

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-459865)

DATE: 10/16/72

*[Handwritten initials]*

: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-74581) (C)

SUBJECT: SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FOR  
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION (SESPA)  
IS - REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 2/10/72; and  
Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 5/25/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead  
memorandum (LHM) and for Boston one copy of LHM regarding SESPA  
in Los Angeles.

Pretext interview was pretext telephone call conducted  
on the date indicated by SA [redacted]

Information copy is directed to Boston since that  
office is origin in SESPA.

Sources utilized in enclosed LHM are as follows:

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Source [redacted] 100-70479-33  
Office of Special  
Investigations (OSI) 100-78214  
District 18,  
Norton Air Force,  
California

Source [redacted] Documentation of SESPA

Source [redacted]

Source [redacted] 65-101-4582 100-459865-67  
Naval Investigative  
Service Office (NISO)  
Los Angeles

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- 1 - Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-43304) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (RM)

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R/S: *[Signature]*

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Source [redacted]  
(Set forth separately)

NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

[redacted] and [redacted] contacted by SA  
[redacted] on 9/27/72.

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Due to the inactivity of SESPA within the Los Angeles Division, case is being placed in closed status.

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NON-SYMBOLIC SOURCE PAGE

Source  100-68654-1846  
 (page 9)  
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Source [redacted], another government agency who conducts security investigations, furnished information that persons associated with Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA) had planned a public campaign against military investigative agencies conducting personnel security clearance investigations on civilians employed by industries engaged in defense contracts.

Source [redacted] advised on November 30, 1971, that 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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Source [redacted] continued that [redacted]

[redacted] were working on this project.

Source [redacted] advised on November 22, 1971, that [redacted] and three other individuals leafleted the Systems Development Corporation (SDC), 2500 Colorado Street, Santa Monica, California, on November 4, 1971, between 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Approximately fifty to sixty leaflets were

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distributed to SDC employees. The leaflet entitled "The 'Security' System: What Does It Secure?" claimed that those employed in aerospace industry who take positions against official policy are harrassed with security hearings and directly or indirectly threatened with loss of clearances and jobs.

Source [ ] continued that following the leafleting [ ] was picked up in an automobile bearing California License [ ], registered to [ ], [ ], Los Angeles, California.

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The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no information identifiable with [ ] and no additional information regarding [ ] than set forth from Source [ ] above.

Source [ ], another government agency which conducts security investigations furnished information on April 15, 1971, concerning [ ], born [ ]. Source [ ] advised that this agency conducted an investigation concerning [ ] covering the period 1961 to 1971, after her "name appeared without significance in a personal notebook wherein several 'leftist' organizations were mentioned." During this investigation [ ] was interviewed and signed a sworn statement of this interview during which no evidence of association or affiliation with any organization of interest to Source [ ].

Source [ ] advised on May 25, 1971, that [ ] had been active in and was the organizer in Los Angeles of the Computer People for Peace (CPP), which Source [ ] described as a group of computer professionals, many of whom are employed by industries having defense contracts, who seek immediate, total withdrawal of United States forces from Vietnam, oppose development of Anti-Ballistic Missiles and urge all computer professionals to seek employment in projects unrelated to war.

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Source [ ] advised on June 23, 1971, that [ ], as of March 1971, admitted membership in the CPP.

Source [ ] advised on June 8, 1970, that the name of [ ] was maintained by the Peace Action Council (PAC) as of June 1970.

The PAC is an umbrella organization which coordinates demonstrations and other forms of protests against American involvement in Southeast Asia. [ ] was attending meetings of the Southern California District Communist Party as recently as November 1966.

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Source [ ] advised on August 24, 1967, that automobile bearing California license [ ], a 1964 Fiat Wagon, registered to [ ], Los Angeles, was observed in the immediate vicinity of a demonstration held on August 6, 1967, in Los Angeles, and sponsored by the PAC.

Anthony Joseph Russo, Jr. is a co-defendant with Daniel Ellsberg in trial entitled United States Government vs. Daniel Joseph Russo and Daniel Ellsberg, United States District Court, Central District of California involving publication of "The Pentagon Papers" by the New York Times" in June 1971.

The Pentagon Papers pertains to a secret Vietnam War History prepared at the direction of the then Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara by Government Officials and private individuals. Portions of the history were published in the New York Times and several other prominent newspapers commencing June 13, 1971.

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The New York Times is a daily metropolitan newspaper with a large circulation in the New York area.

Source [ ] advised in July 1972, that [ ]  
[ ], California, was the San Diego,  
California, contact for SESPA.

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By means of a suitable pretext interview conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI with [ ] on July 12, 1972 was made. It was determined from him that SESPA is inactive in Southern California, that only four individuals (identities not furnished) were involved with SESPA, that SESPA meetings were held irregularly and that SESPA planned no sponsored activities in the foreseeable future.

Sources conversant with organizations and organizations activities relating to the peace movement in the general Los Angeles area, advised in October 1972, that they are not aware of any activities on the part of SESPA.

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Reference       Memorandum dated and captioned as  
                  above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.