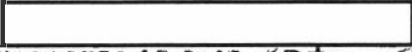


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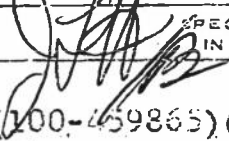
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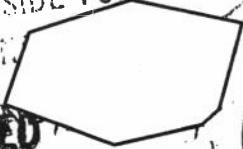
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All offices are requested to supply Boston with all information regarding individuals, collectives, and chapters in a form suitable for dissemination.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Will determine persons associated with "Science for Vietnam" chapter of SESPA, whose mailing address is care of RICHARD LEVINS, Department of Biology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Will determine extent of the dissemination to foreign countries of American research information and furnish same to the Bureau and Boston in a form suitable for dissemination.

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PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

At AAAS conference, will cover activities through established sources and informants.

Will determine name and location of Philadelphia chapter and pertinent details and furnish same to the Bureau and Boston in a form suitable for dissemination.

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BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Will follow and report activities of this group.

Will attempt to determine further details concerning finances and membership of this group.

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It is recommended that the Bureau disseminate this report at Seat of Government level to those U. S. investigative agencies whose responsibility it is to conduct background investigations on persons for security clearances. Because the investigative arms of the U. S. Army, Navy, and Air Force are responsible for conducting personnel security investigations for their own personnel as well as the personnel of civilian defense contractors who require security clearances and because this group (SESPA) has openly declared its intention to disseminate research data to foreign countries, it is recommended that these agencies be alerted to the existence and intention of this group by dissemination at Seat of Government level.

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It is recommended that the Bureau grant Boston the authority to disseminate locally to the U. S. Army, Navy, and Air Force investigative agencies because of the large amount of defense contractors in the Boston-area who require numerous personnel with access to classified information and because of the large amount of defense research being conducted in local colleges and universities in the Boston-area.

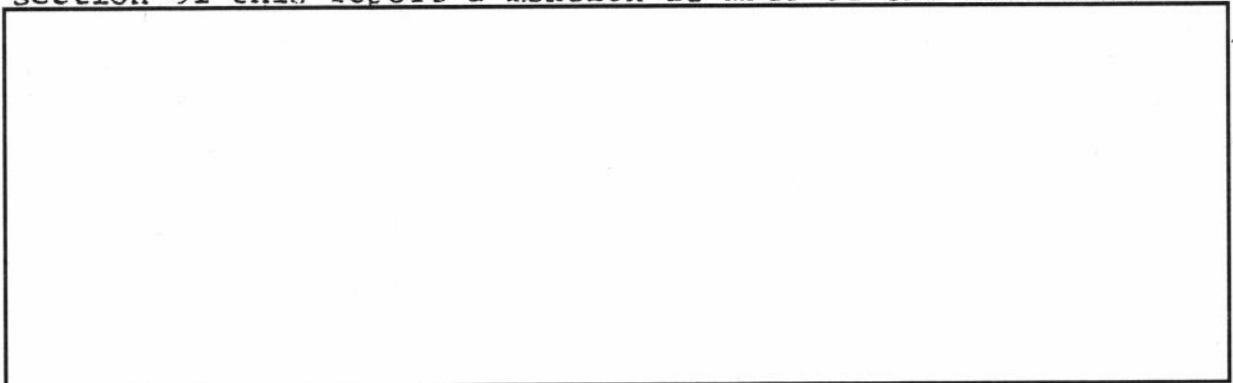
Extra copies of this report are being retained at Boston for this purpose and Boston will await Bureau notification of approval before disseminating locally.

It is further recommended that the Bureau disseminate this report to the Department of State and [redacted] because of SESPA's international dissemination of research data to the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam.

This report is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from confidential informants, [redacted], the disclosure of whom would tend to impair their future effectiveness and thereby have an adverse effect upon the defense interests of the United States.

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For the information of the Bureau, in the "Security" section of this report a mention is made of the fact that



The following sources were contacted and could furnish no information regarding this group:

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Synopsis:

SESPA is a national organization of scientists and engineers organized in January, 1969, to make "Science serve the people." A basic assumption behind this goal includes the rejection of the establishment as the representative of capitalism in favor of socialism - control to the people. SESPA advocates international dissemination of scientific research and presently is supplying such information to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). There is no national office or national leaders but the Boston chapter exerts its control by editing and publishing the national bi-monthly magazine, "Science for the People." [Redacted] of the Boston chapter,

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[Redacted] There are chapters in six major cities and collectives in an additional seventeen cities. The membership is estimated as exceeding 1,000 persons. There are 5,000 copies of the national magazine published each issue. Some chapters have security procedures to prevent law enforcement penetration. In December, 1969, SESPA took over parts of the national conference

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of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) when it was held in Boston, Massachusetts. In December, 1970, SESPA took over the National Conference of the AAAS when it was held in Chicago, Illinois. SESPA will again attend the AAAS conference to be held December 26-30, 1971, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. SESPA sponsors a program called "Science for Vietnam," which furnishes scientific research data and information to the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in answer to specific requests for such research from government officials of that country.

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DETAILS

I. PREDICATION

This investigation was predicated upon information furnished on September 17, 1971, by [redacted] Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA) national magazine, "Science for the People," was [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that [redacted]
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In 1958, [redacted] admitted membership in the Communist Party, USA, from 1945 to 1949 and being a participant in 1954 in a fund-raising affair in Boston sponsored by the Massachusetts Committee for the Bill of Rights.

In March, 1954, [redacted] advised in his opinion the Massachusetts Committee for the Bill of Rights was set up under the guidance and direction of the Communist Party in February, 1954. Members of this group have reputations of past Communist Party activity.

II. DEFINITION

Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA) is a national organization of persons involved in scientific or engineering fields. This organization was formerly known as Scientists for Social and Political Action and now is normally referred to as SESPA. SESPA is a loosely knit national group which organizes in chapters located in various cities in the United States. Each chapter has its own name and operates independently from other chapters. SESPA produces its own national magazine known as "Science for the People."

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III. ORIGIN OF SESPA

"Science for the People" magazine, Volume 2, Number 4, dated December, 1970, contained an article entitled "A History." Excerpts from this article are furnished herein to provide a fuller understanding of how this group developed:

U.S. { "SSPA is a crazy abbreviation for an organization. Try it. Try and pronounce it. But January 1969, when Scientists for Social and Political Action came aborning, we weren't thinking much about the pronounciability of our name. ~~Mike Goldhaber~~, Marty Perl, ~~Marc Ross~~, and ~~Charlie Schwartz~~; after a year of struggle had come to recognize that something was needed; the name wasn't important. The response they found at that January meeting of the American Physical Society (APS) surely showed that they had correctly sensed the political needs of a significant number of scientists."

The same issue identifies ~~CHARLIE SCHWARTZ~~ ✓
as Professor CHARLES SCHWARTZ, Box 4161,
Berkley, California 94704.

"With historical perspective we can see now that the movement among scientists had been germinating for several years. There was the history of Einstein, Pauling, Oppenheimer, and others who had given individual moral testimony to the misuse of science.