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SPECIAL BRANCH

14th day of December, 1967.

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ROUTINE MEETING / POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: Vietnam Solidarity Campaign. Ref: 400/67/73.  
Date, Duration, Place/Route: 14th day of December, 1967 from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E. 1.

Source of Information: "Tribune" - 8th December, 1967.

Admission - Private/Public: Private.

Police Arrangements: Adequate.

Subject: "Militarism in U.K. universities."

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

Chairman:	[redacted]	- RF.	[redacted]
Speakers:	Privacy	✓ - RF.	Privacy

Officials: --

Attendance: i) Number: 22

ii) Groups: none ..

iii) Collection: £1-10/-.

iv) Individuals Identified:

Privacy ✓  
Ernest TATE ✓  
Privacy ✓

- RF. Privacy  
- RF. 405/67/46.  
- Possibly identical with RF. Privacy

v) Vehicles:

None seen in vicinity.

Incidents: None.

Banners/Slogans:

None displayed.

Several Left-Wing booklets on sale.

Future Activities:

See below.

Remarks:

[Privacy] the only speaker, did not arrive until 8 p.m. He was introduced as a bio-chemist at [Privacy] College by the chairman, [Privacy].

[Privacy] spoke at length on the increasing use by the United States of chemical warfare in the Vietnam campaign, despite strong U.S. denials to the contrary. He specifically mentioned a particular virulent nerve gas, code-named BZ. He read what purported to be an eyewitness account concerning a Vietnamese woman who suffered extreme illness after being sprayed from the air by an alleged "weed-killer" only type of chemical.

[Privacy] stated that it was worrying to realise the increasing part Britain was playing in the world of chemical warfare. He mentioned the firm of Dow Chemicals as being an integral part of the "British chemical warfare machine" and suggested that the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign should stage protests at the offices of this firm.

The speaker concluded by saying that he knew that several British universities had been approached by the Ministry of Defence with a view to research in the bio-chemical field and he proposed that he should keep the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign fully informed should any further information regarding this matter come to his knowledge.

A collection was then taken up and the chairman then stated that the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign was in dire need of funds. He suggested that each member should make out a bankers order for the sum of £1 per month to enable the organisation to remain solvent.

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[Privacy] then moved on to matters concerning the future activities of the organisation. He said that a message had been received from the Vietnamese people asking that demonstrations should be held on March 19th/20th, 1968, to bring to the eyes of the world the plight of the former. The chairman proposed that the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign should form another 'Ad-Hoc Committee' with all the other extreme left-wing organisations on the 11th January, 1968. The proposal was accepted by the audience. [Privacy] stated that mass demonstration s would take place in London during the week March 17th to 24th, 1968.

Officers Present:

D.C. [4] [5]

[6] (signature)

Constable. (rank)

submitted

Chief Inspector

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[7] *to A' to see 'A' per*  
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4. To note *(D/C Room 873 by P/A)*

5. S.B.(R)

[9] TN0039

Chief Superintendent  
*for*

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