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July 19, 1972

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Honorable H. Guyford Stever
Director
National Science Foundation
Washington, D. C. 20550

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Dear Dr. Stever:

This will confirm the following information furnished orally on July 14, 1972, to [redacted] of your Foundation by Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau.

A confidential source of this Bureau has furnished information concerning plans of the Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA), Boston, Massachusetts, to possibly disrupt, or at least record proceedings of, a conference of The Engineering Foundation (TEF) to be held at the Berwick Academy, South Berwick, Maine, July 16-21, 1972. The theme of the conference is "Vulnerability of Urban Areas to Subversive Disruption: An Opportunity for Innovative Technology" and will be attended by representatives of the business community and governmental agencies, including [redacted].

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According to the source a SESPA representative has a copy of a TEF newsletter which sets forth the agenda for the conference and identities of those to attend. It was suggested to this individual that representatives of SESPA might want to attend and that the manner and tactics of protest would be left up to them. The feeling among SESPA adherents is that the subject matter to be discussed at the conference will be "absolutely dynamite" and that it is necessary that they determine what happens at the meeting. SESPA people feel this is a way for them to find out the

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"weak spots in the system" and that it will enable them to determine the extent of activity to be taken to counteract subversion. SESPA representatives noted the approach to the subject matter is a strategy for controlling people in an oppressive system. They are hopeful of obtaining a full recording of the proceedings.

Files of this Bureau disclose SESPA is a loosely knit national organization of persons involved in scientific or engineering fields. It has been organized in various cities and each chapter has its own name and operates independently from other chapters. SESPA publishes a magazine known as "Science for the People" and on a national basis participates in disrupting the national meetings of professional organizations. It is also involved in a program to provide scientific data and research information to North Vietnam.

The above is for your information.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

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Acting Director

NOTE:

Information furnished telephonically in view of time element as it was considered essential to notify Government representative of possibility of embarrassment to the Government by SESPA representatives through either direct protest or subsequent publication of proceedings of conference. This information is also being made available to the Department of Justice inasmuch as a representative of that Department will be in attendance.