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18th day of March 1969

ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORT

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

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 16th day of March 1969 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Union Tavern" public house, Kings Cross Road, N.1.

Source of Information: -

Admission - Private/Public: Private.

Police Arrangements: Nil.

Subject: Critical assessment of role of B.V.S.F.

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

Chairman: ✓ A1 MANCHANDA 402/53/274.

Speakers: ✓ [Privacy] ✓ A1 MANCHANDA

Individuals Identified:

✓ [Privacy] Privacy
✓ Diane [Privacy] ✓ LANGFORD Mentions.
✓ [Privacy] Mentions.
✓ [Privacy] Mentions.

Officials: - ✓ [Privacy]

Attendance: i) Number: 24

ii) Groups: B.V.S.F. N.W., S.E. and Earls Court.

iii) Collection: taken- amount not disclosed.

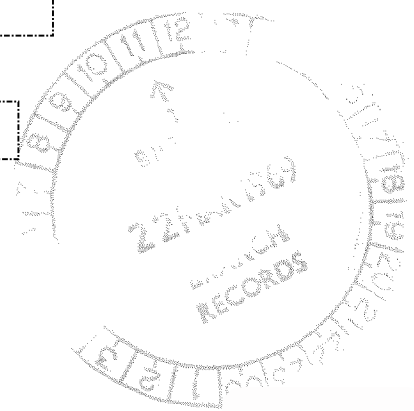
iv) Individuals Identified: cont.

✓ [Privacy] Privacy
✓ N.M. SEEDO (female aged about 60 years) Mentions.

v) Vehicles: - ✓ [Privacy]

Incidents: -

Banners/Slogans: -



- Future Activities: 1. Coach party (approximately 40 members) attending R.S.S.F. Conference Manchester University. Leaves Regent Street Polytechnic 7 p.m. on 21.3.69.
- Remarks: 2. B.V.S.F. Open Conference April 26/27th in London. Venue not yet arranged.

MANCHANDA opened the meeting by stating that there must be a critical assessment of the B.V.S.F.'s future role, particularly in relation to the C.P.G.B., Y.C.L. and V.S.C. These organisations had failed to present a true political picture of the Vietnam struggle and had also manifestly failed to direct their demonstrations against the real aggressors in Vietnam - The United States. As a result many members of the Y.C.L. and V.S.C. had undoubtedly become disillusioned both with the lack of leadership and lack of true political direction. Now was the time for the B.V.S.F. political line to be given wide publicity in order to induce as many dissatisfied members of these organisations to join the B.V.S.F.

BATESON then expanded this latter theme, and urged all members to prepare for the forthcoming B.V.S.F. Open Conference. He said that at least "500 revolutionary students and workers" should attend in order that it should be successful, and this success depended on the all-out efforts of members present.

Officers Present: ³ D.C. HN336
D.S. FERGUSON.

⁴ J. Hillier
for M. FERGUSON (signature)
D.S. _____ (rank)

Submitted

Rubison
Chief Inspector

1. Send copy to *Box 500* ⁵ [redacted]
2. Send memo to _____
3. Supts. to see *Supt "A" Squad* ✓ ⁶ [redacted]
4. To note ⁷ [redacted] *Room 894 of* ⁸ [redacted] ⁹ [redacted]
5. S.B.(R) *PA on 400/66/20*