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31st day of March 1969

ROUTINE MEETING / POSTER PARADE REPORT

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Organisation: London Branch of Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front. Ref: 400/66/120.

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 30th day of March 1969 from 8.0 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

at the "Union Tavern", Kings Cross Road, W.C.1.

Source of Information: Weekly meeting.

Admission - Private/Public: Private.

Police Arrangements: None.

Subject: Review of National R.S.S.F. Conference and discussion on participation or otherwise of B.V.S.F. in C.N.D. March on Easter Monday.
Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman:
Speakers:
Privacy

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Officials: -

Attendance: i) Number: 13

ii) Groups: S. E. London B.V.S.F. (6 members present.)

iii) Collection: taken - amount not disclosed.

iv) Individuals Identified:

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v) Vehicles:

Incidents: -

Banners/Slogans: -

Future Activities: Participation of C.N.D. March from Hampstead Heath on Easter Monday, 7th April, 1969.

Remarks: The meeting opened with a review by [Privacy], and to a lesser extent by [Privacy], of the National R.S.S.F. Conference held the previous weekend in Manchester. [Privacy] claimed that the chairmen of the conference endeavoured to manipulate the agenda to such a degree during the opening day that B.V.S.F. members present were, to very large extent, unable to present their views. However, after "demanding their right to speak" they received an apology from the chair, and were able to dominate the resolutions and amendments submitted to conference during the second day.

Those who had attended the conference seemed considerably downhearted, nonetheless, at the fact that the I.S. and I.M.G. elements present were able to show much greater strength than B.V.S.F. and emerged as virtual victors.

Discussion then moved on to the question of whether or not the B.V.S.F. should take part as a body in the C.N.D. March on Easter Monday to Trafalgar Square. At the outset there appeared to be considerable division on this subject in view of the fact that some of the persons present were concerned whether participation could be construed as "politically correct". However after considerable discussion it was decided that B.V.S.F. should take part as an organised body and endeavour, with their "correct political slogans", to influence the march.

Officers Present: D.S. FERGUSON.
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4 [J Hillier]
5 [HN336] (signature)

D.C. (rank)

Submitted

Conrad Dixon
Chief Inspector

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Information re the Easter CND march is being incorporated in a comprehensive report.

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