



METROPOLITAN POLICE  
SPECIAL BRANCH

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17th day of October 1968

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front - North Ref: 400/66/120  
West Section.

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 16th day of October 1968 from 8pm to 10.45pm

Co-op Hall, Rochester Road, N.W.5.

Source of Information: Informant

Admission - Private/Public: Public

Police Arrangements: None.

Subject: U.S. Imperialism and the Vietnamese People.

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

Chairman:	<del>Nick BATESON</del>	402/	Privacy
Speakers:	<del>Mike EARLE</del>	405/	

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 Date 21.10.68 Initials [redacted]

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Officials:

Attendance: i) Number: 16

ii) Groups:

iii) Collection:

iv) Individuals Identified: Privacy

Privacy

v) Vehicles: Privacy

Incidents: None

Banners/Slogans:

Literature:

Remarks:

The meeting opened with a film "The threatening sky". Mike EARLE then spoke on the 'oppressed people of Vietnam' and of the 'acts of imperialist aggression by the U.S. invaders'.

Discussion took place on general Maoist philosophy and further tactics for the October 27th demonstration. Nick BATESON said that it had been decided to accompany the main march in order to attempt to recruit people for the march to the U.S. Embassy, unless they had sufficient numbers to march there direct. On the question of violence and 'police brutality' he said "we will not instigate hostilities but no doubt we will be the subjects for such hostilities and we will then resist". He advised demonstrators to wear protective clothing and goggles should tear gas be used "though it has not been used to date and probably will not be."

The necessity for 'an organised march' was stressed though no definite plans were made.

Officers Present: D.C. Tyrrell.

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(signature)  
(For D.C. Tyrrell)  
(rank)

Submitted

*Conrad Dean*  
Chief Inspector

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Chief Superintendent