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TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

The recent and continuing moves by the Nixon administration in Indochina constitute a major new stage of escalation of the war. The response of antiwar forces in this country must be forceful and immediate. Our key task is to turn the increased activity and consciousness which have been generated by the escalation into a massive turnout of the student antiwar movement at the SMC conference in Washington on February 19-21.

We should encourage the antiwar movement to respond to Nixon's moves with local demonstrations, rallies, meetings, convocations on campus, or whatever other form of response is possible. The central thrust of every protest activity should be the call to all young people to attend the emergency conference of the student antiwar movement to plan an effective, powerful, united national response to Nixon's brazen offensive. Leaflets, sign-up tables, bus tickets, etc., should be prominent at all meetings and demonstrations. Speakers from the SMC should be encouraged to pitch their talks around the SMC conference.

Immediate press conferences should be called by SMCs everywhere announcing that the most important thing for young people to do is to come to Washington to meet with people from all over the country to map out united antiwar actions in the face of the new escalation.

The events of the past week mean that there is a qualitatively expanded opportunity to mobilize large numbers of activists for the SMC conference. At the same time the political importance of this conference -- which will be the next major activity of the antiwar movement -- has increased tremendously. Plans for the conference should now be thought of in the context of a major upsurge in antiwar activity. The pace and intensity of organizing -- including the number of buses being planned, the number of comrades assigned to the work, and the mobilization of our own comrades for the conference should be increased accordingly.

The SWP and YSA national offices are requesting a full mobilization of the East Coast, Midwest and Southern branches and locals, and the maximum representation possible from the West Coast.

Immediate reports on plans for the conference, including complete lists of all comrades who will be attending, should be sent to me, with carbons to the YSA national office.

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Comradely,
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