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San Francisco, California

August 21, 1969

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ROBERT SCHEER

Reference is made to the San Francisco memorandum concerning Robert Scheer dated August 15, 1969.

David R. Urdan, Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney, San Francisco, California, advised August 20, 1969, that [redacted] did not appear before the Federal Grand Jury this date with the records of [redacted] due to a misunderstanding. [redacted] attorney was present to explain that [redacted] could not properly answer the subpoena duces tecum inasmuch as he did not have custody of these records. Two attorneys for the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., who are handling the Grand Jury proceedings told [redacted] attorney they wanted [redacted] to answer the subpoena regardless of who had custody of the records. The Grand Jury inquiry in this matter has been continued until 10:30 a.m., August 27, 1969, with Scheer due to appear.

JFK Law 10(a)2

[redacted] attorney stated that the persons having custody of the records of [redacted] are [redacted], Controller of "Ramparts" and [redacted]. Accordingly, subpoenas duces tecum have been prepared and given to the U. S. Marshal, San Francisco, for [redacted] and [redacted] to also appear at 10:30 a.m., [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury, 16th Floor, [redacted]

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ROBERT SCHEER

Robert Joyce Kaldenbach resides at 1843 Capistrano Street, Berkeley, California.

Richard Francis Hyland, II, Apartment 1, 1309 10th Avenue, San Francisco, was reported by Andrew J. Eyman, Judge of the Superior Court, City Hall, San Francisco, on July 9, 1968, as having arranged to be married by this judge. During the course of Judge Eyman performing the wedding July 3, 1968, between Richard Francis Hyland and Susan Greenwald, Eyman asked Hyland to repeat the words, "with this ring I thee wed according to the laws of the State of California." Hyland replied "with this ring I believe in the overthrow of the government of the United States." Unbelieving, the judge asked Hyland to repeat his statement but he refused to do so. Then the judge crossed his name off the marriage license and refused to perform the ceremony requiring Hyland to get another license before he could get married.

A confidential source reported March 9, 1969, that Rick Hyland was active in the Bay Area Revolutionary Union as also was Hyland's wife but Hyland was being expelled for individualism. The same source stated May 7, 1969, that Hyland was no longer a member of the Revolutionary Union but his wife was still a member.

A characterization of the Bay Area Revolutionary Union is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION,
ALSO KNOWN AS
RED UNION, BAY AREA
REVOLUTIONARY UNION

In September, 1968, a source advised that the Revolutionary Union, commonly known to its membership as the Red Union (RU), was formed in early 1968 as a covert, revolutionary, Marxist-Leninist organization ideologically oriented toward Communist China, which it views as the model of the correct revolutionary Marxist-Leninist line as developed through MAO Tse-tung. The RU advocates the necessity of violent revolution and open guerrilla warfare to overthrow the existing political system in the United States and effect radical changes in this nation, and some members are collecting firearms, explosives, and other weapons and have engaged in guerrilla warfare and firearms training. In the San Francisco Bay Area, the RU consists of three locals, one each in San Francisco, the East Bay, and the Peninsula.

In April, 1969, a second source advised that the RU partially surfaced during that month through advertisements in select "New Left" periodicals, identifying three members of the Executive Committee as public spokesmen and offering for sale select writings of the RU, including a "Statement of Principles," in the form of "The Red Papers." With the exception of the three publicly identified spokesmen, the general membership of the RU will remain covert; however, individual members are free to reveal their RU membership to close political associates as the necessities of political effectiveness dictate.

The RU's published "Statement of Principles" calls for the smashing of the existing state apparatus by the United States working class and the establishment of communism and the dictatorship of the proletariat; recognizes the necessity of violent revolution and organized armed struggle to achieve those ends and calls for the creation of a revolutionary party based upon Marxism-Leninism as developed through MAO Tse-tung.

APPENDIX

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Reference San Francisco memorandum dated and
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