

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE ON SCHOLARLY
INTEGRITY, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, OCT. 24, 1970

We, members of the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, Committee of Returned Volunteers, Southern Illinois Peace Committee, and members of the SIU community, condemn the establishment of the AID-funded Center for Vietnamese Studies on the SIU campus.

Both the terms of the AID grant and the work of the Center in its first year and a half of operations demonstrate its subordination to the pursuit of American government policies of domination and destruction of the land and people of Vietnam.

We therefore reject the Center's pretence to scholarly objectivity and support the initiative of the history department of SIU, individual professors and the recorded majority of SIU students to struggle against the prostitution of the university by the Center for Vietnamese Studies. We appeal to all scholars of Southeast Asian affairs to dissociate themselves from this disreputable project which cannot help the Vietnamese people but can only contribute to prolonging the war.

Finally, we strongly protest the use of McCarthyite tactics by the SIU Board of Trustees in attempting to stifle opposition to the Center by arbitrarily firing Instructor Douglas Allen and purging students opposing the presence of the Center on the SIU campus.