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18th day of September 1968

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: Vietnam Solidarity Campaign October 27th. Ref: 346/68/15(2)  
ad-hoc Committee

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 17th day of September 1968 from 7.15pm. to 10.15pm.

Source of Information: -

Admission - Private/Public: Public

Police Arrangements: Nil

Subject: 'Why do we demonstrate?'

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

Chairman:	Dave SLANEY ✓	RF 408/	Privacy
Speakers:	Ed GUITON ✓	RF 402/	
	Geoff RICHMAN ✓	RF 402/	
	Emrys THOMAS ✓	RF 405/	
	Chris HARMAN ✓	RF 405/	
	Barney DAVIES ✓	402/	
	Pat JORDAN ✓	RF 402/60/152	Privacy

Officials: -

Attendance: i) Number: 250

ii) Groups: See Appendix 'B'

iii) Collection: Taken - amount not announced

iv) Individuals Identified: See Appendix 'A'

v) Vehicles: -

Incidents: -

Banners/Slogans: A large banner 'Why do we demonstrate' was displayed on the platform

Literature: Dealt with separately

Future Activities:

Remarks:

Set speeches were made by persons listed overleaf in the order given. Most of them promoted the official line on the demonstrations as given at Sheffield, but Chris HARMAN suggested that Downing Street and the Foreign Office should be the objectives, while Barney DAVIES said that the Y.C.L. would not object to the march passing through Grosvenor Square.

There then followed numerous contributions from the floor, accompanied by much heckling and interruption. The Maoists eventually forced a vote on the issue of having a demonstration on the 26th. October directed at Downing Street, followed by one on the 27th. October directed at Grosvenor Square. By 108 votes to 70, this resolution was defeated and the meeting ended with no firm decision being taken.

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Officers Present: C/I Dixon, D/I HN332 D/I Saunders, D/S Wilson  
D/S TN0033, D/S Creamer, D/S Fisher, D/C HN329  
D/C Moss. 3

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*Conrad Dixon*  
Conrad Dixon (signature)

Ch. Insp. \_\_\_\_\_ (rank)

Submitted

Chief Inspector

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Chief Superintendent