

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-49865) DATE: 7/27/72

FROM : *JFM* SAC, NEW YORK (100-170448) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION (SESPA)  
IS-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES  
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Re NY letter and LHM to Bureau, dated 9/28/71;  
BS report of SA [redacted], dated 12/22/71; CG  
report of SA [redacted], dated 2/29/72, all in  
captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
of an LHM containing information regarding captioned organization  
subsequent to referenced NY letter and LHM, dated 9/28/71.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to BS and  
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SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed  
the individuals passing out the SESPA Statement at the Americana  
Hotel in New York City on 10/6/71.

SA [redacted] observed the activity at Columbia  
University in New York City on 4/12/72.

SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed the  
demonstration at the Riverside Research Institute in New York  
City on 5/19/72.

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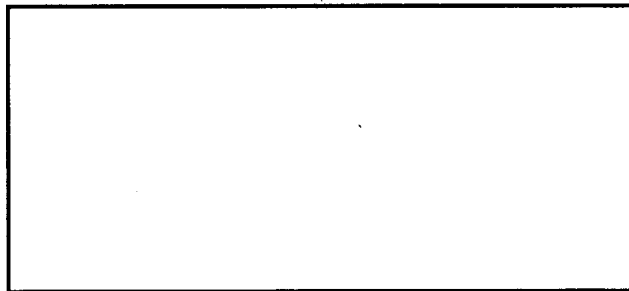
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The sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:



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For the information of the Boston and Chicago Offices, [redacted], mentioned in referenced Chicago report, is the subject of a Security Matter-Revolutionary Activities investigation in which the Detroit Office is the Office of Origin (DEfile 100-40512). The New York Office, under [redacted] caption by letter dated 6/6/72 furnished the Detroit Office all information contained in the New York Office files concerning him.

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In addition, the files of the New York Office contain no pertinent subversive information identifiable with [redacted] on the basis of background information available.

[redacted] is the subject of the New York file 100-126934. He is currently on the ADEX, Category IV.

[redacted] is the subject of New York file 100-165703. He is currently on the ADEX, Category II.

SEYMOUR MELMAN is the subject of closed New York file 105-36247.

[redacted] is the subject of closed New York file 100-150699.

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[redacted] is the subject of closed New York file 100-174007. ✓

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None of the above three individuals qualify for inclusion in the ADEX.

The files of the New York Office contain no pertinent subversive information identifiable with [redacted]

The LHM is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because the unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by [redacted] and [redacted], sources of continuing value, could reveal their identities, and could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the nation.

The activities of SESPA in the New York City area appear to be open, taking the form of protests mainly against the Riverside Research Institute by leafleting and demonstrating at that institute.

Available information indicates that SESPA in the New York City area is a non-violent, legitimate, pacifist-type organization, the stated purpose of which is "to get scientists and engineers to stop doing war work" and to get scientists to take an oath stating "I pledge that I will not participate in war research on weapons production. I further pledge to counsel my students and urge my colleagues to do the same".

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by New York in this matter, and this case is being placed in a RUC status.

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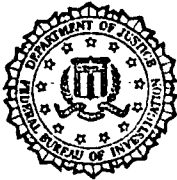
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New York, New York

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Scientists and Engineers for Social  
and Political Action (SESPA)

All sources utilized in this memorandum have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

"The Columbia Daily Spectator", a Columbia University(CU)  
student newspaper, in its December 1, 1971 issue contained an  
article entitled "RRI Computer Equipment Removed From CU  
Property", which stated in part as follows concerning the aims  
and objectives of SESPA:

"The organization's primary aim is to get scientists  
and engineers to stop doing war work. They urge scientists to  
take an oath stating, 'I pledge that I will not participate in  
war research or weapons production. I further pledge to counsel  
my students and urge my colleagues to do the same'".

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1969-REGIONAL ORGANIZER FOR NEW UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

The November, 1971 issue of "Science for the People", the national publication of SESPA, listed the following addresses for the organization in the Greater New York City area:

1971-AFFILIATED WITH SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

"NEW YORK

c/o David Kotelchuck, 49 W. 96th St  
Apt. 53, New York, New York 10025

c/o Rod Wallace, Pupin Lab, Columbia  
Univ., New York, New York 10027

OSSINING

c/o Ed Walker, Spring Valley Road,  
Ossining, New York 10562

1971-AFFILIATED WITH SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

STONY BROOK

c/o Ted Goldfarb, Dept. of Chemistry,  
SUNY, Stony Brook, New York 11790"

EMPLOYED - DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY - STATE UNIVERSITY OF

[redacted] advised on October 17, 1969 that during the New York course of the National Committee Meeting for the New University Conference (NUC) held September 26-28, 1969 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Wisconsin

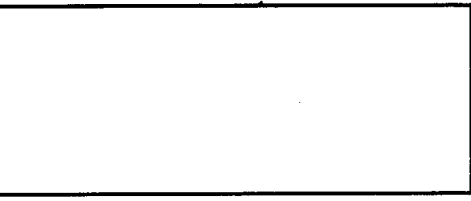
[redacted] name was mentioned as that of a Regional Organizer for the NUC at [redacted] NUC Organizer for the NUC.

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A pamphlet distributed by the NUC in December, 1970, states that it is a national organization of graduate students, faculty, and staff whose members are "radicals committed to the growth of a revolutionary socialist movement in the U.S." NUC maintains a national office at 622 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois.

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1971- HEAD OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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On April 17, 1968, [ ] furnished a handbill published by the Faculty-Students Committee Against the War. The handbill was entitled "April Days and Strike", and announced that April 22-26 would be days of education, protest, and resistance against the war at the State University of New York (SUNY), Stony Brook, New York. It further indicated that a week-long program had been planned with outside speakers on Vietnam, China, the 1968 Election Campaign, and Black Liberation.

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At the bottom of the handbill, recipients were referred for further information to seven faculty members, including Ted Goldfarb, Chemistry Department.

On October 5, 1971, [ ] advised that from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on October 6, 1971, SESPA would sponsor a picket-line type demonstration at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, to display dissatisfaction with New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay and United States Senators George McGovern and Edmund Muskie, who were scheduled speakers at the Liberal Party Annual Dinner at the hotel.

On October 6, 1971, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed six individuals in front of the Americana Hotel passing out statements entitled "John V. Lindsay is a Hawk", and signed by Rod Goldman, former Lindsay campaign worker for SESPA.

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The statement stated that Mayor Lindsay is directly implicated with the barbarism in Southeast Asia through his relationship with the Riverside Research Institute (RRI), the largest weapons laboratory in New York City, and one of the largest in the country.

The "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper, in its October 13, 1971 issue, on the "Letter to the Editor" page, contained an article by Deborah Wallace, PhD, for New York SESPA, entitled "Missiles and Mayors", which stated as follows:

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"As a member of Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA), I would like to clarify the issue behind our demonstration against Mayor Lindsay at the Liberal Party annual dinner.

"Mayor Lindsay's Science Advisory Council is controlled by the co-founders of Riverside Research Institute, New York's largest weapons lab. John Dunning and Lawrence O'Neill are the nucleus of what has become a kind of Kissinger cabinet to the Mayor. The Advisory Council and the Scientific Manpower Committee, of which Dunning is also chairman, are responsible for recommending technical personnel, for helping to solve such technical problems as power plants siting and public health issues and for advising the city administration on consultant contracts.

"Having these two key advisory bodies controlled by men addicted to instruments of mass murder is questionable in itself. But these men are also capable of committing corrupt acts to keep Riverside Research Institute from folding through Defense Department cutbacks in the missile programs".

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The "New York Post" in its October 12, 1971 issue, on Page 2 contained an article entitled "Scientists Picketing West Side War Lab", which stated in part as follows:

"Each week for the past year and a half several scientists have gathered on the West Side to picket a drab six-story brick building which is conspicuous only because of the three uniformed guards and the plainclothes security director who check employees' security passes at the door.

"The scientists, members of SESPA (Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action), are picketing the super-secret Riverside Research Institute, 80 West End Avenue at 64th St., which they believe is the city's largest weapons research lab.

"As have members in other cities, they have taken their SESPA pledge to oppose the use of science for warfare.

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"Dr. Seymour Melman, a professor of industrial engineering at Columbia University and a SESPA member, describes the Riverside Institute as being in the service of war making. They are planning the deaths of people".

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[redacted] advised on November 4, 1971 that on the morning of that date, leaflets were distributed by SESPA on the campus of CU, New York City, calling for a noon demonstration at the residence of CU President, William J. McGill, Morningside Drive and 116th Street, New York City, inasmuch as SESPA claimed that CU was still secretly associated with the RRI and therefore assisting in war research for the Pentagon.

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The source stated that a picket-line type demonstration was held from noon until 1:00 PM at CU President McGill's residence on that date with approximately 15 persons participating. The group called for severance by CU with all military research and any company affiliated with military research.

The source advised that SESPA claimed that CU was operating a computer on the CU campus for the benefit of military research.

On November 10, 1971, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of CU seemed to be in charge of the SESPA group at CU on November 4, 1971, during the demonstration at President McGill's residence, and that [redacted], who participated in the demonstration, was currently active in the group.

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~~1971-AFFILIATED WITH SUBJECT ORGANIZATION AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY~~

[redacted] advised on March 26, 1969 that at that time on a list of names and addresses of CU Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) members, there appeared the name of [redacted] CU.

~~1969-MEMBER-STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY~~

SDS was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960's functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From a stance of "participatory democracy", the SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position. It maintained a national office at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, until February, 1970. Internal factionalism during 1969 produced three main factions: Weatherman, Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), and Worker Student Alliance (WSA). The Weatherman and RYM no longer consider themselves associated with the SDS. The WSA faction continues to use the name SDS.

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The "Columbia Daily Spectator", in its issue of December 1, 1971, contained an article entitled "RRI Computer Equipment Removed from CU Property", which stated that the last parts of the RRI computer were removed from CU property on the previous day.

The article further stated that the computer had been a favorite target for SESPA, which had been fighting the weapons research laboratory and CU's support of it for a number of years.

The article then stated that although the computer had been a major issue, SESPA's fight with CU was not over, according to David Wuchnich, a former RRI employee and SESPA member, who stated on the previous day that the university and RRI cooperate on a science honors program for talented high school students.

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On August 29, 1967, [redacted] made available material which reflected that [redacted] [redacted] New York, had contributed the sum of \$15 to the National Conference for New Politics (NCNP) via a personal check number 7, drawn on the First National City Bank of New York. This source could furnish no information to indicate that subject held any position as a delegate to the National Convention of the NCNP or actually attended this convention held in Chicago, Illinois, from August 29, 1967 through September 4, 1967.

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• [ ] advised on March 14, 1972 that a rally was being planned for 12:00 noon on that date at the CU Sundial, New York City, to draw the attention of students and faculty to the demands of a coalition of various CU campus groups, including SESPA, regarding the release of a research study conducted by the CU School of International Affairs (SIA) for the United States State Department on the post-war development of South Vietnam.

The source stated that at noon on March 14, 1972 about 50 persons assembled at the Sundial at CU, and at 12:15 PM marched to 118th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the location of the SIA building, where they conducted a peaceful sit-in outside of the office of Ruth Russell, administrator of the contract for SIA, until 4:30 PM.

The "Columbia Daily Spectator", in its March 15, 1972, issue contained an article entitled "Sixty March on SIA Building To Protest Vietnam Contract", which stated in part as follows:

"About sixty students representing a coalition of radical groups staged a three-and-a-half hour sit-in at the School of International Affairs yesterday to protest the school's State Department contract to study the post-war development of Vietnam.

"The sit-in took place on the fourteenth floor of the SIA building, outside the office of Ruth Russell, the administrator of the contract. The radicals had marched to the building after a noon rally at the Sundial with the intention of confronting Ms. Russell and demanding that she allow them to see the completed report."

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The SMC publicly describes itself as the largest organization of American antiwar youth. It organizes mass actions to fight for the total, immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all United States troops and material from Southeast Asia. SMC is controlled by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), which has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2 b7D

On May 19, 1972, [ ] advised that a picket-line demonstration would take place in front of the RRI, 80 West End Avenue, New York City, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM on that date, under the sponsorship of SESPA, to protest the designing of radar equipment by the RRI, which is used in the war in Indo-China.

On May 19, 1972, SAS of the FBI observed a picket-line demonstration in front of the RRI, 80 West End Avenue, New York City, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Eight persons participated in the demonstration, and each handed out statements signed by SESPA alleging that the RRI was part of the "air war" in Indo-China because the RRI conducted research for radar equipment used in the Indo-China War. The statement urged RRI employees to quit their jobs and not continue to support the Pentagon.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-350410)

DATE: 7/21/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-36229) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: WORLD FEDERATION OF  
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Re Bureau letter, 6/9/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for New York, and information copies are being sent to other recipient offices.

Boston believes that S.A.S.P.A., referred to phonetically in information furnished by the [redacted]

[redacted], is an organization known as Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA) (Bureau file 100-459865, Boston file 100-42304). It is known that [redacted], mentioned in referenced letter, who is a Category III ADEX subject of the Chicago Office, and [redacted], Category I ADEX subject of the Boston Office, have both been active in the past in the activities of SESPA.

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The first confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted]

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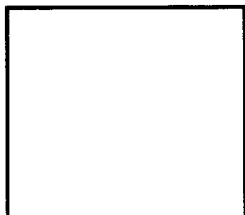
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Sources mentioned in the LHM who could furnish no information concerning the activities of [redacted] and [redacted] are listed as follows:



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Boston, Massachusetts

July 21, 1972

WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS

On February 27, 1972, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group known as Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action (SESPA) is a national organization of persons involved in scientific or engineering fields. SESPA is a loosely knit national group which organizes chapters in various United States cities. Each chapter has its own name and operates independently from other chapters. SESPA produces its own national magazine known as "Science for the People." On a national basis, this organization participates in three types of activities: 1.) the publication of its national magazine, 2.) disruption of national meetings of professional organizations, and 3.) the participation in a program to furnish North Vietnam with scientific data and research information.

On July 6, 1972, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [redacted] is a former secretary of the New England District of the Communist Party, USA, who has

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recently returned to the Boston area from Edinburgh, Scotland, where he had been attending the University of Edinburgh.

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