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New York, New York

August 7, 1969

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Movement For A Democratic Society
Demonstration At Blue Cross Hearing,
14 Vesey Street, New York City,
August 4, 1969
Internal Security - Students For A
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On August 4, 1969, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), observed approximately 15 individuals gather in front of the New York County Law Association Building, 14 Vesey Street, NYC, at 10:00 a.m. The group did not demonstrate but entered the building, where the New York State Insurance Commission was holding a hearing on a possible rate increase for Blue Cross.

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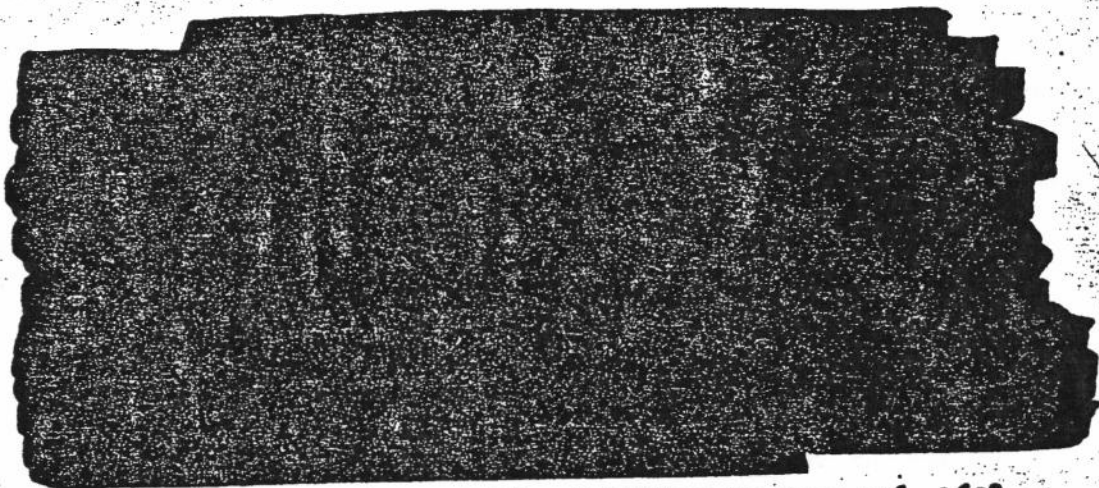
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APPENDIX

1.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY



SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1603 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
Former Student Alliance, Formerly
Known as Students for a Democratic Society

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) came into existence in June, 1963, and for the remainder of that decade functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the U. S. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved toward Marxist-Leninist ideological predomination with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. During 1968-69, internal factionalism developed within SDS resulting in a split in June, 1969, into three organizations: Weatherman, Worker Student Alliance (WSA), and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). Weatherman and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS, however, WSA continues to use the name SDS.

At the 1970 SDS/WSA National Convention, a confrontation occurred between Progressive Labor Party (PLP) (a Marxist-Leninist organization advocating violent overthrow of the Government) oriented leadership and various caucuses opposed to PLP domination. The resulting struggle left the PLP-oriented leadership in complete control of SDS/WSA, which was headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PLP control of SDS/WSA continued until February, 1974, when the Boston chapter of PLP split from PLP National Headquarters and formed Party for Workers Power (PLP) (a "revolutionary communist" organization advocating the violent overthrow of the Government by the workers). SDS/WSA fragmented into two groups, one which supports PLP policy headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the much larger group which supports PLP policy headquartered in New York City.

The FBI ceased investigating the SDS pursuant to the Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic Security Investigations. Therefore, receipt of an allegation that an individual is a member of the SDS would no longer warrant an FBI investigation.

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