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4th day of October 1968

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: October 27th Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam. Ref: 400/68/229.

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 3rd day of October 1968 from 7.30pm to 10pm.

Portland Hall, Little Titchfield Street, W.1.

Source of Information: Advertised in Tribune.

Admission - [redacted]/Public:

Police Arrangements:

Subject: October 27th Vietnam Solidarity Demonstration.

Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman: Mike EARL — Mentions on 588/ Privacy

Speakers: Albert MANCHANDA — 402/53/274.

Adolfo OLARCHEA — 405/ Privacy

Nick BATESON — 402/ Privacy

Officials:

Attendance: i) Number: 60 ii) Groups:

iii) Collection: Taken but amount realised not announced.

iv) Individuals Identified:

Privacy

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Banners/Slogans: 'October 27th Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam'.

Literature:

(P.T.O.)

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Future Activities: -

Remarks: The first half hour was devoted to two films made in Hanoi, one portraying the horrors of the war in Vietnam, the other the alleged shooting down of the 2,500th American 'plane over North Vietnam

MANCHANDA attacked Russian and U.S. imperialism saying that the latter was symbolised in this country by the U.S. Embassy in London, hence the decision by the Committee to make it the main target for the demonstration on 27th October. He denounced the V.S.C. Committee particularly for its failure to include Grosvenor Square in its itinerary for the demonstration, saying that the V.S.C. had confused tactics with principles.

OLAECHEA said that demonstrators had no wish to clash with police but if they chose to defend the American Embassy, the symbol of imperialism throughout the world, it was probable that there would be trouble.

BATESON gave the history of the split between the October 27th Committee and the V.S.C. He stressed that the U.S. Embassy would be the main target for the demonstration and he denounced any diversionary tactics, the occupation of buildings etc.

The last hour was taken up with discussion from the floor. Nothing of particular interest was said.

PERSONS INVITED (Contd.)

Privacy

Bob Purdie 405/67782

Privacy

Officers Present: D.I. Saunders
D.S. Fisher
D.S. Wilson, Ray.

Saunders (signature)

Det. Insp. (rank)

Submitted

Chief Inspector

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