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Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau, New York and San Diego dated 7/17/72.

Enclosed are two (2) copies for the Bureau and two (2) copies each for Boston, New York, San Diego, and Los Angeles of the following documents:

1. "To Our Colleagues in Physics," signed "New York SESPA."
2. "What, You Again? This Getting Boring!" signed ALLISON GURDON, for NY SESPA."
3. "Jasons of the Right and Left", signed "New York SESPA"
4. "A Factual Account of the Refusal of the Columbia University Jason Professors to Debate with New York City Anti-War Faculty and Students," signed "New York Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action."
5. "To the Members of the Jason Group at Columbia," signed "N.Y. SESPA".

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6. "Jason Kills", signed "New York SESPA."
7. Columbia "Spectator" ad.
8. "Jason Calls This De-Escalation".
9. "Monday, April 24 Columbia University Non-Violent Action."
10. "To Our Colleagues in Physics."
11. "New York Times" article of 3/26/72, "Pentagon Pushing Bugging Devices."
12. One page discussion of Jason Division, by "JOHN BATTAGLIA 74'E N.Y. SESPA."
13. "Jason Kills", one page flyer.
14. "Guilt and Shame", by "DEBORAH WALLACE, New York SESPA."
15. "To the Students of the Physics Department."
16. "How Columbia Supports the War."
17. "Call To Action for Scientists and Engineers."

The above information was received from [redacted], [redacted], Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA), and source of this office. It will be recalled that [redacted] has furnished previous information concerning captioned organization. These documents are being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices for information, and no additional action is being taken by Alexandria.

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TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN PHYSICS

"Asked if they would engage in projects related to Vietnam-type situations in the future, Foley, Christ and the other Jason members said that they couldn't preclude the possibility....."

Bullhorn May 12, 1972

That is what Jason is all about. According to Maxwell Taylor, one of the architects of our policy in Vietnam, Jason's purpose is to keep a "stable" of young physicists up to date on secret defense information---through summer institutes---so that if military problems arise, such as the 1967 need for an electronic battlefield in Vietnam, Jason will be prepared to provide technical solutions.

This is a violation of even the most elementary conception of professional ethics in physics, and is a gross perversion of science which implicates us all. The use of physics to kill should be as unacceptable to us as the use of medicine to kill is to physicians.

Much of our military action in Vietnam is criminal under the standards of the Nurenberg Tribunal. To permit colleagues to serve as scientific auxiliaries in such action is itself a violation of professional standards. And the Jason members continue to serve the military. That is what Jason is all about.

Join us in helping to clean up physics: picket Jason.

New York SESPA

5/31/72

"WHAT, YOU AGAIN? THIS IS GETTING BORING!" Yes, again, because no matter how boring it seems, what SESPA is saying about Jason goes on being true. Members of the Jason Group of the Institute for Defense Analysis are responsible for the development of weapons which violate the Geneva Conventions, in short are guilty of war crimes.

"AH, BUT NOT ALL MEMBERS OF JASON WORKED ON THOSE PROJECTS." Yes and no. Jason's set-up requires that members co-operate on all projects during the annual six week summer session. Furthermore, continued membership of prestigious scientists in Jason lends respectability to all Jason projects.

"BUT I BELIEVE IN ACADEMIC FREEDOM. YOU'RE USING MC CARTHYIST TECHNIQUES TO GET THESE POOR MEN FIRED OVER WHAT IS, AFTER ALL, A POLITICAL DIFFERENCE." First, SESPA does not want Jason members fired. What we want is something much more important -- that these men quit Jason. Second, academic freedom implies academic responsibility. Jason members are responsible for atrocities being committed in Vietnam as you read this leaflet -- committed in the name of freedom. Finally, the objection to war crimes is not a political one. No one has the right legally or morally to commit war crimes.

"BUT WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME? STOP PICKETING THIS BUILDING WHERE I WORK. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH JASON." But as a student or colleague of the five professors here who are members of Jason, you can influence them. Ask these men to quit Jason. Exercise your responsibility as members of the American scientific community and as human beings.

STOP SASON

END THE WAR

ALLISON GURDON

for NY SESPA

5/31/72

JASONS OF THE RIGHT AND LEFT

The recent bombing of Pupin and the SIA building show the presence of a Jason-like group in the white Movement and are a display of overt racism. The bombing of Pupin Hall will, because of their peculiar psychology, serve as a morale booster for the Jason members. They, quite correctly, will interpret the bombing as an endorsement and a reflection of their political style. After all, bombing is their thing. It will, in addition, serve as an excuse for members of the physics department to express support for their Jason colleagues. The Jason members will use that sympathy as a shield to protect themselves from the kind of moral and political pressures which have, up to now, made them unable to do scientific work.

This can have only one result: more dead Vietnamese or South African Blacks or South Americans. The bombing of Pupin and SIA is thus, because of its backlash effect on the Jason Group, an assault on the Third World.

More directly, the occupants of Pupin and SIA at 2:00 am when the bombings took place are primarily Black and Hispanic workers. Only they could have been injured. The pattern is complete: a white racist attack on third world peoples.

The bombing of Pupin is also an attempt to wreck a SESPA project which until now has been successful in making Jason members unable to do their work. The series of SESPA picketlines, sit-ins, and other confrontations was carefully designed by scientists and engineers to interfere with the ability of the Jason scientists to do weapons research. Our successes in the past 2½ years against the Riverside Research Institute have given us the background to demoralize and defuse weapons researchers. We have learned that a weapons scientist approach will not prevent a weapons scientist from doing his work.

We call on the white Movement to prevent Jasons in its midst from wrecking anti-war projects and from committing racism.

11/17/72

File: Supp. Jason

A. FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE REFUSAL
OF THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY JASON PROFESSORS
TO DEBATE WITH NEW YORK CITY ANTI-WAR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

1. The idea of a public dialogue between the occupiers of Pupin and the Jason Professors was suggested by Professor Wu of the Physics Department on the second day of the sit-in. We agreed; however, Mme Wu was unable to persuade her colleagues to participate.
2. Professor T.D. Lee then offered to use his influence with the Jason Professors to work out a meeting to plan for a teach-in on Jason. Professor Lee's promise to arrange a meeting to discuss a format for such a debate was a factor in our decision to peacefully leave Pupin.
3. On Monday, May 1, 1972, Professor Lee arranged for us to speak with Professor Ruderman. Professor Ruderman told us that he had been contacted by Professor Sidney Morganbesser, acting as a concerned faculty member, and by a member of the Ferris Booth Board of Managers.
4. We met with Professor Morganbesser and the Jason Professors*at which time Professor Morganbesser suggested the following format, to which we agreed:
 - a. He was available to act as chairman.
 - b. As many of the Jason Professors as wished to would make a personal statement.
 - c. Professor Garwin or Lederman would give a 30 minute account of Jason.
 - d. Our group would have 30 minutes for a criticism of Jason.
 - e. Open discussion from the floor would follow.

During the meetings the Jason Professors set five conditions on their participation in a debate with us:

1. *The audience be limited to persons with Columbia I.D.'s and persons from our group.*
2. *No newspaper or media people be allowed other than from Spectator, WKCR, and the School of Journalism.*
3. *Our group state publicly a) "We have seen no evidence that Jason activities take place in Pupin Hall." b) "With respect to Professors Christ, Foley, and Ruderman with whom we had discussions in Pupin Hall during occupation week: We are aware of no evidence that they have ever engaged in Vietnamese war research or any other counterinsurgency research."*
4. *The Jason Professors state their case and take questions before we state our case.*
5. *The Jason Professors exercise veto power over who shall state our case.*

While insisting on these conditions, Professors Christ, Ruderman, Garwin, and Foley stated that they were not going to debate with us.

* Professor Lederman was vacationing in Italy and did not participate in

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File: SESPA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JASON GROUP AT COLUMBIA

The Charter recognizes that one who has committed criminal acts may not
take refuge in superior orders nor in the doctrine that his crimes were
citizenly acts of ~~the~~ state."

• -Nuremberg Charter

The criminal acts perpetrated against the Vietnamese were, in part,
explored and planned with your aid. Those policies and the instrumentalities
of them were given sanction by your study and even by your recommendation
of some of them. The latest atrocities, such as the calculated bombing of
dikes to flood the farmlands of Vietnam, the mining of harbors and the full
scale bombing of the North, are merely extensions of your studies and
recommendations.

The Jason Division was intended to lend acceptability to that sort of
study; to make it seem scholarly, patriotic, prestigious -- in short, to make
participation in it seem to be a "citizenly act of state." The results of your
citizenly acts are being used in the destruction of Vietnam and its people.
There is no facade, academic or otherwise, that can justify your actions. We
urge you to sever your ties with Jason and to help make this university truly
community dedicated to the betterment of man.

N.Y. SESPA

JASON KILLS

The Jason division of the Institute for Defense Analysis has, according to Maxwell Taylor, only one purpose: to keep a "stable" of young physicists in touch with secret defense data so that if a military emergency arises--like the need for electronic battlefield components in Vietnam--these men will be up to date and ready to proceed on the problem.

The pollution/transportation/bullshit work done by Jason is just a cover for the continued planning and implementation of war crimes.

Jason's existence is in itself a violation of even the most elementary conception of professional ethics in engineering and the sciences.

The only morally responsible act open to Jason members is to resign from Jason and the military.

New York SESPA

In the name of open academic inquiry,
we ask the Jason professors to answer
the following questions:

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1. Who is currently on the Jason Project?
2. Where will this year's summer project meet?
3. What topics will be discussed?
4. Will the sessions be open to the public?
5. Will you please make public the following Jason studies:

AD 386 240 "REDEYE Countermeasures" (H. Foley)

AD 383 442 "Air Sown Mines for Specialized Purposes"

(L. Lederman)

AD 389 885L "The M.A.D. Report" (H. Foley)

AD 379 702L "Explosively Produced Flechettes"

AD 379 693 "Interdiction of Trucks from the Air at Night"

**NEW YORK REGIONAL
ANTI-WAR FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

5/4/72 COLUMBIA "SPECTATOR" AD

JASON CALLS THIS DE-ESCALATION

In 1966 the Jason Division of the Institute for Defense Analysis presented a report to then Secretary of Defense MacNamara highly critical of the military effectiveness of then current bombing practices. In the report they presented a design for a system of electronic sensors and anti-personnel mines which would, they believed, be more militarily effective than bombing. This system was implemented and is now a mainstay of the Vietnam air war. The following quotation is from that report (Pentagon papers, N.Y. Times edition, p. 508):

"The anti-troop infiltration system (which would also function against supply porters) would operate as follows. There would be a constantly renewed mine field of non-sterilizing Gravel (and possibly button bomblets), distributed in patterns covering interconnected valleys and slopes (suitable for alternate trails) over the entire barrier region.....There would be a pattern of acoustic detectors to listen for mine explosions indicating an attempted penetration. The mine field is intended to deny opening alternate routes for troop infiltrators and should be emplaced first. On the trails and bivouacs currently used, from which mines may--we tentatively assume--be cleared without great difficulty, a more dense pattern of sensors would be designed to locate groups of infiltrators. Air strikes using Gravel and SADEYES would then be called against these targets. The sensor patterns would be monitored 24 hours a day by patrol aircraft. The struck areas would be reseeded with new mines."

"The anti-vehicle system would consist of acoustic detectors distributed every mile or so along all truckable roads on the interdicted area, monitored 24 hours a day by patrol aircraft, with vectored strike aircraft using SADEYES to respond to signals that trucks or truck convoys are moving. The patrol aircraft would distribute self-sterilizing Gravel mines over parts of the road not at dusk. The self-sterilizing feature is needed so that road-watching and mine-planting teams could be used in this area. Photo-reconnaissance aircraft would cover the entire area each few days to look for the development of new truckable roads, to see if the transport of supplies is being switched to porters, and to identify any other change in the infiltration system. It may also be desirable to use ground teams to plant larger anti-truck mines along the roads, as an interim measure pending the development of effective air-dropped anti-vehicle mines."

Most of the trucks spoken of in the Jason report are driven by young Vietnamese women.

If you are a graduate student in physics, would you really want to work for men who are still part of this kind of business?

If you are an undergraduate, would you want to go to a graduate department dominated by such men?

If you are one of the Columbia Physics department's five Jason members don't you think its time to quit IDA?

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MONDAY, APRIL 24
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NON-VIOLENT ACTION

Gather at Low Library Steps at 10:00 am

JOIN THE UNITED NEW YORK REGIONAL ANTI-WAR FACULTY IN PROTESTING AIR WAR
GENOCIDE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. DEMONSTRATE AGAINST COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PHYSICISTS
WORKING WITH THE INFAMOUS JASON PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THESE PEOPLE HAVE INVENTED WEAPONS DESIGNED TO TEAR APART HUMAN BEINGS
OR MAIM THEM SO THAT THEY WOULD BECOME PERMANENT BURDENS ON THEIR COMMUNITIES.
THIS MADNESS HAS GONE SO FAR THAT THEY HAVE CREATED TECHNICAL MONSTERS DESIGNED
DELIBERATELY TO MAKE MEDICAL TREATMENT IMPOSSIBLE FOR VICTIMS. THEY ARE INDEED
CHIEF ARCHITECTS OF THE ELECTRONIC BATTLEFIELD, THE LATEST FORM OF REMOTE
CONTROL MURDER!!

INSOFAR AS THEY CLAIM TO BE PEOPLE WHO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE, THEY ACTUALLY
PERVERT KNOWLEDGE BY CREATING SADISTIC AND TORTUROUS MEANS OF SUFFERING AND
DEATH. THESE PEOPLE ARE JUST A SMALL PART OF THE WAR MACHINE OPERATING IN
THIS COUNTRY.

WHEN WILL THE BOMBING END? WHEN WILL THIS WAR END? WHEN WILL WE HAVE
PEACE AGAIN? WHEN WILL TECHNOLOGY BE USED TO FEED, CLOTHE, AND HOUSE PEOPLE AND
NOT TO DESTROY THEM?

- STOP WAR RESEARCH!
- STOP SQUANDERING TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON OBJECTS OF DEATH!
- FORCE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS
OF THE COMMUNITY!
- TURN THE MONEY USED FOR WAR RESEARCH OVER TO THE
COMMUNITY!

For FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 691-7410 or 365-4766
Co-Sponsored by Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA)
N.Y. CHAPTER

TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN PHYSICS

The Jason Division of the Institute for Defense Analysis has two primary activities, as expressed in the 1968 IDA annual report: counterinsurgency in Vietnam and national defense by nuclear genocide.

Five members of the Columbia Physics department are currently active in Jason: Professors Foley, Lederman, Ruderman, Christ and Garwin. Some of these men have admitted working on the electronic bugs, mines and other apparatus of our passive air war in Vietnam. Some of these men express a pious disapproval of our present air offensive there, while steadfastly remaining in Jason. They are reminiscent of a junkie deploring drugs while shooting up. In this case, however, it is not the Jason members who risk death for their actions, it is the Vietnamese people. The junkie is healthier than the Jason member.

The only way we have found to reach these men, and others afflicted with the addiction to killing, is to confront them directly with the gross immorality of their work and with the open disapproval of their colleagues.

If you are a graduate student you can refuse to accept the Jason faculty as research sponsors.

If you are an undergraduate planning further study in physics you can avoid the departments dominated by Jason: Princeton, Stanford and Columbia.

If you are a faculty member you can join us on the picket line.

Right now Vietnamese are dying under weapons designed by men in Pupin, men still active in the project responsible for those weapons.

It is time for them to quit that project.

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PENTAGON PUSHING 'BUGGING' DEVICES

Sensors to Be Demonstrated for Atlantic Allies

By WILLIAM BEECHER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 23—The United States has invited the 14 other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to view a demonstration of the electronic "bugging" of battlefields and military installations.

A variety of up to now top-secret devices—most of them developed to keep track of North Vietnamese trucks and troops on the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos—will be unveiled in West Germany in late May, defense officials say.

One purpose, they say, is to interest the Atlantic allies in what remote sensors can do in the hope that they will decide to manufacture and employ them.

Large-scale troop exercises employing both American and German battalions are also planned to determine which devices work best in congested areas of Europe.

What the Devices Do

One defense official commented: "In some respects we have a simple problem with sensors in Southeast Asia. In many areas we know that anything that moves is enemy. But how well can the devices differentiate," say, between the movement of commercial trucks and buses and tanks in areas of dense population?"

Among the devices to be employed in the tests, officials say, are the following:

Small listening devices that are either dropped from the air or planted in the ground and that are activated by certain noises, such as the sound of an aircraft landing. The telltale noises are transmitted to a computer center for rapid analysis.

Similar devices that are triggered by certain ground tremors, such as those caused by a convoy of trucks or tanks.

Electromagnetic detectors said to be able to differentiate between different types of engines. They could, for example, distinguish between a heavy diesel track and a tank.

Devices to measure radio activity in the event of a nuclear explosion.

Technical specialists say that each device transmits a coded signal that identifies itself and its location and gives information about what is happening in its vicinity.

They point out, for example, that if there are a half-dozen largely unused airstrips, right behind enemy lines, acoustic devices can be seeded as much as a mile away from each by aircraft. If enemy planes suddenly land at a strip, the listening devices should relay this information instantly, allowing fighter-bombers or long-range artillery to bring the field under fire.

Agency Under Fire

Such military devices have been employed successfully by the United States border patrol, they say, to trap narcotics smugglers attempting to fly surreptitiously into remote airfields north of the Mexican border.

"We're hoping that some of our allies are sufficiently impressed with what these devices can do to decide to get into the business themselves," a senior defense official said. "We'd be pleased to provide them the technology so they can manufacture what they need and provide the equipment to their own forces."

The demonstrations and troop exercises will be conducted by the Defense Special Protection Group, a hush-hush agency that Congress has ordered the Pentagon to dismantle by June 30.

The agency is successor to the group that developed remote sensors in a crash program during the Vietnam war. Initially the sensors were destined for the so-called McNamara line, a barrier of sensors and mines along the northern part of South Vietnam.

Although the barrier was soon abandoned, short of completion, the sensing devices were employed. They were used first around the embattled marine base of Khe Sanh and later along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Late in 1970, the Pentagon decided the group should try to develop sensors for use in Europe and elsewhere. But some Congressional critics felt that this smacked of empire building and that the work could be done by the various services.

April 2

New York Times 3/26/72

Tason members:
This is a consequence
of your work. Don't
you think it's time to
quit?

SECRET

Since the Manhattan Project and Hiroshima, war research requires a degree of scientific expertise that is often not found in the ranks of the military. The Department of Defense has had to draw upon the skills of civilian scientists who offer their services in "think-tank" type organizations. The Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) is one of the most important of these organizations. IDA was founded in 1956 as an independent non-profit organization to conduct weapons evaluations and related research for the Department of Defense. In 1960 Columbia became one of twelve university members of IDA.

In order to establish new and broader channels to academic scientists, IDA set up it's Jason Division in 1959. The Jason Division consists of about forty of the nation's top scientists, who work individually at their universities and in groups during annual "summer camps". Four members of the Columbia Physics Department, Profs. Foley, Lederman, Ruderman and Christ are members of the Jason Division of the IDA.

According to the 1967 annual report (the last one publically released was in 1968) the Jason Division spent much of it's time "working on technical problems of counter-insurgency warfare and systems studies with relevance to Vietnam". IDA has modified it's Vietnam-orientated research for use in the suppression of domestic rebellions.

Foley, Lederman, Ruderman and Christ along with many other esteemed members of America's academic community are directly responsible for many of the technological atrocities perpetrated against the peoples of South-East Asia. As students and colleagues of these men we are asking them to explain why they continue to work for the Defense Department and for the destruction of human life. We are asking these men to withdraw from the Jason Division.

John Battaglia 74'E
N.Y. SESPA

JASON KILLS

The Jason Division of the Institute for Defense Analysis is an elite body of academics serving as unpaid special advisors to the Pentagon. The group consists of about 40 outstanding university scientists who devote as much of their available time as possible to studies in the "vanguard" of the scientific aspects of defense problems. In its first years, Jason members concentrated on theoretical analyses of ballistic missile defense and exoatmospheric detonations. In 1964, however, a new excursion was made. Increased government attention to such problems as counter-insurgency, insurrection and infiltration led to the suggestion that Jason members might be able to provide fresh insights into problems that are not entirely in the realm of physical science. As part of this "excursion," Jason in 1967 held a secret conference on Thailand with the intent of mobilizing university social scientists for U.S. counter-insurgency operations in that country. Thus the 1967 Annual Report of IDA notes that "Jason continued work on technical problems of counter-insurgency warfare and systems studies with relevance to Viet Nam." These studies led to among other things, the system of electronic detectors dropped along the Ho Chi Minh trail to detect truck convoys for air attack. Most of these trucks are driven by young Vietnamese Women.

A typical Jason publication is titled "Explosively Driven Flechetts."

Five members of Jason control the Department of Physics at Columbia: Henry Foley, Leon Lederman, Malvin Ruderman, Norman Christ and Richard Garwin. Foley and Lederman are, respectively, department chairman and director of the Nevis laboratories.

MEETING

TO DISCUSS JASON AT COLUMBIA

TUESDAY FEB. 29th

7:30pm

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PICKETLINE

TO PROTEST JASON AT COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1

NOON AND EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER,

IN FRONT OF PUPIN LABS.

SPONSORED BY SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
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GUILT AND SHAME

We must again list some of the projects of the Jason Group, in order that the reason why we picket each Wednesday not be obscured: the guidance systems of ABM and MIRV; evaluation of the effects of hardening missile silos; ways of overcoming the radar blackout after a nuclear detonation; submarine missile systems and anti-submarine warfare; antipersonnel weapons for use in Vietnam; electronic surveillance devices for use in Vietnam; new types of mines for the Ho Chi Minh Trail; devices for a new type of automated battlefield; ways of manipulating a large segment of peasant populations, including the use of forced migration.

The members of Jason here at Columbia are not proud of the achievements of their organization. The three who claim they have not been active in the group (Lederman, Foley, and Christ) are very quick to say so, thus betraying their feeling of shame. We ask them to quit, to take their names out of the IDA roster. The one openly active participant, Ruderman, shows his tremendous guilt by accusing SESPA of long term harassment, by denying any and all responsibility for the activities of Jason, and by putting forth a fountain of frantic rationalizations for his participation. We ask him to get rid of the cause of his guilt -- membership in Jason.

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The colleagues and students of these four men have a responsibility to help them give up their terrible addiction. This will mean firm undeviating pressure.

Deborah Wallace, New York SESPA

To the Students of the Physics Department

As you may know, the department of Physics at Columbia ~~is~~ controlled by the Jason division of the Institute for Defense Analysis. Jason is an elite body of about 35 academic scientists who serve the Pentagon as unpaid advisors, primarily on projects involving national defense by nuclear genocide and counterinsurgency in Vietnam. Profs. Foley, Lederman, Ruderman, Christ and Garwin of this department are members of Jason.

If you are a graduate student whose research sponsor is one of these men, you can best register your disagreement with their Jason activities by seeking another sponsor,.

If you are a graduate student looking for a research sponsor, you can avoid these men like the plague they represent.

If you are an undergraduate planning to enter graduate school in physics, you can avoid the schools most controlled by Jason: Princeton having 7 Jason professors, Stanford with 6 and Columbia with 5.

Examples of Jason work are contained in the 1967 and 1968 IDA annual reports:

Henry Foley

"REDEYE countermeasures" (Redeye is a heat-seeking air superiority missile.)

Leon Lederman

"Air-sown mines for special purposes" (This one is for seeding the Ho Chi Minh trail)

Would you really want to work for men who do this kind of stuff?

NY SESPA 365-4766

HOW COLUMBIA SUPPORTS THE WAR

the interest of "academic freedom," President McGill and others in the university community support the right of Professors Henry Foley, Ruderman, Malvin Ruderman, Norman Christ, and Richard Garwin to engage in research on the following:

- antipersonnel flechettes
- infrared telescope for sniper rifles
- counter insurgency in Thailand
 - including forced migration
 - and manipulation of agrarian economy
- the McNamara line: "electronic means of de-escalation"==
 - automated detection systems, the Automated Battlefield
 - evaluation of missile sites and their hardening

are the activities of the infamous Jason project, a division of the State for Defense Analysis.

In 1967, President McGill was the new president of the University of California at San Diego. He arrived and found that the Jason Project Summer session was being conducted in a guarded building on campus. He learned that the Jason contract was to develop counter-insurgency for Thailand. McGill refused and publicly stated that these activities were inappropriate to the university and told the Jason Project to go elsewhere.

More recently, members of SESPA (Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action) have met with President McGill to oppose the operation of the Jason project at Columbia. The New President McGill takes the position that an investigation (necessary to prove that the Jason project is based on campus) would be a McCarthy tactic, threatening the academic freedom of the professors involved.

In an open letter to Columbia's Jason Group, SESPA wrote, "...if Jason is just the equivalent of a pro-war New York Times advertisement, we would be obliged to ignore you. But Jason is more. The list of your projects is like a preview of the next Nuremberg Tribunal..."

In the recruitment of graduate students for Defense Department research, Columbia continues the tradition of prostituting professional scientific skills in the service of imperialism and genocide.

We cannot continue as "Good Germans." To continue to tolerate Jason at Columbia under the guise of "patriotism" or to sanction student participation in Jason-taught courses in the name of "academic Freedom" is to support the atrocities in Southeast Asia and throughout the Third World.

-- prepared by
Strike Central Study Group

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CALL TO ACTION FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

This is not the usual New York SESPANowletter listing our actions and numerous arrests from non-violent civil disobedience. This is a plea that the decent people in the community of scientists and engineers take concrete action against their colleagues who do research and development for the Dept. of Defense. Corporations which produce weapons are fit targets for anti-war factions of management and labor, but the weapons have to be designed and developed before they get into the hands of the corporations. Weapons scientists and engineers form a bottleneck between the demand for new devices of mass murder from the DoD and the factory assembly-line. They are both humanly and professionally vulnerable. We have had extensive experience from our Riverside Research project now 2½ years old and still going; from our vigils against scientists from Los Alamos and Livermore, and from our newer Jason Group project. Pressure from their colleagues and general publicity of the effects of their work is enough to make some of them quit and to lower the productivity of the ones who remain because of low morale. We are not theorizing or "analyzing"; we are reporting what we have observed.

The tactics you use are dictated by the circumstances. We have found that pickets at the place of work are effective, but these must be regular, not one-shot deals. We have found that confrontations at professional societies' meetings have long-lasting reverberations and are indispensable as building actions for the anti-weapons campaign. We have found that simply keeping to the facts prevents getting caught up in involuted rationalizations and that special schizophrenia shared by most weapons workers.

The man who co-invented the air sown mines being used now in Viet-Nam is a member of the Jason Group of IDA and a high administrator in the Columbia Dept. of Physics. The necessity for scientists and engineers to put a brake on their genocidal-suicidal colleagues clouted us of NY SESPANowharder than, perhaps, it came home to the rest of you. In that we did not confront the inventors of the automated battlefield, in that we are continuing our refusal to face our special responsibility here at home, and in that we are trying to do projects which can only be done by other sectors of the anti-war movement such as the war corporation projects, we are responsible for the present and future deaths-by-gadgets in Southeast Asia.

Please do something within the scientific community beside the general actions of the anti-war movement.

Please send us money to carry on our intensified non-violent actions.

Make out checks to Rod Wallace. Address: 502 W 113 St. apt: 2B, NYC 10025.

Please join us if you are in New York. phone 865-4766.

Picketlines: 8:45- 9:30 am Wed.

4:30-5:30 pm Fri. Riverside Research Inst. 64 St. and West End Ave.

noon- 1 pm Wed. Jason Group of IDA

in front of Pupin Hall, Columbia University

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