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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14, 1971
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On November 12, 1971, a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) was convened in Kansas City, Missouri. The meeting was attended by approximately sixty persons, not more than seventy, which included the Executive Committee, people from the National Office in New York, the Regional Coordinators from around the country and some other representatives from some regions.

The first meeting convened at 9:00 AM on November 12, 1971, in rooms A, B, and C of the Student Center, University of Missouri at Kansas City. Room A was a smaller room with an oval-shaped table and leather chairs. Rooms B and C were used for the general meeting and large rectangular tables were pushed together in the center of the room making a large conference table. The Regional Coordinators sat around the table and their delegations were behind them. This was done to facilitate the vote procedure. Many of the Regional

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Coordinators and other delegates discussed that they came to the meeting for a commitment to action and wanted VVAW to take the initiative in the peace movement.

At approximately 2:30 PM, November 12, 1971, the Agenda Committee, composed of [redacted] adjourned to room A for a three or four hour meeting supposedly to discuss the topics to be considered by the general meeting.

[redacted] HUBBARD did not make an appearance at the general meeting. There was only one black man at the general meeting. He sat with the California and Wisconsin delegations. He left Saturday afternoon. The Friday meeting ended at approximately 11:00 PM. A party ensued at the home of [redacted], which was attended by many of the delegates.

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At the party [redacted] CAMIL, VVAW Regional Coordinator for [redacted] from Gainesville, Florida, bragged that he had a training range in either Florida or Georgia but would not divulge the location. CAMIL proposed the establishment of "readiness groups" of the "Phoenix type". This proposal was made in the presence of [redacted] VVAW Arkansas, [redacted] organizer, [redacted] (LNU), all from [redacted]

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Arkansas, [redacted] the VVAW Regional Coordinator for Missouri and Kansas, and a delegate from Montana, and three delegates from St. Louis, names unknown. When asked if CAMIL meant "Phoenix type" in the same context as understood by military personnel, CAMIL answered in the affirmative and outlined a plan for "political elimination" of the "governmental chain of command". The "Phoenix type" is a military term given to groups with specific assassination assignments and the delegates knew that CAMIL meant political assassinations rather than political eliminations. CAMIL said the activities would depend upon the men being devoted enough to carry out their assignments. CAMIL said that even talking and planning such activities was against the law and therefore the "Phoenix type" groups should carry out their assignments. CAMIL said

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he had training ranges for rifle, pistol and mortar practice. He claimed he had rifles, pistols and rifle grenades, but no mortars. CAMIL's proposal for the "readiness squads" and the training was favorably received by many of the persons present and was thereafter quietly disseminated to those at the party. CAMIL indicated he was already conducting his own training program.

Also at the party the topic of the National Democratic and Republican conventions came up. One discussion, participants unrecalled, proposed that VVAW members east of the Mississippi River would have a mass representation in Florida for the Democratic Convention. Those VVAW members west of the Mississippi would have a mass representation at the Republican Convention in San Diego, California.

The general meeting on Saturday, November 13, 1971, started at 9:00 AM and was held in a church, the Institute for Human Studies, near 40th and Main Streets, Kansas City. The first day and part of the second day was spent establishing order. There were numerous interruptions and discussions and very little order during that period. ~~MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION~~

On Saturday morning MIKE OLIVER, a VVAW national leader from New York, acted as chairman and recognized persons wishing to speak ~~and~~ the floor.

JOHN KERRY, a VVAW national leader from Massachusetts, arrived and spoke to the committee. He resigned from the Executive Committee of VVAW for "personal reasons" but added he would still be active in VVAW and available to speak for the organization.

b7c The next topic discussed concerned AL HUBBARD, a national VVAW leader from New York. HUBBARD was not present at the meeting and MIKE OLIVER read a telegram to all those present. The telegram had been sent from HUBBARD, who is currently in Paris, France, to [REDACTED] VVAW Regional Coordinator for Missouri and the eastern half of Kansas, at his residence in Kansas City, Missouri.

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The telegram said that HUNNARD was in contact with the North Vietnamese Peace Delegation and he had been confidentially told that the next prisoner of war (POW) released would be effected to VWAR delegates. The telegram on further said the North Vietnamese had promised to not take many major offensive against U. S. troops during the Christmas period up until December 31, 1971, however, they would defend themselves. In the telegram HUNNARD said he was currently negotiating with the North Vietnamese delegation to extend the Christmas cease-fire, which had already been agreed upon for an indefinite period beyond the December 31, 1971, deadline. HUNNARD said the North Vietnamese are upset over President Nixon's use of POW issue as a reason to keep U. S. troops in Vietnam.

NIXON OLIVER explained to those present that VWAR Mutual Office had decided to send a five-man delegation to Hanoi, North Vietnam, early in December, 1971. They hoped to effect the POW release during that time so that the delegates could return to the U. S. to participate in the national actions at Christmas time. This would demonstrate to the people at the national actions that VWAR has real power. When asked how many POWs would be released, OLIVER said no specific number had been mentioned but that at least one POW would have to be released in order to give the VWAR claim validity. They planned to present this to the people of the United States and if they were successful in gaining public sympathy and support, they would enter further negotiations for POW release.

Mutiny Section

The Wisconsin delegation proposed a plan to contact 2,000 active-duty GI's in South Vietnam and in effect ask them for a mutinous action by refusing to take up arms when ordered to do so. This proposal was favorably accepted by the Committee.

b1c The topic of the funding of expenses for HUNNARD's trip to Hanoi was laid aside. OLIVER told the conference that ~~_____~~ had paid for HUNNARD's trip from her own personal account. There was talk among many of the regional

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 coordinators and others speculating as to why [redacted] paid the expenses. It was agreed informally between them that [redacted] is anti-war but neutral, meaning neither for nor against communis, and that by having the money come from her it would remove anytaint or suspicion that the funds came directly from the Communist Party, U.S.A. This was not an official discussion and was merely speculation by some regional coordinators and did not include any person in authority. An agreement was reached to set aside the discussion because some of the delegates believed that VVAW should not be afraid of a "witch hunt". They stated that if VVAW was afraid of a "witch hunt", then they never should have set up the National Office next to the office of the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ).

The Agenda Committee again held a meeting of approximately one hour and returned to the general meeting prior to noon. SCOT CAMIL proposed to the Agenda committee the discussion of the training ranges and "readiness squads". The Agenda Committee would not allow CAMIL to discuss his proposal at the general meeting, because of the time element and other matters to be discussed but placed CAMIL's proposal on the agenda for a vote at the spring meeting in February, 1972.

During the time the Agenda Committee was meeting, the general meeting discussed the reorganization of regions. None of the regional coordinators from the South and Southeast wanted the State of Mississippi in his region.

After a break for lunch the general meeting took up the discussion of national actions. There was lengthy discussion regarding the places and types of actions but it was finally decided that the national actions would occur on Christmas day. The VVAW members from New England and the East will meet at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, was chosen because it was the site of the first VVAW action called Rapid American Withdrawal (RAW). The

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persons in the South and Southeast will meet in Atlanta, Georgia, because it is a large centrally located city with liberal leanings. The action at Killeen, Texas, will be attended by VVAW members from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. The reason for the choice of Killeen, Texas, is that many VVAW members were arrested in that city during a Veterans Day parade in 1971. The VVAW members from the western and Pacific Coast states will meet in San Francisco, California, which was chosen because it is a centrally located liberal city and was also the site of the April 24, 1971, national action. The VVAW members from the Midwest will meet in Chicago, Illinois, chosen because of its central location. The national actions will consist of a fast, a vigil, and guerrilla theater. The action at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, will be preceded by separate actions in New York, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and other large eastern cities. The delegations from New England and the East Coast proposed activities a week before Christmas and advocated non-violent civil disobedience.

This is Kerry's delegation.

The topic of civil disobedience was discussed at the general meeting and no national policy was formed. It was left to each regional coordinator to determine what, if any, civil disobedience would occur in his region. One particular activity to occur at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, is that at the time the President lights the Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., the VVAW demonstrators will burn a Christmas tree. This type of activity is also being considered by the regional coordinators at the other national action sites.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

At 8:00 PM several persons from the general meeting left and traveled to Lawrence, Kansas, where they engaged in a workshop on military counseling. [REDACTED] from Kansas City, was present and assisted with the counseling.

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When these persons returned to the general meeting, it was still in progress. The general meeting adjourned at 2:00 AM Sunday, November 14, 1971.

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Another party took place at [redacted] house, which was attended by approximately thirty persons, including JOHN KERRY. During the party the discussion among the delegates was that they were disturbed over the lack of resolved topics, uncertain over the future of VVAW, and there appeared a threat of a splintering action.

MENTIONS SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

At the party discussion [redacted] over the activities at Cairo, Illinois. [redacted] stated that during the summer of 1971 he, [redacted] took arms, ammunition and food from Northwest Arkansas and met with a VVAW delegation in Kansas City, Missouri. After joining the Kansas City group they traveled to Cairo, Illinois. [redacted] stated that the Lawrence, Kansas, chapter of VVAW planned to travel to Cairo, Illinois, on November 29, 1971. [redacted] said the purpose for the planned trip was a food drive. When asked if food was all they were taking, [redacted] smiled and replied "That's not what we did before."

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On Sunday, November 14, 1971, the general meeting convened at 9:00 AM at a church near 40th and Rainbow Streets, Kansas City. At that meeting the national action plans were solidified and discontent of delegates resolved.

JOHN ORSO, residence unknown, and unknown to some of the delegates, was appointed to the Executive Committee, filling a seat vacated by one of the three persons who resigned from the Executive Committee. One of these persons is JOHN KERRY. Many of the delegates departed the general meetings in the Kansas City area late in the afternoon because of prior personal commitments. Those representatives who were able to stay, stayed to continue the meeting. They

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were to discuss replacing the members of the Executive Committee who resigned, moving the National Office to a new site, preferably rural, and locating the next Steering Committee meeting which is to be held in February, 1972.

The Executive Committee will be composed of more militant members. The argument against moving the National Headquarters centered mainly around the expense of the move and the moving of the 21 telephones now used by the National Office. The next Steering Committee meeting will probably be held in a central location, such as Kansas City, Missouri. ~~REASON FOR EARLY CIRCUMSTANCES.~~

Three topics for discussion in February, 1972, are the spring national actions, finances received from other organizations and the establishment of training camps.

Marijuana Section
VVAW National Coordinator, Kansas City, Missouri, lives on [redacted] in Kansas City, Missouri. Many of the delegates to the meeting stayed in the basement of [redacted] house. A one-pound chunk of marijuana was made available for those delegates wishing to indulge, and many smoked themselves to sleep.

Some of the delegates who were present were: [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, who was responsible for most of the arrangements; MIKE OLIVER; JOHN SMITH; SCOR GANIL from Florida; [redacted] from Oklahoma City; [redacted] (JMW), Oklahoma State Coordinator from Oklahoma; Bill Lester, [redacted] from Northwest Arkansas; [redacted] from New Orleans, Louisiana. There were a lot of new faces at the meeting. There were delegations from Washington State, Mississippi, Alabama, Montana, New Mexico, California, and Colorado. The spokesman from the Colorado group was [redacted]. The Michigan VVAW from Detroit had a caucus of [redacted] people because they did not trust the regional coordinator to present their views. The Michigan coordinator offered to resign and was replaced by [redacted]. SCOR GANIL has replaced [redacted] as [redacted] State Coordinator because [redacted] was not an active person.

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