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1. This report is an assessment of the current position of the British Vietnam Solidarity Front, 58 Lisburne Road, N3 (tel 455-3609).
2. This organisation has been virtually inactive since the disintegration of the old Revolutionary Marxist Leninist image in the spring of 1970 which resulted from personal differences between **MANDELA** and others. Since then **MANDELA** has lost most of his credibility as a political leader. Consequently many of his supporters have become disillusioned and have had virtually no dealings with him save in connection with Friends of China.
3. In recent months he has been trying, in various ways, to form his own organisation but without any success. However the renewed escalation of the war in Vietnam has provided him with a platform from which he hopes to revive the B.V.S.F.
4. With that escalation **MANDELA** immediately prepared a statement of policy (copy attached) and sent a circular to various persons and organisations asking for their support in a new campaign against the Vietnam war. He did not receive a single reply.
5. He then decided to hold a public meeting at Camden Town to give the matter further publicity and this was attended by about 20 persons, all of whom were personal contacts. However, the **Privacy** were conspicuous by their absence. Despite their poor support **MANDELA** is convinced that he can gain further support and has decided the campaign will continue.
6. No further public meetings are planned as yet, but steps are being taken to organise local activities with those supporters he has count on. It is not quite clear what he means by "local activities" although this will probably amount to infiltrating and inviting people to join B.V.S.F (subscription 50p). In the unlikely event that **MANDELA**'s effort begin to bear fruit a further report will be submitted.
7. A **MANDELA** is the subject of BP 402/53/274.

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. The Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front (B.V.S.F.) unreservedly and resolutely supports the national rights of the Vietnamese people for peace, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of their fatherland -- rights recognised by the 1954 Geneva Agreements.

2. The B.V.S.F. resolutely supports the revolutionary people's war of the three Indo-Chinese peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia against U.S. imperialism and its puppets for their national liberation, according to the historic Declaration of the Indo-Chinese People's Summit Conference of April, 1970.

The Declaration, a programmatic document, represents a historic stage in the united struggle of the heroic Indo-Chinese peoples for national salvation and for complete victory over the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys. It is an important contribution to the struggle of the people of Asia as well as the world people against U.S. imperialism.

3. The B.V.S.F. extends unreserved support to the 7-point peace proposals along with the 2-point elaboration submitted by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam at the Paris talks. These proposals correspond to the programme of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, for liberating the South, defending the North and proceeding to the re-unification of Vietnam.

... The B.V.S.F. vehemently condemns and resolutely opposes the Nixon doctrine of "Vietnamisation" "Khmerisation," and "Laotisation" of the U.S. war which is aimed at turning Indo-China into a U.S. neo colony and base of aggression against the Asian people, particularly China. This plot of U.S. imperialism is doomed to an ignominious failure.

5. The B.V.S.F. sternly condemns the continued escalation of U.S. aggression and all acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The sovereignty, territory and air-space of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam are inviolable. Vietnam, North and South, is one country. The Vietnamese people are one people and have the unalienable right to fight together and support each other for defeating the aggressors.

6. The B.V.S.F. resolutely opposes the reactionary policies of the British ruling class, whether represented by the Tory or Labour Governments, who are aiding and abetting U.S. policies of aggression in Indo-China and other countries, whilst at the same time, attacking the living standards and democratic rights of the British working people - all in order to safeguard and perpetuate the profits of the monopoly capitalists.

The B.V.S.F. extends resolute support to the mounting struggles of the working people in the defence and advancement of their interests and against the treachery of the "labour" and so-called working class leaders who serve to perpetuate capitalist rule over the working people through the parliamentary fraud.

In order to achieve the unity of the militant youth and students with the working class struggle, the B.V.S.F. shall support the struggle for democratic education, cultural and sports facilities, and democratic liberties.

The B.V.S.F. resolutely opposes national and racial oppression, and it firmly supports the struggle for the unity of the working class against the conspiracy to split and divide it on racial or national lines. For this it will wage a consistent struggle for equal democratic rights for all people, irrespective of race, colour or national origin. The B.V.S.F. resolutely supports the struggle of the Irish people for a united, democratic people's republic of Ireland.

7. The B.V.S.F. will fight to win the British people to an understanding of their common interest with the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America in their struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism headed by the United States and Soviet social imperialism.

8. The B.V.S.F. shall campaign for the unity and solidarity of the British people with the world-wide movement of opposition to the domination of the two super-powers and to support the national liberation movements and the struggle for peace and social advance.