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Special Report :

6th March, 1969
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MARCH 9th

SUBJECT
COMMITTEE FOR
SOLIDARITY WITH
VIETNAM.

With reference to Special Branch reports dated 5.2.69 and 3.3.69, dealing with the demonstration planned for 9.3.69 by the MARCH 9th COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH VIETNAM.

Reference to Papers
346/58/30

It has now been learned from a delicate source that despite the opposition from rank and file members the organisers intend to go ahead with the plan to march to the Soviet Embassy. The exact route to be taken has not been made known but A. MANCHANDA has said that, following a short meeting in Trafalgar Square, commencing at 2 p.m., the demonstrators will march first to the Soviet Embassy, arriving there about 3 p.m., and then return to the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square by about 4 p.m. The same delicate source has stated that some sections of the Young Communist League have claimed that they will be present and defend the Soviet Embassy from any attack by the Maoists. This opposition from the Y.C.L. arises from the recent border clash between Soviet and Chinese troops. The number of Y.C.L. supporters is not likely to exceed 50 persons.

A well placed informant has stated that the number of persons supporting the March 9th demonstration may well be as low as 250. It has been learned, however, that some anarchist groups will be present, in particular the West Ham Anarchists. Amongst this faction are some of the more violent type of protestors who, having been frustrated at the main point of demonstration, tend to go on the rampage through the surrounding area causing damage to property. Such acts are generally of a spontaneous nature about which no prior intelligence can be obtained.

Any further information received concerning the plans for this demonstration will be submitted immediately

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