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SA DONALD J. HODGENS

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On 3/7/67, the above informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished an oral report to SA DONALD J. HODGENS who reduced it to writing on the same date. This report was read and authenticated by the informant on 3/14/67. The original is located in DL 170-10A-281 and the report reads as follows:

"March 7, 1967
Dallas, Texas

"At 8:15 P.M., March 3, 1967, an organizational meeting of the Dallas Committee for a Peaceful Solution in Viet Nam was held at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy, Dallas, Texas.

"There were about 70 persons in attendance and the only persons identified were Dr. Holbrooke Seltzer and a Rev. Cox, a minister from a Methodist Church in Dallas.

"Nick Layman who has been somewhat active in Dallas ANP circles was seen in attendance.

"The meeting was led by Seltzer and the comments of all present was encouraged. The discussion centered on the advantages and disadvantages of continuing the weekly Saturday peace vigil at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. It was agreed that the vigil would continue because to cease activities now would be a sign of defeat.

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"In addition, the number of participants attending the vigil has increased over the weeks from 22 to 40 to 48 persons. Seltzer urged all present to try to get more people to join their ranks on Saturday at the vigil.

"A committee was formed to try and raise funds to meet printing expenses. \$59.50 was collected from those present.

"A committee was also formed to contact various religious leaders in Dallas and try to gain additional religious support for the vigil.

"The presence of the storm troopers of the Dallas American Nazi Party (ANP) at the vigil site was discussed at great length. It was the general opinion of those present that the storm troopers were getting more publicity than the peace vigil people. Also, the spectators at the vigil site were causing trouble and the vigil committee feared violence might erupt. The vigil committee characterized Alvis Gray, the ANP storm trooper leader who has been giving speeches at the demonstration as maladjusted, red-faced fool.

"It was the general opinion of those present at the meeting that if violence erupted at the vigil site it would be due to the group of anti-nazi spectators who try to harass Al Gray and the other storm troopers.

"Seltzer stated that the American Civil Liberties Union was being called upon to determine if the rights of the peace demonstrators was being violated as a result of the Dallas Police Department officials taking photographs of the demonstrators.

"Seltzer announced that there would be a 54 hour peace vigil in Dallas from 12 noon, Good

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"Friday, March 24, 1967 to 6 P.M. Easter Sunday, March 26, 1967. He also said that he and 3 others from Dallas would join a group from Houston, Texas and conduct a vigil outside the LBJ Ranch, Johnson City, Texas on Easter Sunday. Seltzer said he hope the group could get a Mr. Pepper, not further identified, to speak at the vigil site near the LBJ Ranch.

"The meeting broke up at about 10:30 P.M."

ACTION: All action necessary in connection with this memo has been taken by the case Agent.