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FRANCONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

I. Organizations

[A source] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 21, 1968, advised that there is no chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at Franconia College, nor is there any other New Left organization, as such, at the College. A characterization of SDS appears in the appendix.

II. Identity of Ringleaders

Although no New Left organizations, as such, have been identified at Franconia College, during December 1967, United States Marshal Paul April, Concord, New Hampshire, advised that a source at the College had informed him that [redacted] Teacher of Economics and Core, had organized a group of students to go to Manchester, New Hampshire, where they demonstrated, with students from other colleges, at the United States Army Armed Forces And Entrance Station, Silver Street. [redacted] was observed transporting students to the demonstration site, December 4, 1967.

[redacted] is a graduate of Reed College, was a Rhodes Scholar, taught at Yale University, and, from [redacted] to [redacted] was employed by the United States Government as Economic Advisor, United States Senate Banking and Currency Committee; Research and Analysis Branch, Office of Strategic Services, and in the Western European Economic Intelligence Section, United States State Department.

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III. Summary of Campus Disruptive Activities

On May 8, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Littleton, New Hampshire, advised that 20 to 30 students and members of the faculty were involved in a "sit down" in the Administration Building, Franconia College, on the previous date at which time they made demands which would allow students and faculty to participate in the selection of a new President, the issue being whether or not the college would reopen the following September. There was no violence, the group disbanded that evening after being told their request would be considered [REDACTED] New York, a student, and [REDACTED] and teacher of Core appeared to be leaders. [REDACTED] received an A.B. degree, Utica College of Syracuse University; a B.A. degree at Boston University; and a M.S. degree at Simmons College. She has been employed in [REDACTED] work at [REDACTED] the Greensboro Division of Guilford College, and [REDACTED] at Mt. Ida Junior College.

No outside influence in the above "sit in" was noted.

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APPENDIX

1.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students.

Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us."

At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome.

The national headquarters of this organization, as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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