angeles babWĩi 100-75915 100-81826 100-81944 NOV 30 1973 100-81431 100-80514) 100-80106) **₽**MD/c11 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Source advised that both disclosed at the meeting that a split in the Los Angeles area VVAW/WSO appears imminent in the next two or three months.

Source advised and were the newly elected Regional Coordinators and have been anable to reach an agreement with and coordinators on several internal issues.

Source stated that it was disclosed that and may move the Regional Headquarters to an undisclosed location in the San Francisco area, probably San Jose, California.

Source was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the foregoing at this time.

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members. Source advised he recognized the following as VVAW

The following individuals were identified through vehicle license plate registration:

Santa Monica, California 1970 Volkswagen, 940 BFG

santa Ana, California 1955 Chevrolet, LEK 605

Street Hawthorne, California 1966 Volkswagen, SYD 225

Street Long Beach California 1961 Plymouth, QAA 046

Street Redlands, California

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Boulevard San Bernardino, California

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Source advised that during the conference, the following members were nominated to attend the National Steering Meeting in Antioch, Ohio in December 1973:

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Source advised a final decision regarding the foregoing would not be made until a later date.

Source advised that during the conference,
was placed in charge of the Legal Aid Development Fund.
was placed in charge of "Favorite Sons" News Bulletin.
Source also advised that the VVAW Headquarters.

Source stated that plans are being made by that organization to conduct a march and/or demonstration over the Christmas holidays. Source stated the theme of this action is "Peace on Earth-III." Source was unable to provide details at this time as to this action.

Source advised that with regard to the Christmas demonstration, actions are being contemplated by leading members that would draw a good deal of attention of the press. Source advised that they spoke of the contemplated a similar action, which recently occurred back that members cited a similar action, which recently occurred back that. Source was unable to provide any further information at this time.

Source advised that the next sub-regional conference is scheduled for 12/8/73.

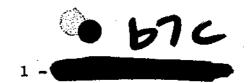
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AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA: Conduct all logical investigation in an effort to identify and to determine his role in VVAW - WSO.

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In response to request contained in referenced communication, the following names were checked through Headquarters indices:

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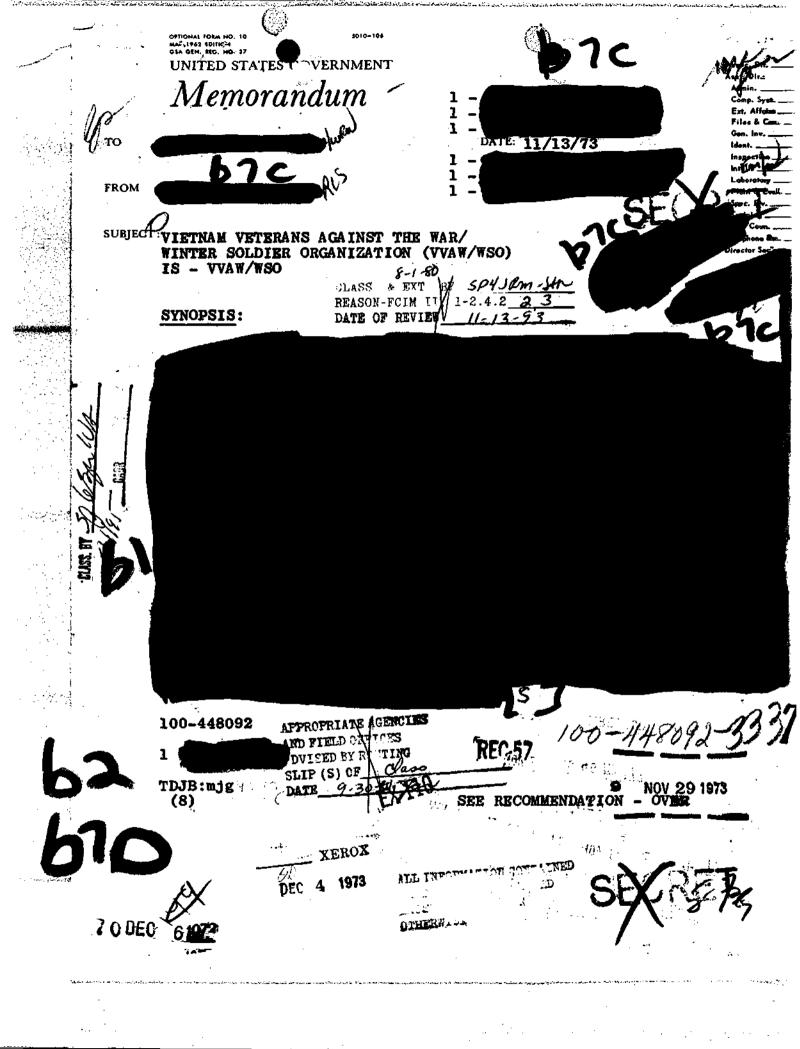
#### NOTE:

In attempting to identify members of the VVAW organization tithin the Pittsburgh Division, Pittsburgh located an arrest ecord for one VVAN member. This member was arrested on a arijuana charge with a number of other individuals and ittsburgh requested that these names be checked through adquarters indices.

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

Additional pertinent information will be disseminated to Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of State, Attorney General, Naval Investigative Service and Central Intelligence Agency. The sedition and espionage aspects of the information furnished will be pursued to determine whether there is a violation of those statutes.

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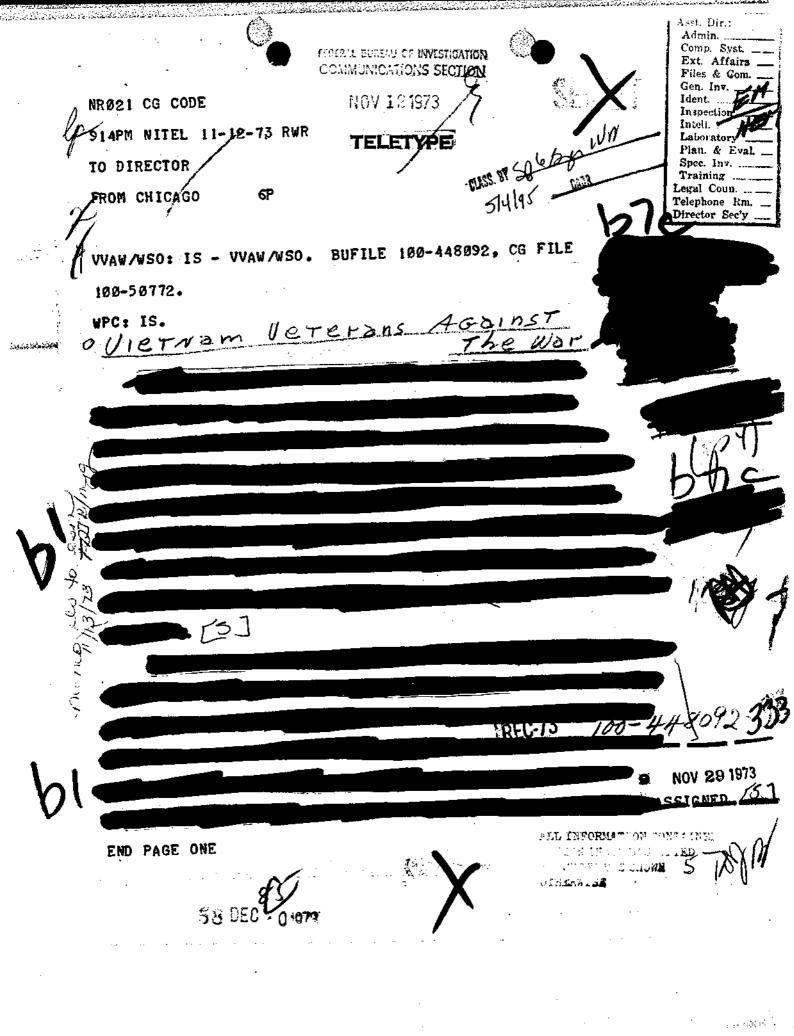
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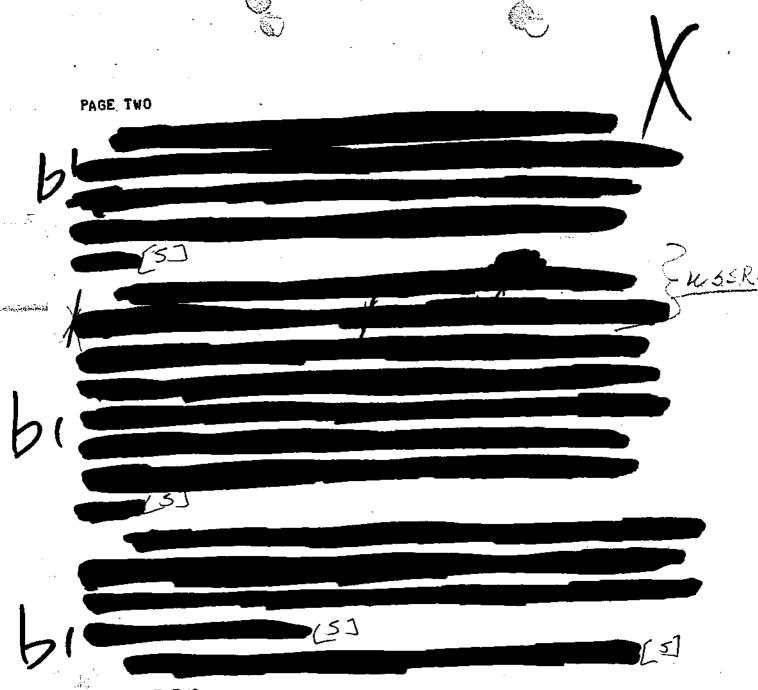
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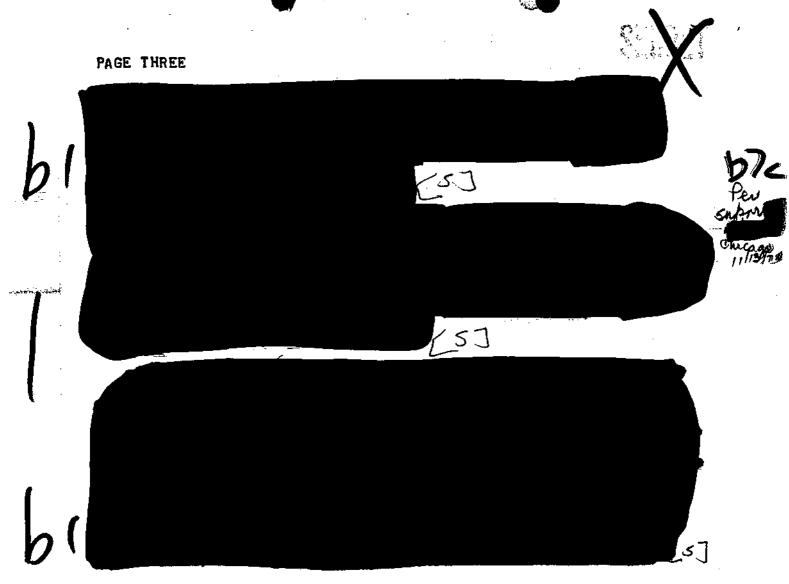
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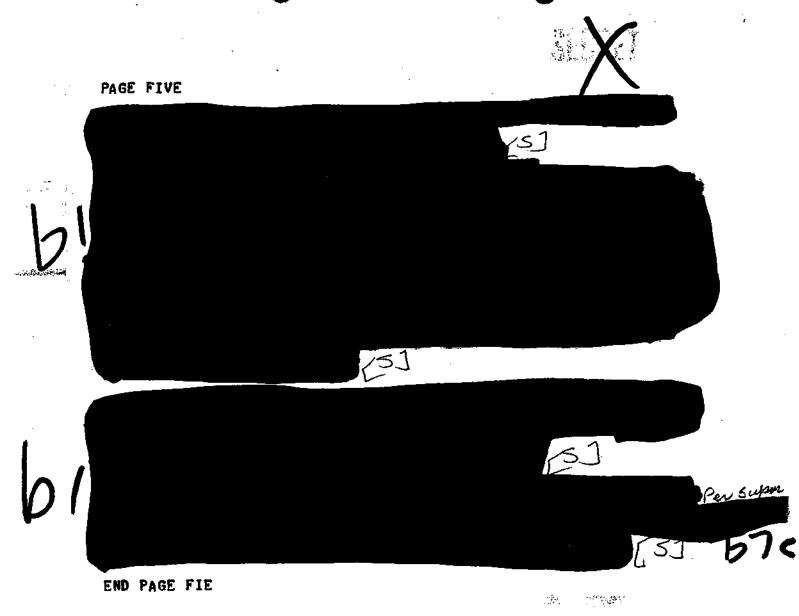
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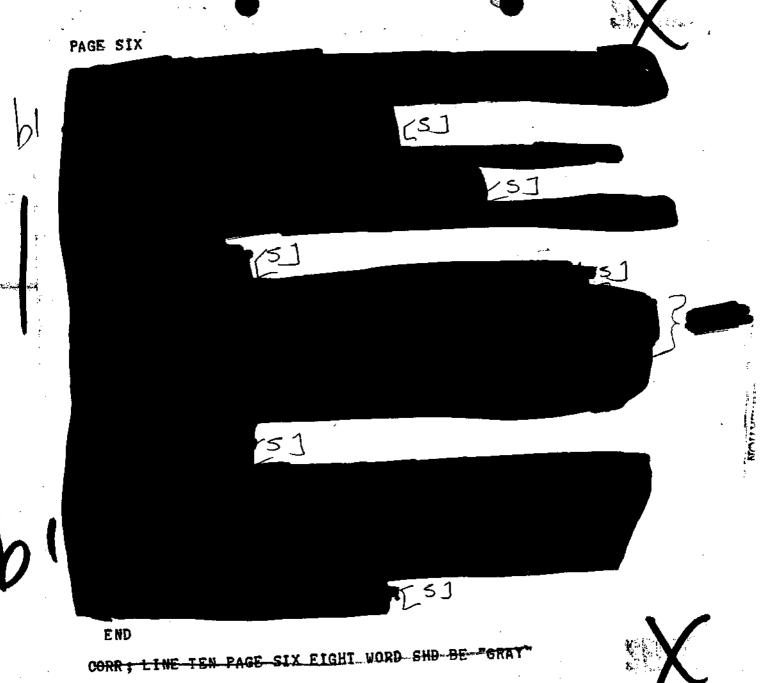
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RE 11-21-73. 6267 D

ON 11-29-73, ADVISED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE MILITARY LAW PROJECT (MLP) ON 11-7-73 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VVAW/WSO FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. REQUESTED THAT MLP SPONSOR "MOUNTAIN HOME MILITARY PROJECT" (MHMP) MUSICAL GROUP APPEARANCE ON EITHER 11/22 OR 25/73. MHMP WAS DESCRIBED AS ANTI-WAR AIRMEN FROM MOUNTAIN HOME AFB. AT THIS MEETING, MLP MEMBERSHIP VOTED AGAINST PROPOSAL DUE TO SHORT NOTICE AND FACT PROPOSED DATES FELL DURING THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY PERIOD. MHMP THEREFORE DID NOT AND WILL NOT APPEAR BALTIMORE AREA.

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THE MLP COMMENCED OPERATION IN FEBRUARY, 1973, AND IS LOCATED AT 1590 ANNAPOLIS ROAD, ODENTON, MARYLAND, ACROSS THE STREET FROMTHE FORT MEAD, MARYLAND MILITARY RESERVATION. UPON ITS FOUNDING, MLP ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND AREA VVAW/WSO NEWSPAPER "HIGHWAY 13". MLP LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE IN SYMPATHY WITH THE VVAW/WSO, AND HAS FOR ITS GOAL TO ASSIST GI'S IN RESISTING MILITARY AUTHORITY AND TO ENCOURAGE DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MILITARY. OVER THE PERIOD JUNE TO SEPTEMBER, 1973, THE MLP SPONSORED WEEKLY POLITICAL EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ITS MEMBERS, WHICH DEALT WITH MAO'S "RED BOOK" AND THE WORKS OF LENIN, MARX AND ENGLES.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/28/73

FROM SAC, TAMPA (100-3584) (C)

SUBJECT:

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This investigation is based on information which indicates that the subject is engaged in activities which could involve violations of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage), and 2101 (Anti-riot Laws).

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One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In 1/73, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified government information to be used against the United States interests, and one leader, subsequently, actively engaged in such activities. There were also indications, at this meeting, that the VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage, and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

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is not one of these.

On 10/29/73, Records and Identification, St. Petersburg Police Department (SPPD), St. Petersburg, Florida, advised that he has no record identifiable with the subject.

On 11/21/73, Sergeant SPPD, advised that he has no knowledge or the subject.

On 11/21/73, and some of the occupants of Petersburg, but has never heard of the subject.

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On 11/20/73, advised that he has no further knowledge of the subject, and does not believe he ever met the subject.

Due to the above, Tampa is considering this case as closed. If further information is developed to indicate the subject is in the VVAW, the Bureau will be advised and Tampa will conduct investigation to fully identify him.

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DATE: 11/27/73

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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/WSO, activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, USC 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage) and 2101 (Antiriot Laws).

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NY, presently lived at NY. He is a at Cobleskill

rechnical College, Cobleskill, NY.

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He has had frequent contact and stated he is "nutty". He said active in veteran's benefits on campus; however, he has no leadership ability and none of the veterans attending that college have anything to do with He said there is no VVAW organization on campus as he is cognizant of all organizations since this is a small college.

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On the same date, a second confidential source stated has a bearing NY license but stated he has had no problems with him and he is not a leader of any veterans organization on campus.

On 11/2/73, a third confidential source stated he conducts security type investigations at Cobleskill Tech, Cobleskill, NY, and he is not familiar with name in relation to any organization on campus.

In view of previous investigation furnished Bureau in re letter dated 4/12/73 and a preliminary inquiry conducted at this time does not indicate was or is in any leadership capacity or an activist with VVAW and not in violation of a federal statute, it is not felt there is a basis for additional investigation.

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Confidential source #1 is Cobleskill Tech, Cobleskill, NY.

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# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 11/30/73

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-11256) (P)

SUBJECT:

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION IS - VVAW/WSO

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 11/13/73.

Referenced airtel furnished North Carolina License Number AP-3267 for a 1968 Chevrolet.

Referenced communication failed to indicate whether vehicle was an automobile or truck.

For the information of the Los Angeles Division, North Carelina automobile license tags contain three letter prefixes.

On 11/21/73, a check of the records of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reflected no record on file for North Carolina License AP-3267.

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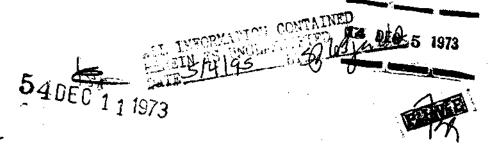
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On-4/1/73 advised SA

That one income of 13820, telephone 607 name appeared on a VVAW chapter list dated 4/15/73.

On 9/24/73, the same source advised SA that the same individual's name appeared on a VVAW chapter list as of 9/8/73.

On 11/7/73, a confidential source stated subject was a junior at NYS University, Oneonta, NY, and was an average student. He stated his address was East Street, Oneonta, NY. He stated subject was not active as a leader in any type organization on that campus and an organization of the VVAW did not exist. He stated subject takes several courses which are taught by "liberal type instructors" but his contact with subject indicates subject does not have the personality to be a leader of people.

On the same date, a second confidential source stated there are a good number of veterans attending college at NYS University, Oneonta, NY, but he knows of no VVAW organization. He does not know subject but stated he keeps apprised of any organizational meetings on campus re various

organizations and he has no knowledge of a veteran's organization of any type organized on campus.

On 11/14/73, a third confidential source, who furnished information contained in re letter dated 4/5/73, stated subject is not the type of individual that could lead any organization. He stated he has known subject many years and still sees subject frequently. He described subject as a who is known to and would be the type of

In view of previous investigation and a preliminary inquiry at this time does not indicate that was or is in any leadership capacity or an activist with VVAW and is not in violation of federal statutes, it is felt there is no basis for further investigation.

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First confidential source is NYS University, Oneonta, NY.

Second confidential source is NYS University, Oneonta, NY.

Third confidential source is Oneonta, NY, PD.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 10/12/73 captioned "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO), IS - VVAW/WSO (ALBANY DIVISION)"

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/WSO, activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, USC 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage) and 2101 (Antiriot Laws)~

VVAW/WSO was organized in NYC in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in VVAW/WSO engaged in various Southeast Asia. protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in 12/71 with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have

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reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During 7/72 VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a FGJ, Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In 1/73 at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified government information to be used against U.S. interests and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such There were also indications at activity. this meeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. ы

On 1/19/73, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that an undated, two-page document issued by the New York Regional Office of the VVAW set forth a list of NYS and chapter coordinators, which included Johnstown, NY, 12095.

On 12/11/72, former (Extremist) advised a Special Agent of the FBI that a conference of the NY Region of the VVAW was held at Oneonta, NY, on 12/9-10/72 and of the Delhi chapter was present.

On 2/6/73, Credit Bureau of Oneonta, NY, stated her records, which cover Delhi were negative re subject.



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On 3/22/73, Investigator NYSP, Troop C, Headquarters Sidney NY, stated their files show (NMN) Street, Johnstown, NY, was arrested by NYSP, 9/11/72 and charged with He was arrested at the Village of Whitney Point, which is near I<sub>th</sub>aca, NY.

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There was no disposition shown regarding this charge.

was described as a white male hair,

eyes, and DOB at Warron. NY.

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by the name of one NY, 12095, appeared on a VVAW chapter list dated 4/5/73.

On 6/25/73, a confidential source stated subject withdrew from the Johnstown NY, on 10/5/73 and the home address of was Street, Sidney, New York.

O, 7/24/73, a second confidential source stated
presently lives in Apt. Street,
Sidney. NY. and that parents were retired and lived
at a Street, Sidney, NY. He stated
was well respected in the community and he knew nothing
adverse or derogatory concerning subject and family.

On 7/24/73, RALPH BEAMS, COP, Sidney, NY, stated his records were negative concerning subject.

On the same date, a third confidential source stated he conducts security type investigations in the Sidney, NY, area and subject was unknown and an organization known as the VVAW was nonexistent in that area.

On 9/24/73, and advised SA that the first street, Sidney, NY, 13838, telephone 607-563. Appeared on a VVAW chapter mailing list as of 9/8/73.



On 11/13/73. a fourth confidential source stated Street, Sidney, NY, was discharged from the US Army as a receiving an h<u>onorab</u>le discharge after serving from NY, is a high school graduate and Army seri<u>al numbe</u>r ( was born ( rat i while in the US Army attended one communications school at Fort Gordan, Ga., and thereafter served as a lphathe US Army. He was in Vietnam for one year and eight months. He attended Johnstown, NY, from 9/7/72 and dropped out on 10/13/72. He stated he has and stated he dropped out of college because he did not have the intellectual ability to go to college. He said on times as been and said he is a strange looking individual with He said "has absolutely no mental capacity to be a leader of any type of organization" and he has never heard of any organized veteran's organization in the village of Sidney, NY, with the exception of the American Legion and other well known, legitimate organizations. He further stated he knows ( to know there should be no fear of this individual ever organizing any organization that would be a threat to the US However; he said due to

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In view of previous investigation and a preliminary inquiry conducted at this time does not indicate is or was in a leadership capacity, is not an activist with VVAW and not in violation of any federal statutes, it is believed there is no basis for further investigation.



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Source #4 is Sidney, NY.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION San Francisco, California November 28, 1973

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On November 27, 1973, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported there is an inordinate amount of talk in the Northern California Region of the VVAN/NSO, especially among members of the Oakland-Berkeley Chapter, about the use of guns and bombs. No overt threats or specific plans for disruptive activity have been heard. The freedom and bravado with which the comments are being made indicate the subject matter is not new to these VVAN/NSO members.

The talk may be just braggadocio, but considering the recent violence in the Oakland area the talk could have some substance. The Oakland-Berkeley Chapter membership includes many black combat veterans.

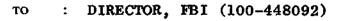


The VVAW is a national organization, composed primarily of Vietnam war veterans, which has organized and participated in numerous demonstrations against the Vietnam war during 1971-72, including the seizure of the Statue of Liberty, New York City, and occupation of the Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December, 1971. Six members of the VVAW were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, Florida, in July, 1972, on charge of conspiracy to violate the Anti-Riot Law. The six were acquitted.

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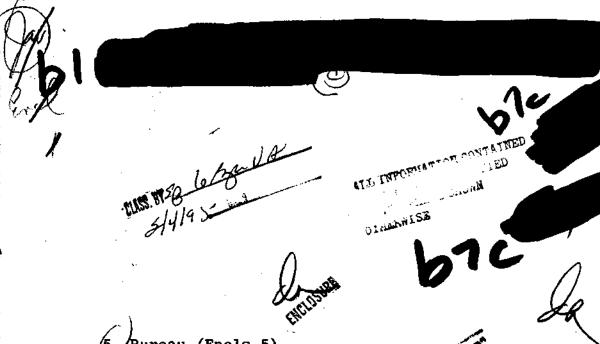


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### VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION LIST OF OBJECTIVES

- 1. To demand an immediate end to all fighting in Indochina and a withdrawal of all American troops from Southeast Asia.
- 2. To demand the immediate end of US operations interfering with the rights of all people to determine their own destinies. This includes the end of all CIA operations.
- 3. To demand that all active duty and reserve people be given all those rights guranteed by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. We endorse the struggle to democratize the military.
- 4. To demand immediate repatriation for all those in prison or self-exile because of their refusal to serve in the military against their consciences, as well as the freeing of all political prisoners.
- fits under the VA, that evereyone receive the same rights and benefits under the VA, that evereyone receive the same kind of discharge, and that everyone receive disability compensation eased on the derive of disability and not on rank or length of service. Lischarges should not be used as a form of punishment for illegal acts; or acts considered illegal by the military:
- 6. To make clear that the US has never undertaken an investigation of war crimes, and that responsibility for war crimes lies with those who made our foreign policy.
- 7. We are resolved to fight racism and show Americans how it forces.
  Third World People through inferior schools to inferior jobs and combat arms and therefore die in war in disproportionately high numbers.
- 8. We are resolved to fight sexism within our society, our organization and ourselves, and to show Americans how sexism forces women into lower-paying, unfulfilling jobs and how it reduces them to sexual objects, whose bodies are exploited for sex and profit. This dehumanizes men and women and robs them of their natural growth. The military uses this to control all enlisted people.
- 9. We support the right of all workers to strike. We also demand full employment for all Americans, including free aducation and training for anyone who wants it. We condean the use of active duty servicepeople as strikebreakers.
- 10. To affirm that the membership is not only concerned with the Vietnem War, but with CHANGING THE DOMESTIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL,

There is a more frightening restriction on a Navy wife. In every service wive's manual we are warned not to get involved and not to speak our minds. I quote: "Any credit or discredit on you reflects on him too... You do bear his name and represent his standards and values." If we march in a peace rally, it goes in our husbands records. Letters to Congresspeople have a way of finding themselves in Navy files. The military knows we might be dedicated to continue our activities if they only affected us, but that we might hesitate if we find out how hard they are making it on our husbands. In effect we are robbed of our identity as people.

What can we do? Forget the dependent mentality! Since we didn't sign a service contract, the Navy has no right to dictate what we will or will not do. If we want to involve ourselves in activities the Navy doesn't approve of, we should do it. We can use our maiden names or no names at all so that it would be difficult for the Navy to trace us back to our husbands. It is obvious that our presence makes the military very uncomfortable. They try very hard to supress us. Maybe they realize we have power that we haven't discovered yet. It's time we used it!

(This letter is sprinted from All Hands Abandon Ship, a paper printed by the GI movement in Newport Rhode Island.)

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### Why Homeporting?

What are the plans of the "Peacetime Navy?" You all know about the plans for tighter discipline and spit and polish. But did you know that the Navy budget for 1973 is the highest in its histery? (Armed Forces Journal, March, 1972). The rise is not just caused by inflation. It reflects the expansion of US business interests overseas, and the need to protect these interests. As Zumwalt said, "We have the mission of manifesting an overseas presence sufficiently powerful and visible to make plain to any possible adversary, as well as to our allies, that any effort to challenge our vital overseas interests or those of our allies could bring confrontation with American Armed Might."

Hany people think that we are protesting the sea lanes and insuring free trade among nations. But think about the Navy mission in Vietnam, its purpose was to suppress a whird World liberation accement. Also, look at the Navy's protection of overseas US oil interests. In the last two years, six oil producing constries have bought back their own oil reserves from the US giant companies. They did this by nationalizing plants, giving fair compensation. None of them refuses to trade with the US, but they do refuse to be ripped off by giant US oil companies. We trade with most socialist and neutral countries now. Can you cite one example of the Navy protecting the right to trade? It's a lot easier to think of examples of the US military interfering with the right to self-determination of people in other countries.

Homeporting is a part of the Nixon Doctrine. This plan hopes to accomplish in new ways what we could not accomplish in Indechina before. There are three major points; I) Withdrawal of ground troops from overseas bases, 2) Depend on allies for regional self-defense, and 3) Use of sophisticated mobile fors cas to back up our regional policemen. Japan is one of the most important regional allies. The Midway will carry out many joint maneuvers with the Japanese Navy. This will prepare the way for joint action in South-Korea or Indonesia, where both countries have profitable business interests. Also, the Midway will patrol Japan's oil lifeline. This is a protection to Japan and a threat if she steps out of line.

and the Indian Ocean. The Havy is in a cost crunch now. They have more and more to protect but don't have an unlimited budget. Even though homeporting represents an outflow of US dollars, it's cheaper than building new ships. So, if trouble for US business interests flares up in the Middle East, or if the US decides to reenter Indochina with air power, the Midway will be on call.

Homeporting is expansion under the name of readiness. US business interests, who are trying to run the US and the world, are looking for new ways to exert their power. But they are being resisted by people in the US and people all over the world. The US will try to hold on to some of Indochina, PI, South America, and oil in the Middle East. But, as more people build unity and fight back, its time will run out.

# Snuffie Power

About 50 lower-ranking enlisted marines in Hawaii held a sit-down strike for improved living conditions and better response to their needs by the command. It started as a rap between a few men and their XO, but soon grew into a confrontation involving 25 men. When the XO stated there was no more he could do, and got a staff duty officer to reinforce his position, the men continued their strike and demanded to talk to the CO.

When the CO arrived, he found about 50 strikers, and another 100 Marines in the area, supporting those sitting. The men stuck to their demands despite physical intimidation and two truckloads of riot cops called to the scene.

The result has been that over 60 men have been moved to other barracks to relieve overcrowding. None of the strikers has yet been charged or punished and the brass was forced to back down when faced with united action. THIS REPRESENTS WHAT JUST A FEW PEOPLE CAN DO WHEN THEY UNITE, JUST IMAGINE WHAT ALL THE PEOPLE COULD DO, TOGETHER.

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On September 11th, the freely elected government of Salvatore Allende Gossens was overthrown by a violent right wing military coup. Allende was killed defending his office, first reports said he committed suicide, but this was later shown to be untrue. The new military leaders have been rounding up his supporters and executing them. They also are burning all left and socialist literature. A Chilean supporter of Allende in the US said, "Allende has left an indelible mark on the Chilean people. The poor have realized they are important."

There was conjecture that the CIA was directly involved in the coup. It was revealed in the US press last year that International Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ITT) tried to convince Nixon and the CIA to overthrow Allende scon after his election. Even if the US was not directly involved in the take-over, they were involved in trying to destroy Allende's plans for socialism. Copper which is their main resource was formerly owned by US companies. When Allende bought them out and nationalized the companies they organized an "unofficial boycott." This was tightened when the US refused to grant any credit to Chile, even though the country has a perfect repayment record. These tactics caused serious economic problems. While these problems affected everyone, the well-to-do had the ties with the military that sparked the coup.

The US government had no doubts that a dictatorship was a good thing, and recognized the generals in a few days.

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# UPAGANST THE WALL

Aren't you wise to the Navy yet? It's all child's play. The work has been fragmentized by a few excellent brains at the top, on the assumption that near morons will be responsible for each fragment. The assumption is sound enough, for peace time. There's a handful of brilliant boys who come into the Navy with the lone purpose of becoming the nation's admirals. And they succeed invariably, because there is no competition. For the rest of us, the Navy is a third-rate career for third-rate people, offering a sort of scimpy security for 20 or 30 years of penal servitude. What self-respecting American of even average intelligence. let alone superior ones, will enter such a life? Whether it's the fragment of coding, the fragment of engineering, the fragment of gunnery, you'll find them all predigested & regulated to a point where you'd have to search the insane asylums to find people who could muff the jobs. Remember one point, it explains and reconciles to you all the Navy regulations, all the required reports, all the emphasis on memory and obedience and all the standardized ways of doing The Navy is a master plan designed by geniuses for things. execution by idots. If you are not an idiot, but find yourself in the Navy, you can only operate by pretending to be one. All the short cuts and economics and common sense changes that your native intelligence suggests to you are mistakes. Learn to squash them. Constantly ask yourself, how would I do this if I were a fool? Throttle down your brain to a crawl and you'll never go wrong:

from Herman Wouk, "The Caine Mutiny"

## POSTER

### TAPANESE SOLF-DEFENSE FORCES

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HANSEN JIEIKAN (Anti-War Soldiers in the SDF) express solidarity and support to all GI's, especially to the sailors in Yokosuka. We know that many sailors on the Midway have been fighting against the repressive conditions imposed by the Navy and we support their fight.

In Yokosuka, demonstrations are held almost every day to protest the homeporting. Many citizens are raising the slogan, "Let's support and unite with the sailor's movement on the Midway!" Self-Defense soldiers in Yokosuka cannot be isolated from this movement. SDF has the biggest military facilities around Yokosuka, and some of these facilities also serve the US Navy.

Recently, some of the SDF soldiers have been organizing a movement inside those bases. SDF lifers impose on us so-called "Security Training," which means to train soldiers for cases of domestic "subversion." Many SDF soldiers do not want to use their guns against their own brothers and sisters. Also, many of them are aware of the danger that SDF will be used instead of the US military against Asian people in the near future. Many SDF soldiers realize the meaning of the Nixon Doctrine and the imperialist relation between the US and Japanese governments.

In the past two years, some courageous soldiers in the SDF have been fighting against these tendencies and openly refused the "Security Training" and other unjust orders. Last year, at the time of the Okinava reversion, six SDF soldiers made the following statement and called for the soldiers movement to stop the SDF from going to thinava:

Demands of the Six Soldiers

April 27, 1972

- 1. We shall not serve for any invasion. Stop sending SDF to Okinawa.
- 2. We shall not use our guns against workers and peasants. Stop the station of SDF "Security Troops" in Tachikawa immediately.
- 3. Recognise bur seldier's right to unite and participate in deciding the conditions of our life, training and duties.
- 4. Recognize the freedom of expression on all bases.
- 5. We shall not obey any unjust orders. Recognize the right to

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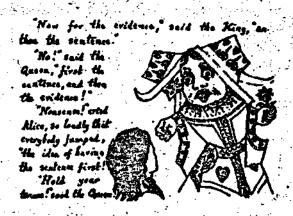
- Confinement on bread and water, or reduced rations, for not more than 3 days, only if attached to a ship;
- 3. Correctional custody for not more than 30 days;
- 4. Forfeiture of not more than 1/2 month's pay for 2 months;
- 5. Reduction to the lowest pay grade;
- Extra duty for not more than 45 days;
- 7. Restriction for not more than 60 days;
- 8. Withholding of not more than 1/2 of one month's pay per month for not more than three months.

#### APPEALS:

Information on appeals is found in the Manual for Courts Martial, paragraph 135, page 26-12. However, this information has been updated by a Defense Department directive (no. 1223112), which says, "(d) that imposition of punishment under NJP article be stayed pending any appeal filed."

This means that you cannot be punished until you are finished with an appeal. The Navy has not yet implemented this, but you should demand it as your right and have your counsel fight for it.

If any of your rights, outlined above, are violated, you should appeal. If you feel you have been treated unfairly, you should appeal. You must appeal in writing within 15 days of the NJP. Even then, you must be diligent about not letting the brass sit on your appeal and in asserting all your rights.



Andrea Sternberg, an enlisted woman at Portsmouth Navy ospital, Virginia, resigned from the service because of unlair working conditions, which she listed in a letter to her 10. Among the reasons were: 1) long hours and no overtime; 2) no equal opportunity for women; 3) no protection at night in dangerous areas where she worked; 4) no night-time differential pay: 5) class distinctions between officers and enlistd people; 6) abuse of lower-ranking people by those of high ank; 7) few non-white officers; 8) use of the military for he benefit of big business and not the country; 9) use of ilitary people as strikebreakers and scabs; and 10) "nuerous examples of personal humiliation among my enlisted rothers and sisters."

She was given an honorable in two weeks, despite an Admial's Mast for UA after she decided to resign. In a letter o the enlisted staff at the hospital, she described her own ictory as "small" and encouraged the staff to organize, list heir grievances, present them to the CO and decide what to 39 if the demands are not met. She went on to say, "Rememfor that we are workers, just like civilian workers all over be world. We have the right to be treated like other human sings. You can gain power through unity, and with power you monot be stepped on or ignored."

The Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Navy,

Rad 1.800 sailors on the aircraft carrier Hancock to test a star, "morning after," anti-VD pill. When the Hancock pulled. ers were asked to report any sexual contact they had and to They were not told, however, that half of te the fill. were a "control group," given sugar pills instead of the el medecine.

Altho the Navy insisted that it was not encouraging the to sleep with prostitutes, the tests were obviously based the assumption they were supposed to. No thought was gin to treating any of the Filipino women, whose only appaent use was to provide PHS with disease to study. enceivable that any white American women would be so treated.

On the other hand, the Navy assured medical care for the However, the strain of VD that was tested has reted virtually all antibiotics that can be given without pitalization, and is resisting new crugs as well. Thus, the experiment does not work, the men, the women, and any her sexual partners either may have, may contract incurable morrhea.

In this, and other ways, the military remains as barbaric it was when the Vietnam war was at its height. It's just

# A LETTER WF Solidarity

The following statement of solidarity with the Japanese anti-homeporting struggle was issued by the Center for Servicemen's Rights, Alameda and sailors on the Midway:

"We people of the Center for Servicemen's Rights in Alameda and concerned sailors aboard the USS Midway wish to express our support of the rights of the people of Japan and all of Asia to determine their own future, and to be spared massive US military presence.

"The idea of homeporting a carrier in Japan is an extension of the policies that led to the Vietnam conflict. It allows the US government to keep strong check on the people of Asia and to oppose any country whose idea of liberation differs from that of the US government. There will always be the threat and fear of another Vietnam as long as the US government is allowed to carry on its policy of imperialism throughout the world.

"The Navy presently is trying to fight the GI movement on the USS Midway by transferring most of the crew, and especially those who are against US government policies, off the ship and replacing them with "volunteers." This does nothing to change the conditions and policies that Midway sailors are resisting and oppressed by in the homeporting of the Midway. As this becomes clear to the "volunteer" lower EM's, we think they too will turn against homeporting and join with Japanese friends to fight homeporting in Yokosuka.

"Until then, we shall continue to oppose this policy and give our support to the people of Japan struggling against homeporting.

In solidarity,

Midway Brothers Center for Servicemen's Rights Alameda"

### " STOP HOMEPORT NO KA SOSHI!

Over the sat few months, the homeporting of the Midway has grown to be of great concern to the American

The vast majority of American servicemen stationed in Yokosuka sympathize with your cause, for it is our cause too. Many servicemen have been actively participating in the local chapter of VVAW for this reason. with the comeporting of the Midway, many extra duties, responsibilities and problems will be imposed. example

rise in inflation

A housing shortage

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Being in the military at times is often difficult. Along with this comes the denial of many rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States. The right of freedom of Such is the case in Yokosuka. speech is shadowed by constant harassment, especially when speaking out against the homeporting of the Midway4 In other words, our hands are tied by the chains of American imperialism.

So we need your help to break down the chains that bind us and yourselves to an imperialistic military, whose country's whole existence is based on freedom of the people, by the people, for the people.

In conclusion, the American GI in Yokosuka is with you in the protests and demonstrations against the homeporting of the Midway. For we realize you are protesting for us until we all rally against the imperialistic military that denies our natural rights as Americans and as people of the free world.

Let us help you to help us and yourselves, citizens of Yokosuka, stop the homeporting of the Midway.

The men and families of Armed Forces stationed in Yokosuka.

### Beyond The Honcho

The Honcho is not all there is to Japan. Japan has really good public transportation all over the country. You can get information about places to go from Special Services, from the Tourist Bureau on the Ginza in Tokyo. The American people who ve been around awhile and the Japanese people at New People's Center will be glad to

suggest places to go and how to get there.

There are two train lines in Yokosuka. One is the Japanese National Railway (JNR) and the station is about a mile from the main gate on Route 16. Head towards the EM club. The other train line is the Kehin Kyuko Line (KHK) the station is around the corner from NPC, its on the map on the back page. Pay the minimum amount (usually 30 or 40 yen) when you get on, when you get off you can go to the adjustment window and pay the rest of the fare. The names of the stations are in English, as well as Japanese, at all stops. Also the name of the next station and the last one is written in English. People are real helpful if you get lost. Many people speak enough English to give directions. One thing to remember is the last train from Tokyo to Yokosuka is a JNR train leaving Tokyo station at 11:15.

Kamakura is four stops from Yokosuka on the JNR line. It costs 60 yen each way. It was a district capitol a couple of centuries ago. It has beautiful shrines and Temples. The shopping district near the station has many shops that sell Japanese crafts and traditional goods. If you want to see the Big Bhudda (Dai Butsu), hang a sharp left before you get out of the train station. You will see a small one track station. A 30 yen ticket takes you three stops to Hase station. The Big Bhudda is about 4 blocks from the station. You can ask directions there. There is a beach 2 blocks south of the station.

If you are in Tokyo at night you should check out Shinjuku. Its a large district where many Japanese young working people go at night. Look for the little barbecue stands, they are delicious. To get to Shinjuku take the KHK line to Shinagawa station (try to get a train with red or green lettering on the front, that means its an express) You can ask directions to Shinjuku in Shinagawa. There is a train there to Shinjuku. Also you can transfer at Shinagawa to a train that will take you to Yurakucho station which is in the Ginza, that is the main Tokyo shopping district.

### 22 Women's Page: Letter From a Navy Wife

I am a Navy dependent. At least the Navy likes to think I depend on them. They pay \$100 a month to keep my mouth shut and leave my husband alone. I do neither. Wives are bad for the Navy. Too often we upset the well oiled military machine. We tend to undo the carefully executed brainwashing by regarding our husbands as men and not service numbers.

The process of turning a woman into a dependent is continuous. When a man enters boot camp he is told, "If we wanted you to have a wife, you would have been issued one." Recruits who are already married are warned that women are for one purpose only- SEX. You can always buy that, so why get married? In the eyes of the Navy (many chaplains included) a wife is a highly paid prostitute, no more.

When my husband graduated from boot camp, it was his mother and not I who was invited to the ceremony. This was only a preview of what was to come. On the bottom of his first set of orders to a five month school at Great Lakes, he was warned absolutely not to bring dependents. There was a housing shortage and a wife would interfere with his studying. We found an apartment the first day we were there, and my husband graduated first in his class. Had we listened to the Navy it would have been a miserab le five months for both of us.

We were lucky enough to have money saved, so that we could rent off-base housing. Base housing is almost impossible to get, and rent in Navy towns is high. Moving costs money. If we had to live entirely on our \$200. a month we couldn't de it. For many couples the only alternative is for the wife to live with her parents.

What is a Navy wife expected to do while her husband is away? Smile, write letters and have babies. The whole idea is to make a substitute for a husband, to become a contented cow. Where else can you have a child for \$25? Of, course after the couple has the baby it becomes impossible to live on Navy pay. Then the only feasible choice is to go home to mom and dad. I recently visited a Navy doctor who was shocked that at the ripe age of 22.I didn't have any children. Even he couldn't tell me how I was going to feed them. No mention was made of the fact that they wouldn't have a father the first three years of their life.

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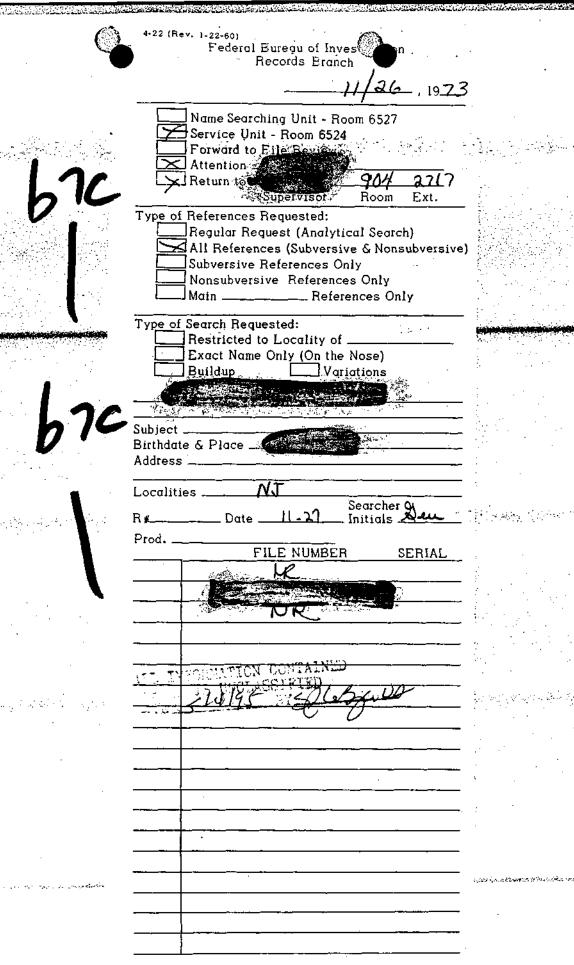
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September 1973



(WASHINGTON, D.C.)—A recent study by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has confirmed NACV's long time contention that Vietnam veterans get considerably less benefits than the benefits provided for World War II veterans.

The study says, "In general, the 'real value' of the educational allowance available to veterans of World War II was greater than the current allowance being paid to veterans of the Vietnam Conflict, when adjustments are made for the payment of tuition, fees, books and supplies."

"When educational allowances for the Vietnam veteran are adjusted for the average tuition, fees, books and supplies at a four-year public institution, the benefits remaining are insufficient to meet the veteran's estimated living expenses," the study said.

The World War II G.I. Bill offered single vets up to \$500 per year for books, tuition, and fees plus \$75 a month for subsistance. Today's benefits give veterans \$220 a month to cover everything.

"It is apparent that inflation and a rising standard of living have taken their toll on the Vietnam veteran's benefits," the study continues, "and that his 'real' ability to purchase post-secondary education has diminished with respect to his World War II counterpart."

In a letter to The New York Times in March, VA Administrator Donald E. Johnson said the "present single veteran allowance of \$1,980 for a school year is nearly three times the World War II allowance and gives most veterans more monetary assistance than after World War II, even allowing for inflation and increased school costs."

But the ETS report disagrees, "The five-fold increase in the average tuition of four-year private institutions by 1973, coupled with the cost of books and supplies, requires the Vietnam veteran with current benefits of \$1,980 to raise an additional \$136 just to meet educational costs—leaving literally nothing for subsistence."

### VA Tampering With Study?

On Capitol Hill Senator Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs expressed "deep concern" over published reports that officials of the Veterans' Administration were seeking to make changes in the independent study of the GI Bill programs mandated by Congress in Public Law 92-540 last year and being conducted by the ETS. In a letter to VA Administrator Donald E. Johnson on May 3, 1973 Senator Hartke expressed his distress that the study which was due in April had not even been contracted for by the VA and said that "many may infer that this delay is intentional so that additional meaningful changes in the educational program which may be recommended by the study cannot be considered by Congress prior to the start of the 1973 fall term." In the same letter, Hartke stressed that the law specifically required

an "independent study" and emphasized how important it was that the report ultimately submitted be a "thorough, comprehensive and objective study rather than a biased policy statement dictated by unknown persons at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)."

### 'The Public's Attention'

The ETS study says, "Public attention to veterans and their problems today appears to be of lesser magnitude than during the post-World War II period, though it may be more comparable to that of the Korean Conflict period. Public attitudes toward veterans and wars fought have also changed markedly."

The report said, "A plurality of those questioned in a recent study by Louis Harris view Vietnam veterans as "suckers" who were "taken advantage of." "Of all veterans polled by Harris, 53 percent felt that the public's reception of today's veteran is worse than in the past."

In a ten page study on Attention of Veterans Organizations the ETS reports, "The comparability of 'Attention' that has been and is being given to veterans of the three periods by American society, is reflected in the role of the veterans organizations in generating and focusing such attention."

The American Legion, chartered by Congress in 1919 as a "national patriotic organization" had by World War II "become known for both its community service activities and its political lobbying efforts on behalf of veterans' benefits, bonuses, and pensions."

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), older than the Legion and formed from the remnants of the Spanish American War Veterans organization, was similarly dominated by the World War I bonus marchers." For both wars the study indicates, "The two major veterans organizations both vigorously recruited the ex-GIs."

Today, according to the study, "Legion membership figures show a continual decline from a 1946 peak of 3.4 million to a plateau of between 2.7 and 2.8 million which lasted throughout the '50's." Today the Legion membership figure is 2.7 million. Of that, according to the report, "450,000 are Vietnam war veterans."

The study documents a history of legislative and lobbying efforts by both the Legion and VFW for World War II veterans. But for Vietnam veterans the study says, "No concern seems to have been given to comparability of benefits with respect to the World War II Bill."

"The Legion and VFW conventions," ETS report, "continues to pass resolutions on subjects ranging from school prayers to VA hospitals, but even on issues directly affecting veterans, the veterans organizations have little real political impact today."

(Editor's Note: The ETS is a private firm located in Princeton, New Jersey and specializes in Educational Analyses.)



#### By Don Tate Vice President of Membership

On April 14, 1973, the newly elected NACV Board was given, by delegates at the Sixth Annual Convention, the mandate to alter the NACV Articles of Incorporation in order to bring them into compliance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to tax-exempt "war veterans organizations."

As counsel to NACV, Joe L. Oppenheimer of Williams, Myers, and Quiggle, Washington, D.C. Attorneys and Counselors at Law submitted the following necessary changes to the Articles of Incorporation which were adopted on May 25, 1973,

#### ARTICLE IV

"FOURTH: The corporation shall have members. The corporation is to be divided into two classes of members. The designation of each class of members, the qualifications and rights of the members of each class, and conferring, limiting, or denying the right to vote as follows:

(a) Organizational Membership--to be composed of posts, organizations, clubs, or associations of war veterans in institutions of education and training, each with two votes in the affairs of the National Association; and such combination of organizations on state-wide levels, each with votes as may be determined under the bylaws of the NATIONAL ASSO-CIATION OF CONCERNED VETERANS.

(b) Individual Membership—to be composed of individuals who are war veterans and who shall have such vote or votes as may be determined under the bylaws of the NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONCERNED VETERANS. No individual who is not a war veteran within the meaning of Section 170(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the 'Code') shall be a member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CON-CERNED VETERANS or a member of any Organizational Member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CON-CERNED VETERANS."

#### ARTICLE VI

"SIXTH: . . . The corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law that will prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify (i) as a corporation exempt from the federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c) (19) or the Code or (ii) as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (3) of the Code; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification.

No part of the assets or net earnings of the corporation shall ever be used, nor shall the corporation ever be organized or operated in a manner or for purposes that do not

comply with the requirements of Section 501(c) (19) and 170(c) (3) of the Code.

The corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

At no time shall the corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, or any other jurisdiction where its activities are carried on."

For those individuals who are interested in the purposes of NACV, the Articles of Incorporation outline them thusly:

"To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but not limited to improvement of the

condition of the Victnam Era Veteran.

To promote social welfare, including educational, economic, social, physical, and cultural improvements in educational institutions of the United States which Vietnam Era Veterans attend, and in areas of the United States in which Vietnam Era Veterans who are disabled, under-privileged, discriminated against, or alienated reside.

To study on a non-partisan basis proposed legislation or rules and regulations introduced in any federal, state, or local legislative or administrative body which may affect the social, economic, educational, or physical welfare of the Vietnam Era Veteran.

To cooperate with other organizations or persons in supporting, opposing, or proposing legislation or administrative rules or regulations which may affect the interests of the Vietnam Era Veteran.

To provide assistance to the groups interested in the development of programs to meet the economic and social needs of veterans, in such areas as employment, education, training, outreach, and counselling."

Some organizations may question whether they qualify for membership in NACV, If so, submitting a copy of the Articles of Incorporation or Constitution governing the organization in question shall determine acceptability or recommendations for compliance with the NACV Articles of Incorporation in order to qualify for membership.

Other organizations and individuals not doubting their qualifications for membership in NACV may obtain membership application forms by writing to the Washington office and requesting them.

### **NEXT MONTH**

- ETS Minority Veteran Report First AACJC VEP Conference
- A report on the September 7-9 Executive Board meeting

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# Lawson New VEP Cordinator

(WASHINGTON, D.C.)—Bill Lawson, Vice President of Minority Affairs for NACV, has been selected to bead the Veterans Education Project (VEP) for the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC) in Washington, D.C. Lawson took over the directorship August 24, 1973.

His responsibilities include directing the five regional Veterans Education Conferences this fall which expect to attract representatives from over 1,000 institutions of higher learning, state and national education agencies, private organizations, and veterans associations, and agencies throughout the country.

Conference seminars will highlight model programs and discuss the particular needs of disabled, minority, and educationally disadvantaged veterans. Other topics to be discussed will include other-than-honorable discharges, emotional needs, campus veterans associations, rural outreach, and others.

Lawson replaced Patrick McLaughlin as VEP Coordinator. McLaughlin, Past National Vice President and Executive Director of NACV, left the position to begin law studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

(Editor's Note: All inquiries about the regional conferences should be addressed to William E. Lawson, Program Associate, Veterans Education Project, AACIC, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20036)

(Editor's Note: The following is a Time Table listing the dates and activities of the NACV Executive Board efforts to secure the badly needed "Tax Exempt Status" for the NACV as a non-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia.)

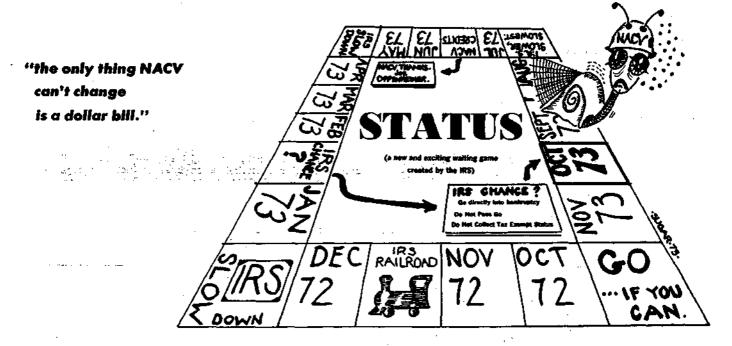
The Tax Exempt Status should enable the organization to qualify as one described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 170(c) (3) to which contributions by individual donors may be deducted, as well as an organization described in Section 501(c) (19) of the Code. It should be noted that the IRS has never issued any regulations Section 501 (c) 19. When such regulations are published, they may require further changes in the means of operation or organization of NACV which cannot be anticipated.

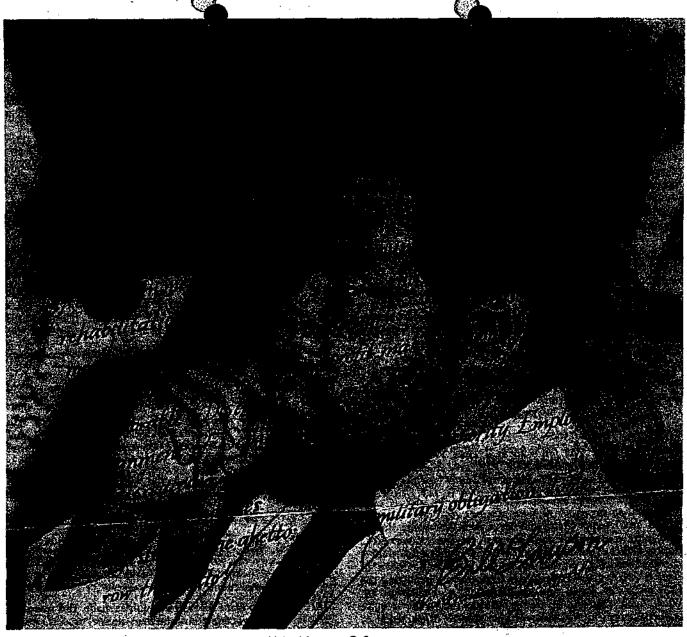
- 8/29/72—NACV received information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) concerning Public Law 92-418.
- 9/13/72—NACV submits application for Incorporation in the District of Columbia—Non Profit.
- 10/23/72—Rep. of NACV Executive Board personally delivers Tax Exemption applications to Baltimore.
- 11/ 8/72—IRS acknowledges NACV application.
- 11/14/72—NAVC requests expeditious consideration under 501 (c) 19 and clarifying materials.
- 11/16/72—Materials forwarded to NACV Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- 4/ 3/73—Extension of time granted by IRS.
- 4/ 6/73—Status meeting with IRS representatives. Don Sullivan, Executive Vice President and Jack Frost, Past National Treasurer discussed the progress of IRS reviews for considering the NACV application.

(Phoenix Convention April 15, 1973. Delegates give new Executive Board permission to do whatever is necessary to secure Tax Status.)

- 5/ 7/73—NACV consults with Joe Oppenheimer of Williams, Myers and Quiggle, Attorneys and Counselors at Law. Mr. Oppenheimer receives power of attorney.
- 5/25/73—Organizational meting with Mr. Oppenheimer to make necessary changes in Name, By-Laws, etc. Articles of Amendments to Articles of Incorporation filed in the District of Columbia.
- 6/ 8/73—Articles of Amendments sent to IRS. Anticipated IRS decision on or before July 28, 1973.
- 7/28/73—No word from IRS. Inquiries made. IRS reports application still under review.
- 8/28/73—No word from IRS. Inquiries made. IRS responds.

  Application now in final review process. Anticipate ruling within week to 10 days.





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October, 1973

# IRS Approves NACV

(WASHINGTON, D.C., October 10)—The National Association of Concerned Veterns (NACV) received formal approval in a letter from the Internal Revenue Service today stating in part, "We have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code."

Furthermore, "For purposes of section 170(c)(3) of the Code, the term 'charitable contribution' means a contribution or gift to or for the use of a post or organization of war veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or trust or foundation for, any such post or organization; organized in the United States or any of its possessions; and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private share-holder or individual."

NACV is the first war veterans organization to receive this "stamp of approval" from the IRS under 501(c)(19).

Jim Mayer, President of the NACV, was one of the first to learn of the decision, and said, "We are grateful for this just recourse, and are sincerely convinced that the tax-exempt status is the means to fully transfer NACV's idealism into complete viability. I personally thank all the NACV officers who persisted in this pursuit, and especially our counsel Mr. Joe Oppenheimer."

Ramon Craig, Treasurer, said, "By receiving the long awaited tax exempt status we can now foresee new life for NACV."

Tom Meyer, Executive Vice President, said, "This, more than anything, proves NACV's ability and strength to outlast the bureaucracy red-tape. The wheels are in motion, and nothing can stop NACV now!"

Bill Lawson, Vice President of Minority Affairs responded, "NACV no longer has to play a subordinate role to traditional veterans organizations!"

From Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Gary Wood, Vice President of External Affairs called in, "This will be the instrument that will allow us to begin the building process that I think is going to make NACV."

Vic Adamus, Vice President of Public Relations said, "I woke up every morning saying 'Oppenheimer can do it! Oppenheimer can do it!' He did!!"

Jack Frost, Executive Director, said: "Many feel the taxexempt recognition to be a panacea for NACV, but it may prove to be a pandora's box. One thing for sure, it certainly adds a great amount of responsibility for both the Executive Board and our membership both present and future."

### Those who support NACV respond

SENATOR VANCE HARTKE (D-Ind.) Chairman Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "It is with particular pleasure that I note the Internal Revenue Service decision granting the NACV status as a tax exempt organization under legislation passed by Congress last year. As Chairman of the

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am well acquainted with NACV's outstanding work on behalf of the 6 million veterans of the Vietnam War. The current generation of veterans faces unique and difficult readjustment problems and although some people would like to forget the Vietnam War and those who fought it NACV has persevered in its efforts to represent these brave Americans in the governmental decision making process.

It is most appropriate for this dynamic young organization which has 200 dues paying clubs in 32 states to receive the first tax exemption under new section 501(c)(19), Internal Revenue Code, (IRC) which Congress enacted last year to enable War Veteran Organizations to pursue their social welfare objectives by obtaining tax exempt contributions.

As a ranking member of the Finance Committee which created this new provision I can say it was the sense of the Congress that the welfare of our nations veterans' is a worthy goal in the interest of all Americans. This is certainly true with respect to our newest generation of veterans and I hope that favorable action by the IRS will permit NACV to solidify its financial situation and greatly expand the scope and depth of its resources and activities. I trust that NACV will continue its efforts to assist Vietnam Veterans and call the nation's attention to their unique problems."

SENATOR GEORGE McGOVERN (D-S.D.) "I am certain that the growing movement to provide equitable treatment for Viet Nam era veterans will benefit immensely from the decision [by the IRS] to grant tax exempt status to NACV.

It is good to know that this worthwhile organization has received a well deserved and long awaited booster that will insure its successful operation over the critical months ahead."



JOE OPPENHEIMER, ESQ.

-Counsel to NACV "I am, of course, very pleased that the Internal Revenue Service has issued a ruling favorable on all points. I felt confident from beginning attempts that the IRS would approve NACV's application. I am also confident that with adequate funding the organization will able to fulfill its goals and purposes for all veterans. This does mean that interested individuals and other organizations may make contributions to NACV that are deductible under the Internal Revenue Code."

(Continued on page 4)



# Rochester-1974

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) — The NACV Executive Board voted Rochester, New York as the next convention site for 1974.

Located along the shores of the Genessee River, north to south, from Lake Ontario to the Bristol Hills, Rochester offers the convenience of travel ease for the majority of NACV members located in the Mid-West and Eastern Seaboard.

The Flagship Rochester, located in the heart of downtown Rochester, will house the delegates from April 2 to April 6. The Flagship has the city's largest, most modern, and most complete facilities for conventions.

According to Iack Frost, NACV's Executive Director, "Rochester seemed most likely after weeks of considering such factors as total cost, transportation, convention facili-

### Purdue Terms Vietnam Benefits 'Gift Aid'



LITTRELL

(LAFAYETTE, INDI-ANA)—Purdue University Finance Director Donald Holec cut back financial aid to veterans by changing the classification of VA benefits to read as "gift aid" thereby preventing veterans from gaining access to scholarships and grants.

According to Holec, "If Congress deemed it as something earned, they would have made every GI eligible without participating in these programs."

Under the new "Holec system," non-veterans needing financial assistance qualify for scholarships where the Viet Nam Veteran cannot.

Approximately 600 veterans currently enrolled at Purdue are affected by the change since many of the veterans can't afford to attend Purdue at the VA rate of \$220 a month.

Hank Littrell, NACV Past National President of External Affairs, a graduate of Purdue, and former consultant to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs criticized the Purdue Administration on local television, "Congress did not set up the GI Bill as a gift, but as benefits earned by prior service in the armed forces."

He noted, "Once again, this university has changed policies without asking for any input from the people the policy will affect."

A letter to Holec from Robert L. Plaster, Chairman of the Lafayette Mayor's Task Force said, in part, "Congress very wisely placed conditions on this income for the benefit of the veteran and the benefit of our nation." He continued, "This stipulation was not intended and does not in any way alter the fact that the income to the individual was earned."

Purdue feels differently. A report to NACV from the university administration indicates that Purdue is leaving the question up to the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C., to determine whether Viet Nam benefits are "gift aid" or "earned benefits."

ties, previous convention sites, and most important its unique location in relation to the largest percentage of institutions of higher education where most of our membership resides."

Frost and Bill Lawson, Vice President of Minority Affairs, visited the convention site and estimate the complete package will cost each delegate approximately \$87.20 for 4 nights in Rochester. (A breakdown on costs will be explained by Don Schriver, Convention Chairman, in the next NACV Newsletter).

Registration will begin in November and last until March 19, 1974. Late registration will be handled by the Flagship Rochester. Additional accommodations will also be arranged for any over-flow of NACV members.

NACV estimates close to 1,000 delegates will attend.

### 350 Attend Atlanta VEP Conference

(ATLANTA, GEORGIA)—The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC), in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education (OE), sponsored the second in a series of five Regional Conferences for the Veterans Education Project (VEP), in Atlanta, Georgia, bringing together approximately 350 representatives from higher education. Georgia State Legislator, Julian Bond, addressed the assembly in a VIP Presentation.

Conference Seminars included Minority Veterans headed by Joe Evering, Veterans Counselor, NACV member at Brooklyn College joined by Raymond Martin, Outreach Counselor, VEEP, Benedict College, S.C. and Moses Robertson, President Veterans Club, Tri-County Technical Education Center, S.C.; Emotional Needs of Veterans was headed by Robert Ruffner, Secretary, The President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped and Robert Sniffen, Director, Jersey City State College; Dr. Isaiah Reid, Director, Model Cities Education Veterans Project at State University College at Buffalo along with Jesse W. Jackson, Director, Training Center at Tennessee State University headed seminars on the Educationally Disadvantaged; and Other Than Honorable Discharges was directed by Otilio Mighty, Veterans' Affairs Counselor, New York Urban League Veterans Center.

Jack Frost, NACV Executive Director, addressed the assembly on Vietnam Veterans and also joined Gary Wood, Vice President of External Affairs for a seminar on Veterans Clubs.

Director of the VEP Conference was Bill Lawson, also Vice President of Minority Affairs for NACV who received assistance from Carl Doert, Jr., Director, Program for Servicemen and Veterans at the AACJC.

Lee Betts, Director of Servicemen Opportunity College SOC, AACJC, led a panel on Comprehensive Veterans Services which closed the conference on Friday, October 5.

Three more Regional Conferences are scheduled:

Chicago—October 18-19
Philadelphia—November 1-2
San Francisco—November 8-9

AACJC encourages veteran participation at all future VEP conferences. Write William E. Lawson, One Dupont Circle Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20036.

# NACV Legislative Views

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(WASHINGTON, D.C., October 8, 1973) On September 25, the VA testified before the House Veterans' Subcommittee on Education and Training. Mr. Odell W. Vaughn, Chief Benefits Director, gave the VA's official reaction to the study on GI Bill educational benefits by Educational Testing Service (ETS). (See NACV September Newsletter, P. 1)

Mr. Vaughn observed, "ETS, in its Report, stated: "It is apparent that the average Vietnam veteran attending a 4-year public or a 2-year public institution has educational benefits slightly higher than his World War II counterpart when adjustments for changes in the Consumer Price Index are made."

Mr. Vaughn concluded, "As a result of our review of the Report to date, the Administrator has indicated the view, with which I concur, that no general restructuring of the educational program seems necessary or advisable, especially with reference to the present benefit payment system."

On October 2, Mr. James L. Bowman, ETS Director of Financial Aid Studies and Programs, testified before the same Subcommittee. Mr. Bowman related that after quoting one sentence of the ETS report (2nd paragraph of this article), Mr. Vaughn "subsequently made the observation that 80 per cent of current veterans are better off than their World War II counterparts." The sentence is taken out of context and can be misleading, for our report subsequently states: 'To the extent that a Vietnam veteran is not average, i.e., attending an institution where the tuition exceeds the U.S. average of \$419 for a public institution, then his benefits are less than those available to the veteran of World War II."

Prior to the scheduled October 4 Subcommittee mark-up (writing a bill, to report out), NACV continually visited the Subcommittee members offices. NACV also encouraged its members, in the appropriate districts, to make the Subcommitee members aware of such important legislative goals as: up to \$1000 per year for books fuition and fees; extension of eligibility by at least four years; extension of entitlement to 48 months; and an automatic cost of living increase.

On October 4, the Subcommittee reached tentative draft increases in the G.I. Bill, and postponed any Subcommittee members' amendments until October 10-11. The initial draft included: \$238 per month subsistence for a single veteran (an 8% increase); a one year extension of eligibility; and a return to the World War II eligibility standards for VA Vocational Rehabilitation.



Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond listens to Bill Lawson, Director of VEP explain the purpose of Regional Conferences. Mr. Bond was the VIP speaker for the Atlanta Conference.

At the time of this writing, amendments by Subcommittee members of both parties are being formulated, and NACV continues its input. Whatever the Subcommittee mark-up is, the next step is full committee mark-up followed by House floor action.

Again, it is evident, that if you desire any of NACV's legislative goals to be achieved—you must continue to write, phone or telegram your Congressional Representatives. A full account of the Subcommittee's actions will be presented in the next issue of our Newsletter.

(Editor's Note: Up-to-date developments in legislation will be reported in memos as often as necessary.)

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### Veterans Con of Instruction

As reported in our August Newsterts, NACV flass been very active in seeking F2 1745 Appropriations for the VCOL, The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee. Labor, H.E.W. chaired by Senator Warren Cl. Magnuson (D-Wa), reported for the Version Walter 4877 designating \$50 million for the VCOL The measure passed the full Senate on October 4

The House and Senate will now hold a conference, to reach a compromise version of PLRS 8877. The House version indicated \$25 million for the VCO Your Congressional Representatives should be insate sware of your preference.

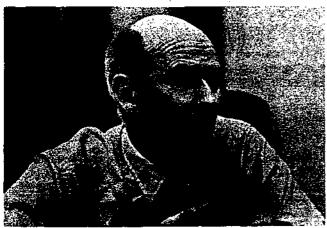
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The Senate figure could have been much larger, but Chairman Magnuson expressed reservations as to the effectiveness of the VCOI program. It should be noted that the Subcommittee amendment providing the \$50 million for VCOI was appressed by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D.S.C.)

### **NEXT MONTH**

- \* Salt Lake City VA Hospital tour
- ★ NACV Exclusive Interview
- ★ CLUB REPORTS on VCOI

# Cranston Holds Hearings California Vets Testify



SENATOR CRANSTON

(SAN DIEGO, August 29)—U.S. Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) opened a Senate committee hearing today with a charge that veterans are getting "the runaround" from a Veterans' Administration mired down in administrative snafus.

Cranston, Acting Chairman of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education and Employment of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, made the charge in an opening statement at his committee hearing which is looking into ways that the Veterans Administration can improve administrative handling of G.I. benefits payments and other veterans problems.

Since announcing his intention to hold the hearing here the Veterans Administration disclosed that it will open a regional VA center in San Diego to serve veterans in this and surrounding counties.

Cranston said that he was pleased with the VA decision to open the office but he wanted to know of Veterans Admin-

istrations executives called as witnesses how they planned to deal with existing complaints and needs of veterans here until the new office is opened.

He pointed out in his opening statement the example of problems of providing veterans with financial assistance while awaiting G.I. educational benefits checks.

Cranston said that a new law he authored provides for an advance payment to veterans enrolled in educational institutions and that the Veterans Administration was given nine months "lead" time to work out administrative problems.

"But there are already distressing reports that the implementation of this provision is not going smoothly," he said.

"Some schools have some veterans receiving prompt payment while other veterans at the same school still are waiting for their first checks."

"In case no one has noticed," the Senator continued, "the 'official' Vietnam war began over 9 years ago." He said, "the VA should have figured out by now how to meet the needs of today's veterans, here and across the Nation, without "experimenting" on San Diego's ex-service men and women."

Tom Stubbs, Chairman, San Diego Area Veterans Council, and President, Association of California Veterans (AVC) testified that "study slots are an answer to the single vet trying to make ends meet while attending college." Stubbs suggested that an emergency loan fund be set up to allow the veteran to pay the initial registration fees. Commenting on the scarce opportunity for part-time work in the San Diego area Stubbs said, "it takes at least 20 hours per week at \$1.65 per hour to assist the single veteran in meeting his financial needs while attending college."

Other NACV representatives who testified were Tim Craig, NACV Regional Coordinator; Director, Veterans' Affairs Office, California State University at Long Beach, and Fred Floyd Vice President, San Diego Region, ACV, and President, Veterans Club, Palomar College.

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SENATOR CHARLES McC MATHLAS, JR. (R-Md.) "CONGRATULATIONS!" "Better armed for battle still ahead to continue the fight for present-day veterans so that each one in the new generation may be fully repaid the debt those of my war generation were afforded after the second World War.

I stand ready to offer continued aid and I seek your counsel in the months ahead."

SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON (D-Calif.) "It is especially fitting that the NACV is the first organization to receive tax exempt status under legislation passed by the Congress last year. Under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, war veterans organizations will be able to better pursue their tasks of helping veterans with the assistance of tax exempt contributions."

The NACV has been a great force in providing assistance to young Viet Nam era veterans returning from battle in recent years. I have been most concerned about these men who have lost years in education, job training, and work experience. In addition to the basic difficulties of readjustment, they have returned to an inflated economy where jobs are scarce and educational costs keep rising, as well as an

administration that continues to attempt to cut-back on veterans' assistance programs.

In view of this complex situation, NACV has been extraordinarily helpful both in representing to the Congress the special needs of veterans, and in providing the assistance to veterans on an individual basis. I look forward to the continued success of this organization.

ROBERT S. MAURER (NACV "MAN OF THE YEAR"), President of Maurer, Fleisher and Zon Communications "Jim Mayer, and the entire Washington staff of NACV, past and present, have my most sincere congratulations and respect. They were able to overcome severe financial and physical hardships, through long hours and unfailing hope.

I think this marks a new period of growth, prosperity and success for NACV . . . a reward they richly deserve."

ATTORNEY FOR RALPH NADER'S PUBLIC CTIZEN, INC. "NACV is to be congratulated for finally receiving its hard won tax exemption, and for being the first organization to qualify under the new statutory provision giving exempt status to war veterans groups. NACV has already proven its effectiveness as a veterans' advocate; despite its meager resources and the resistance of an obstinant bureaucracy. It successfully sued earlier this year for the release of \$25 (Continued on page 5)

# Minority Reports

### by Bill Lawson Vice President of Minority Affairs

A recent study conducted by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, New Jersey brought to light a number of facts that directly reflect the plight and the exploitation of Minority Veterans while on active duty in the Armed Forces.

The study examined the Minority Veteran after military release or discharge from active duty and concludes that "In the Vietnam Conflict, blacks accounted for about 20% of combat fatalities even though they comprised only 12.6% of Armed Forces personnel. Upon returning to civilian life," the study continues, "a plethora of factors combine to make the participation rate among blacks the lowest of any subgroup in training. Further, former attitudes of the Veterans Administration with respect to the compilation of racial data make an assessment of comparability of participation among blacks difficult."

"Generally, problems which affects all veterans are much more severe for the black GI," the study says.

Unemployment is one of the central hubs for the numerous problems confronting minority veterans (minority meaning Blacks, Chicano, Puerto Ricans, and the American Indian). As a result minorities are often forced to turn to what society considers to be deviant means of survival, i.e., drug pushers, drug users, pimps, boosters, muggers, and hold up artists.

The study clearly indicates that the unemployment rate among minorities is a futile battle with very little assistance from the traditional veterans organizations including the VA. The study concludes, "Not only are unemployment rates for black veterans higher, but they also express dissatisfaction with their jobs, on the basis of salary, and working conditions, than their white counterparts."

"Another problem which affects blacks disproportionately is other-than-honorable discharges. Administrative, Undesirable or Dishonorable Discharges make it difficult or impossible for the veterans to obtain his entitlement and result in the consignment of blacks in this category to underemployment or unemployment. It has been the experience of the National Urban League in dealing with this category of veterans that corporations who would hire civilians who had been convicted of misdemeanors would not hire veterans with Administrative Discharge. (Consequently, they began an educational program with business and industry to teach them to differentiate between administrative and punitive discharges.)"

A significant conclusion in the report states that, "Within all services blacks receive a greater percentage of Other-Than-Honorable Discharges than whites."

Furthermore, the study reports, "Due to its size, and the

high number of blacks in its ranks, the Army's Other-Than-Honorable Discharge rate has an especially adverse effect on the black community."

The VA claims contact with black veterans is average or above, but the ETS report differs, "The percentage of black veterans who reportedly contacted the VA regarding education or training remained relatively constant for veterans separated from 1968 to 1972, around 45%. However, the percentage of black veterans which the VA claims to have contacted over this same period is relatively high, 80 percent or more, yet the percentage of black veterans in training claiming to have received help or advice from any source is only 17.3% as reported by the Readjustment Profile (June 1973)."

The report says, "The percentage of black veterans who claim to have received help or advice from the VA or one of its representatives exclusively was 9.5%. While this is low, the percentage for other veterans in training was 3.6%."

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million for veterans' educational benefits. I wish them continued success in their expanding efforts to improve the lot of the Viet Nam era veteran.

AFL-CIO—"The AFL-CIO has been disturbed that this nation has not fulfilled its commitment to returning Viet Nam era veterans. NACV is an organization dedicated to fulfilling that commitment. Therefore, we are very pleased by the IRS ruling."

CARL H. DOOER, JR., Director for Servicemen and Veterans, AACJC. "AACJC was pleased to hear that the NACV received its tax exempt status. We feel that it will do much to enhance the growth and security of the organization. We have enjoyed and felt benefit by joining efforts on our common objectives, particularly in the area of legislation.

We have also been fortunate to have members of the association participate in our conferences, our workshops, in addition to having professional staff members join us during this year, Mr. Pat McLaughlin and Mr. Bill Lawson, who have served ably as our Program Associates for the Veterans Education Project (VEP)."

LES WHITTEN—Chief Investigative Reporter for Jack Anderson's "WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND." "Any time a small group of tough, determined people such as the NACV can fight their way to a tax exemption with the Bureaucracy, then its time for all the small groups to cheer! CONGRATULATIONS!"

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# Government Negligent In Women's Vets Rights

(Washington, D.C.)—Betty Medsger, a writer for Ms. Magazine reports in the July 1973 issue that "There are 242,140 women in the United States who are missing an opportunity to get \$220 a month in federal funds for 26 months of their educations."

Ms. Medsger claims, "the availability of these funds has been so little publicized by government agencies, many of the eligible women do not even know it exists."

The Jobs for Veterans August Report disagrees. JFV says, "Currently there are 83,000 female veterans of Vietnam era

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service out of a total female veteran population of 537,000." The report continues, "As of the first half of this fiscal year, over 44,000 female veterans were (or had been) involved in some type of education or training under the GI Bill." However the report also points out that, "Nearly one-third of this number—16,584—served during the Vietnam era."

Ms. Magazine specifically indicates that "of the 261,931 women who qualified for the funds, only 18,791 have ever used them; that's a grand total of 7 percent." According to the Women's lib magazine, "Those now eligible include 195,153 widows and 66,778 wives."

Ms. Medsger attributes this lack of women participation to claim benefits on agencies of the government. She says, "Women do not know about the benefits partly because local employment offices of the Department of Labor are not talking about them." Her research indicates, "a spotcheck in the Washington, DC., area, for instance, revealed that none of the employment service offices were offering information about these benefits for women." "When challenged," she continues, "most veterans representatives in employment offices said they did not know where such information could be obtained."

JFV Report says, "Information from the Veterans Administration and the Labor Department do not break down the specific types of training in which female veterans are involved—skilled trades, professional, managerial, health occupations, etc.—but the extent to which they are making use of available programs is cited as very significant in the effort to ease the employment problems of the Vietnam era veteran."

According to JFV women are not forgotten, "Spokesmen from all agencies involved in veteran readjustment programs—the Department of Defense, Labor, HEW, and the VA—have expressed their concern for the employment problems of the female veteran, especially those of the Vietnam era."

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SAC, WFO (100-47162) (P)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR - WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

(VVAW/WSO) IS - VVAW/WSO

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Re WFO letter to Bureau, 11/19/73 and Bureau letter to WFO、10/15/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the National Association of Concerned Veterans (NACV) newsletter dated September and October, 1973, and for Chicago one copy of a NACV newsletter dated August, 1973.

In an attempt to fully understand the influence and membership of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) organization in the Washington, D. C. (WDC) area, WFO initiated a survey of Vietnam veteran groups in WDC and determined that other than the VVAW there are only two other groups that are mainly associated with Vietnam veteran activities. are the Vietnam Veterans Center, 1910 K Street, N.W., WDC, and the National Association of Concerned Veterans (NACV), 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC.

No investigation is being conducted on the Vietnam Veterans Center after determining that this corganization is

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His reliability and honfidence could not be guaranteed and therefore no current contact with this individual has been maintained.

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FBI interest in certain individuals who have associated themselves with the VVAW organization and then was engaged in conversation about his organization and any association his organization has had with the VVAW.

b76 while serving in the U. S. Army Infantry in Vietnam.

He explained that in 1968 he and other Vietnam veterans who were then attending college under the GI Bill founded the National Association of Collegiate Veterans, the name of which was changed at the 1973 convention to the National Association of Concerned Veterans, in order to represent the interests of all the six million Americans who had served in the military during the entire Indo-China war. He advised that today there are some 30,000 dues-paying members of NACV in 130 chapters around the country. In October, 1973, NACV received formal approval from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a taxexempt organization.

stated that the sole goal of his organization is to "operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes" and to see the improvement of the conditions of the Vietnam veteran. He stated at present his organization is pushing for a more equitable GI Bill hoping to gain additional deserved benefits for the Vietnam veteran who is attempting to either complete or further his education.

He went on to state that his organization is non-political and has avoided taking a stand on any veteran issue other than veteran benefits. He stated that his organization has not made, and in fact has avoided making, any statement on the amnesty question or about the right or wrong of U.S. forces having participated in the Indo-China war. His organization has never supported or participated in any demonstration.

was asked about any dealings his organization has had with the VVAW organization. At this point laughed and stated that there has been only one encounter with VVAW. He went on to explain that sometime in the past, NACV was sending out letters to veterans and veteran groups regarding the aims and purposes of NACV. VVAW sent back their NACV literature and had scribbed on their copy, "This is a lot of bunk".

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this, there has been no attempt to involve VVAW in NACV activities as it appears that VVAW is attempting to do their thing their own way. \_\_\_\_added that he does not think VVAW is a viable veterans organization which will gain veterans benefits or improve the general lot of veterans. He based this on the approach that VVAW takes. stated he has heard one or two VVAW chapters throughout the country have been active in drug rehabilitation, but in his mind the group as a whole is not drawing the veterans to their organization because realistically speaking they have nothing to offer to the veterans. stated that in his opinion now that NACV has received a tax-exempt status from IRS, his organization will now draw many more veterans into their group as it can be shown that NACV is attempting to do something for the veterans that really counts. VVAW has made the headlines in the past and brought to the attention of the public that many veterans are upset with the "establishment" but when it comes right down to it, what has VVAW ever done realistically for the veteran.

Speaking about the WDC area, stated he knows of no active VVAW chapter. He has heard reference made to a few veterans who meet under the banner of VVAW but he has never heard of anything this group does nor has he had any contact with members of this group. He stated he would think it logical that any interested veteran, no matter what organization he belonged to, would be in contact with NACV in order to see what this organization is doing for the veterans. He personally has hoped that any self-proclaimed member of VVAW would come into his office but to this date he has never met nor spoken with anybody in the WDC area who is affiliated with the VVAW. He stated that the name (WDC VVAW Chapter leader) and (WDC active VVAW member) are not known to him.

stated that the only other organization that he knows of in the WDC area that is in any way attempting to work in the field of Vietnam veteran benefits is actually the Vietnam Veterans Center, 1910.

K Street, N.W. He stated this organization is run by who he has spoken to on a couple of occasions, but frankly does not know what he hopes to accomplish.

He understands

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has never expressed any interest or desire in associating himself with NACV.

was asked if he had ever heard of the group calling itself the Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community (CARIC) headed by and He stated that both the organization and the names were unknown to him. He apologized in appearing ignorant of these other groups but stated he is kept busy day and night with his attempts to make NACV an effective veterans organization and has been kept very busy representing his own group in front of Congressional committees, IRS and in promotional travel throughout the country and that he has a hard enough time keeping up with his own organization.

During the entire conversation, was very cordial and enjoyed talking about his organization. He stated he did not mind being contacted by the FBI but could not provide any information regarding them. VVAW organizations. He stated that in the future if he is in contact with any VVAW members in WDC or other areas in the country, he would not mind passing this information on to the FBI.

The enclosed NACV newsletters are being forwarded to the Bureau inasmuch as it describes the activities of this organization and in the September, 1973, issue the NACV articles of incorporation are set forth.

The NACV newsletter dated August, 1973, is enclosed for Chicago for information purposes.

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Albany, New York November 30, 1973

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

Reference

Albany memorandum of SA dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, ALBANY (100-23379) (C)

SUBJECT:

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p, prepared 4/26/73, captioned "Vietnam Veterans Against the War" and Bureau letter to Albany, dated 10/12/73 captioned "Vietnam Veterans" Against the War/ Winter Soldier Organization".

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a self-explanatory LHM dated and captioned as above.

Source 1 mentioned in LHM is

Source 2 mentioned in LHM i

Investigation in this matter has indicated that captioned individual is not engaged in any activities which would involve a violation of any of the federal laws, nor is he a leader or activist of the VVAW/WSO and involved in any subversive matters; therefore, Albany Division is conducting no further investigation.

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November 30, 1973

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

On January 19, 1973, source 1 furnished an updated 2-page document issued by the New York Regional Office of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) in which it set forth a list of New York State and Chapter coordinators and summary of recent activities of various chapters of the New York Region. Under the subheading "Chapters" the name

New York, was listed as being a head of a chapter within the New York State area.

VVAW/Winter Soldier Organization (WSO) was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW-WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971, with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communistdominated groups, including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary

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organization and not "just another group of war veterans". VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During July, 1972, VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury. Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including compiracy to riot during Republican National Convention. August, 1972. One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary In January, 1973, at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at Obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified Government information to be used against U.S. interests and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such activity. There were also indications at this maeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartemed in Chicago, Illinois.

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On April 11, 1973, source 2 provided a list dated indicating chapters, regional offices and project offices throughout the entire United States. Shown under the chapter list for New York State was the name New York.

On March 5, 1973, April 25, 1973, May 23, 1973, and August 24, 1973,

County Sheriff's Office, New York, was contacted concerning the subject to determine if there has been any activity on the part of the subject or the VVAW organization in Chanango County.

Advised that to his knowledge, there has been no activity whatsoever regarding the subject or the VVAW.

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New York.

On August 24, 1973, was interviewed and advised that he the VVAW.

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has been changed from the VVAW to the Vietnam Veterans
Against the War Winter Soldier Organization.
stated that this name change came about, he believes, from
the 1970 or 1971 winter soldier trial held in Chicago, whereby
all former VVAW testified to their war crimes.
stated that approximately 200 veterans find testify and that
he was one of the veterans.

further advised
that he did participate in the demonstrations in Washington, DC
on the part of the VVAW, however, his involvement was strictly
peaceful.

further advised that to his knowledge all the individuals that he has been involved with in the VVAW have been individuals who seek peaceful means to soutions as opposed to having a propensity for violence.

stated that in regard to the individuals known as the Gainsville Eight, that if the government proves their case against these individuals, he would totally back the government in any prosecutive measures due to the fact that the VVAW is supposed to be a peaceful organization and that violence goes against the very nature of the organization.

went on to state that due to the

his organization is actually

stated
that even though he is not an active member of the VVAW.

and also
he does receive all the literature from
the VVAW, for the purpose of keeping up with new developments
within the organization.

Sheriff's Office, Norwich, New York, provided the following background and descriptive data on

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### **BACKGROUND**

Birth:

Education:

Marital Status: Residence:

Arrest:

New York
is reported to be a high school graduate
Married

his wife and child at the

February 16, 1968, unauthorized license operator; December 15, 1971, possession of dangerous drug, sixth

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On November 27, 1973,
was recontacted regarding any activity on the part of
stated that to his
knowledge, has not been involved in any activities
associated with the VVAW organization. He further went on
the state that to his knowledge, he knows of no active
chapter of the VVAW/WSO in the Chenango County area.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Recontact with knowledgeable sources in the northern region of St. Lawrence County, NY, including Potsdam, NY, during November, 1973, revealed no activity on part of or the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

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Re Bureau let dated 10/16/73 and CI let to Bureau. 11/16/73.

The referenced Bureau letter and Cincinnati letter, dealt with information requested by the Bureau, concerning the informant coverage relative to the captioned organization.

It is noted particularly, regarding the Dayton, Ohio Chapter of the VVAW/WSO, and the need for informant coverage, that extensive and diligent efforts have been expended to develor informant coverage. Information known has shown that and former Regional Coordinator of

the Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky VVAW/WSO, has not been apparently interested in enlarging the Dayton Chapter of the VVAW. He is apparently inconsistent in his efforts and has not taken advantage of recruiting persons to the VVAW/WSO.

likes a flexible arrangement, It would appear not being responsible with and/or to others. He has given up the position of Regional Coordinator and is involved in NOSCAM, which is the acronym for the National Office Service People's Counseling and Materials.

The VVAW in Dayton continues to exist but is not ? n active group. The is apparently the and in an attempt to enhance informant coverage of the Dayton

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Chapter, several PSI's, or potential sources, have been placed in contact with contact or the Dayton Chapter Office, demonstrating an interest in the VVAW/WSO.

This interest has been acknowledged but the sources were never followed up, indicating a lack of concern on the part of the Dayton VVAW, regarding enlistment or recruiting.

In some instances, repeated contact has been made by the sources with the same response.

It is printed out that regarding NOSCAM, has described it as an affiliate of the VVAW/WSO, working for amnesty, upgrading military discharges and making efforts to correct military abuses. He has indicated it works closely with the Department of Human Resources of the City of Dayton, Ohio, in a Veterans Program, and receives some funds from the City of Dayton. It would appear then that it has taken on some vestiges of legitimacy.

gave the report at the Steering Committee Meeting in St. Louis, 8/23-27/73, that the purpose of NOSCAM was to contact active GI's and to get them involved in the VVAW/WSO. He mentioned that some chapters existed in Japan, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, with one being started in Germany and at Fort Hood, Texas. He projected that there would be 3,000 members and he said "to have a revolution, you must control the Military."

Information has been received from other Divisions, including applicant type forms, completed by interested persons in various Military organizations, which were submitted to the NOSCAM at Post Office Box 1625, Dayton, Ohio, which indicates a response to the recruiting efforts of NOSCAM.

It would appear that there is an emphasis being placed on recruiting within the Military and the reception of that effort appears favorable. Therefore, it would appear that, through the vast Military personnel, there is an excellent potential for the development of sources and for the obtaining of desirable and necessary coverage of the

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efforts to, in a way, infiltrate the Military Services.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the 5th District, Office of Special Investigations, (OSI) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB), Dayton, Ohio, to officially request cooperation to develop such sources, and the VVAW/WSO have always been apparently interested in organizing at WPAFB, and with the number of airmen at WPAFB, it is believed no problem would be encountered in developing some who would be willing to be sources of information.

While there may be some reluctanceon the part of Military Intelligence Agencies to extend their activities outside their immediate areas of interest, it is believed, however, that due to the type of infiltration of the Military Services proposed, the area of interest is a common one.

The Cincinnati Division strongly makes the suggestion and recommendation to proceed with this proposal and is willing to make it through the 5th District, OSI commander. However, if the Bureau believes a more favorable reception may be received through liaison on a headquarters level, the Cincinnati Division is amenable to proceeding in that manner.

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For information of recipients, during the past year dissident activity among Americans in Japan has centered in three principal organizations, Pacific Counseling Service (PCS) Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) and National Lawyers Guild (NLG). These 3 U.S. based organizations all have full time civilian activities in Japan te further their avowed goal of disrupting U.S. military functions primarily by subverting U.S. military personnel and discrediting the U.S. Government both at home and abroad.

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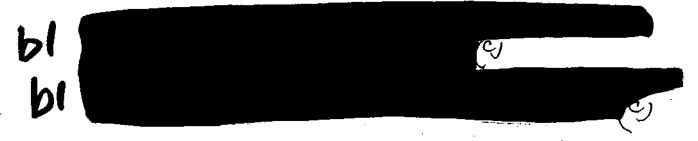


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PCS, VVAW and NLG operate here much like a can of worms-they share office and living space, have joint meetings, and work together on publications. It is not difficult to separate the activities by organizations. Most

They presently operate 5 centers-New Peoples Center at Yokosuka, Peoples House, United Front, and Women's House on Okinawa, and Semper Fi House at Iwakuni, all near concentrations of U.S. military facilities. BEHEIREN (The Japan Peace for Vietnam Committee) has worked with PCS, VVAW and NLG in Japan as have other Japanese radical organizations from time to time.

PCS, VVAW and NLG distribute Black Panther Party and Marxist literature as well as a wide variety of publications by U.S. radical and extremist groups condeming "U.S. imperialism and designed to undermine military morale.



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Consideration has been given to recommendation in referenced letter to use active duty military personnel as sources targeted against the VVAN/VBO, but, as in past circumstances such as this, regulations of the Repartment of Defence prohibit such activity.

You may wish to follow this matter with military intelligence agencies in your territory for any positive information they might receive from conjugative servicemen who have been contacted by VVAV/VSD representatives.

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In analyzing its coverage of the VVAW/WSO, Cincinnati noted the VVAW/WSO project, Mational Office Service People's Counseling and Materials (MOSCAM). Essentially, this VVAW/WSO project has a goal of recruiting active duty military personnel to the aims of the VVAW/WSO. Cincinnati suggested the use of active duty military people as sources to be directed against this group. We have come across such situations as this in the past and, as noted above, Department of Defense regulations prohibit such activity. It is also an undesirable situation from a control standpoint.

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Re Albany letter to Bureau dated 4/18/73 entitled SM - REVACT, OO: ALBANY" and Bureau letter to Albany dated 10/12/73 captioned "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW)/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO), IS - VVAW/WSO (ALBANY DIVISION)".

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/WSO, activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, USC 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), 793 (Espionage), 844 (Explosives and Incendiary Devices), 2155-56 (Sabotage) and 2101 (Antiriot Laws).

VVAW/WSO was organized in NYC in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in 12/71 with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have

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reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. During 7/72 VVAW/WSO leaders and members were indicted by a FGJ, Tallahassee, for violation of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during Republican National Convention, 8/72. One of these individuals was also indicted for possession of an unregistered explosive and incendiary device. In 1/73 at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified government information to be used against U.S. interests and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such There were also indications at this meeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In addition, information has been reported from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that a VVAW/WSO member previously discussed engaging in sabotage and was possibly involved in the destruction of a munitions train in Arizona. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

On 4/11/73, and advised SA that on 4/5/73 the name of one Street, Delhi, New York, 13753, telephone 607-746- appeared on a VVAW chapter list.

On 9/24/73 the same source advised: SA the the name of appeared on a VVAW chapter list as of 9/8/73.

On 11/1/73, a confidential source stated the name of subject was unknown to him and there is no veteran's organization on campus or in the village of Delhi, New York.

On the same date, a second confidential source, who conducts security type investigations in Delhi, NY, area stated he knows of no VVAW organization in that village. He knows of subject but described him as a "local bum" who has no initiative, leadership abilities, and would have no followers if he attempted to organize or lead any type of organization.

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In view of previous investigation and a preliminary inquiry conducted at this time does not indicate is or was in a leadership capacity, is not an activist with VVAW and not in violation of any federal statutes, it is believed there is no basis for further investigation.

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First confidential source is Delhi Tech, Delhi, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 12/5/73

FROM:

SAC, BOSTON (100-42739) (P)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

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Re Bureau letter to Boston 10/16/73.

A review of the files of the Boston Office pertaining to captioned matter indicates that the New England Regional Office of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) has been inactive. VVAW has not taken part in demonstrations, has not issued any news releases nor have they distributed any literature. relative to any current issue. No information concerning the VVAW has come to the attention of other informants of the Boston Office.

For the past two months, the telephone at the New England Regional Office of the VVAW at Cambridge, Mass. has been disconnected which indicates the lack of activity and the financial straits the office is experiencing.

Prior investigation by the Boston Office of the FBI concerning members of the VVAW failed to uncover any member that is engaged in any activity which could involve violations of rebellion or insurrection, seditious conspiracy, advocating overthrow of the Government, sedition, espionage, explosives and incendiary devices, sabotage and antiriot laws.

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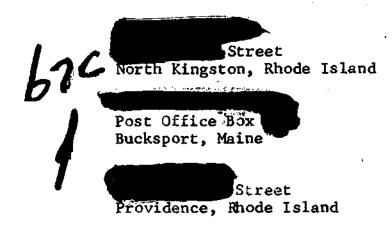
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For the information of the Bureau, VVAW/WSO-UMB, 100 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass., is the University of Massachusetts at Boston and there is no indication at the present time of any VVAW chapter on that campus.

The Boston Office has conducted investigation in the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island and no chapters of the VVAW were uncovered.

The most current activities of the Regional Office of the VVAW, Cambridge, Mass., deal with drug related activities at local Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Although the Boston Office, at the present time, does not have member informants or informants in a position to furnish information concerning the VVAW/WSO through affiliation with other subversive groups, it will attempt to remedy this matter. Consideration will be given to interviewing known members of the VVAW in an attempt to develop them as informants, keeping in mind not to be compromised, as a purge within the ranks of the VVAW/WSO took place and many individuals were expelled because they were thought to be informants after the indictment of the VVAW/WSO activists in Florida last year.

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