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8 December 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Research Staff

SUBJECT: Project Resistance

1. Reference is made to the attached memorandum dealing with the request of the Deputy Director, Support, for a study of the U.S. student movement. The study has been dubbed "Project Resistance" by the writer because of the current trend to move student demonstrations "from protest to resistance."

2. The writer has briefed [redacted] and [redacted] on the requirements and of the need for their part-time participation in conducting the study.

3. Since the Office of Security has no composite asset to exploit for this study, the first requirement is to assemble data for analysis in regard to the requirements. It is recommended that the following be initiated:

a. [redacted] is prepared to notify all field offices to monitor the campus press and send Headquarters copies of all articles related to student unrest, protest and resistance.

b. Requests for appropriate information be levied on OSI/USAF, ONI/USN and ACSI/DA for such material on the subject as they have available.

c. A request be made of the FBI for any studies, etc., which they have conducted on the matter in the past. (Previously the FBI has responded to such blanket inquiries with the promise to check their records for names and organizations as we request, but there is always the possibility they may have something.) (Secret Service, checked informally yesterday, indicates it has nothing to contribute.)

d. OCI be requested to provide information relative to the overseas influences, encouragement, training advice and experience offered by these influences, etc.

e. Office of Personnel material suggested by the DD/S as a data base, be consulted and arrangements made with [redacted] to assure OS receives all information channeled into OP.

f. Because of the DD/S' emphasis on the psychological aspects of the problem, Assessment and Evaluation Staff/OMS be requested to provide their observations and comments on the problem.

g. The following internal research be initiated:

- (1) A research card file be established in SRS with sections for individual schools, organizations, personalities, a chronology of protests, and causes of protests. This would serve as the reference base for the final study.
- (2) Existing internal OS files on such youth groups as SDS, YSA, YAW&F, DCA, USNSA, etc., and the cumulative file on Vietnam protests be examined page-by-page and pertinent information extracted on 3x5 cards for inclusion in the research card file, above. This will be a time-consuming task, but should provide much of the information desired. (This will be where much of the man-power will be exerted)
- (3) The "data base" at OP be reviewed page-by-page and extracted on 3x5 cards for inclusion in the research card file. (This will also be an area of significant manpower requirements)
- (4) Incoming material from the field offices, \_\_\_\_\_ office, etc., be extracted and included in the 3x5 research card file.

4. When sufficient data has been extracted to make security evaluations, and when external requests have been fulfilled, adequate material should be available to meet most of the requirements levied by the DD/S, if not all. (some of the requirements may deal with unmeasurable factors such as percentage of campus enrollment influenced by activists, etc.)

5. With your approval we will proceed following the above research plan. Since we are starting from scratch, additional suggestions and direction will be most helpful.

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