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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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MEMORANDUM

6th day of August, 1968.

From

To Commander "A".

Commander,  
Special Branch.

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Extension (2188)  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

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Our ref: 346/68/15

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[REDACTED] the following suggestions have been mooted relating to the demonstration being organised by the militants opposed to the War in Vietnam due to take place over the week-end 26th/27th October, 1968:-

- 1) That G.P.O. communications be disrupted by the cutting of land lines with bolt cutters,
- 2) The aerials of Police cars, coaches and motor cycles be snapped.
- 3) Students studying in technical colleges be asked to make radio "Jamming" devices workable on all Police wavelengths.
- 4) Paint and pepper should be carried by demonstrators for use against Police horses.
- 5) The vanguard of marchers/demonstrators should be women as Police would be less likely to employ so much force holding them back.
- 6) The marchers/demonstrators immediately behind the women would be men, chosen for their militancy and wearing steel helmets, who would take advantage of the Police restraint against the women.
- 7) A "Paris - style" take over of the West End of London on the eve of the demonstration with a view to disrupting and fraying the patience of Police.

Publicity for this protest against the war in Vietnam was given in the Sunday Telegraph on 28th July, 1968 when it was stated that the following would be the organisers of the demonstration:-

The Young Communist League  
The Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation  
The International Socialism  
Vietnam Solidarity

Amongst many other groups who have pledged their support are:-

- The Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist League
- The Camden Communist Movement
- The North West London Vietnam Action Group
- The British Vietnam Solidarity Front.

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Enquiries are continuing and any further information obtained relative to the above will be passed to you immediately.

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Some reports received from the field in Vietnam do indicate that the situation is becoming more serious in the north and south Vietnam since the war in 1965-1966.

- 1) That G.P.O. stations be disrupted by the cutting of land lines with belt cutters.
- 2) The arrival of Police cars, coaches and motor cycles be stopped.
- 3) Students studying in technical colleges be asked to make radio "jamming" devices workable on all Police wavelengths.
- 4) Leaflet and poster should be carried by demonstrators for use against Police horses.
- 5) The vanguard of workers/demonstrators should be women as Police would be less likely to employ so much force holding them back.
- 6) The workers/demonstrators immediately behind the women would be men, chosen for their military and sporting special talents, who would take advantage of the Police restraint against the women.
- 7) A "Paris - style" take over of the West End of London on the eve of the demonstration with a view to disrupting and trying the patience of Police.

Following this protest against the war in Vietnam was given in the Sunday Telegraph on 28th July, 1966 when it was stated that the following would be the objectives of the demonstration:-

The Young Communist League  
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