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### Vietnam marchers condemn leaflet

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Leaders of the two rival protest movements planning the Vietnam demonstration in London on October 27 yesterday said they knew of no Left-wing groups ready to use grenades or arson bombs against police and buildings.

They denied knowledge of the leaflet now being studied by Scotland Yard Special Branch. As reported by the "Guardian" yesterday, the leaflet urges demonstrators to come armed and to invade key West End buildings.

A senior Special Branch officer said: "We are still looking at this carefully. We have to digest it very thoroughly. You can't rush these things."

Mr Tariq Ali, a leader of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, one of the groups organising the official march which bypasses Grosvenor Square, said: "I can't think anyone could be such a lunatic as to put round a leaflet like this. With all the publicity and fuss, I would not be surprised now if a few people came along to do and watch this sort of thing. But I personally have my doubts about whether this march will erupt."

Mr Abhimanyu Manchandra, head of the October 27 Commit-

tee for Solidarity with Vietnam, the movement insisting on a march to the American Embassy at Grosvenor Square, said: "I can tell you very frankly that takeovers and things have been talked about at meetings. But I know no one ready to do this." He said the "Guardian," in reporting the leaflet's existence, was "acting consciously or unconsciously on behalf of the ruling class" which was "seeking a pretext to ban the march."

#### 5,000 leaflets

The Christian Fellowship of Reconciliation is planning to hand out 5,000 leaflets on the march condemning violence. It will also hold its own Vietnam march from Great James Street next Saturday, ending with prayers outside 10 Downing Street, where protest letters will be delivered.

The youth organiser, John Careswell, said: "The protest movement has reached a critical phase. Judging by the tone of some meetings I have been at, there are a few people who would be only too glad if a student was killed in Grosvenor Square, just so as to give the police a repressive image. But you can't criticise a violent system by being violent yourself."

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