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MEMORANDUM FOR Op-92

Subj: Alleged Defectors from USS INTREPID

Ref: (a) USS INTREPID 132045Z Nov
(b) COMNAVFORJAPAN 131735Z Nov

1. The CNO has noted references (a) and (b) regarding four alleged defectors from USS INTREPID.
2. He requests to be kept fully informed on any further information developed as the investigation proceeds.

Very respectfully,

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TOKYO UPI PRESS RELEASE REGARDING FOUR ALLEGED UNITED STATES DEFECTORS
A. OPNAVINST 3100.4

1. 1AW REF A, FOL INFO SUBMITTED RELATIVE TO THE CASE OF FOUR FORMER
INTREPID PERSONNEL PURPORTEDLY DEFECTED.

2. ALL FOUR PERSONNEL UA FROM INTREPID SINCE 2400 ON 23 OCT 67 AND
MISSED SAILING OF THIS VESSEL FROM YOKO ON 26 OCT 67. INTENTIONS
UNKNOWN AT TIME UA COMMENCED AND ARE SO INDICATED IN RECORDS. RECORDS
AND PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE DELIVERED TO QUARTERDECK USS TOM GREEN
COUNTY (LST-1159) ON 26 OCT 67 FOR FURTHER DELIVERY TO COMFLEACTS
YOKO.

3. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, SEARCHES AND INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED SUB-
SEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF UPI REPORT REVEAL FOLLOWING INFO:

A. SUBJ MEN WERE LAST SEEN IN TOKYO BY THREE SHIPMATES ON 23 OCT

67. SHIPMATES WERE INTERVIEWED AND STATE SUBJECTS VOICED NO ANTI-
VIETNAM FEELINGS, NOR EXPRESSED INTENT TO DEFECT. INVENTORY OF PERSON-
AL EFFECTS REVEALED MANY ITEMS OF VALUE WERE LEFT IN LOCKERS ABOARD
SHIP. ONE SHIPMATE'S STATEMENT INDICATES SUBJECTS WERE DISSATISFIED
WITH SHIPBOARD LIFE AND WERE NOT PLANNING TO RETURN TO SHIP. SHIPMATE'S
STATEMENT FURTHER INDICATES HIS BELIEF THAT IDEA NOT TO RETURN TO

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SHIP CAME TO SUBJECTS WHILE THEY WERE DRINKING.
 B. AA CRAIG WILLIAM ANDERSON, USN, B38 75 17, HAVE PACKAGE OF NOTES, WRITINGS, AND UNFINISHED LETTERS BELIEVED TO BE ANDERSON'S WHICH INDICATE INSTABILITY, INSPECTION OF PERSONAL NOTES AND WRITINGS INDICATE USE OF DRUGS REFERRED TO AS QACID AS LATE AS DEC 66. WRITINGS ALSO INDICATE ATTEMPTS TO PSYCHOANALYZE SELF UNDER THE DRUG. PLUS REFERENCE TO BAD TRIP, ONE UNADDRESSED AND UNFINISHED LETTER INDICATES INTENT TO FINISH PRESENT DEPLOYED TO THE EAST COAST. SUMMATION OF PERSONAL TRAITS INDICATES ANDERSON WAS A LONER, UNWASHED APPERAN K, QUIET, INTRESTED IN ZEN BUDDHISM.
 C. AN RICHARD D, BAILEY, USN, B30 51 54. DIVISION OFFICER'S RECORDS INDICATE GCT 70, ARI 61, MECH 65, CLER 44. LAST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INDICATED INDIFFERENCE, BORDERLINE COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS, INDOLENCE, ASSIGNMENTS BENEATH DIGNITY, SILENT CONTEMPT. BAILEY WORKED WITH CATAPULT TOPSIDE CREW AND WAS IN A POSITION TO DISRUPT LAUNCHING OPERATIONS HAD HE BEEN SO INCLINED. HE WAS RECENTLY SUSPECTED AS BEING USER OF BARBITUATES AND WAS BEING WATCHED ON THIS ACCOUNT.
 D. AN JOHN M. BARILLA, USN, B20 65 23. DIVISION OFFICER'S RECORDS INDICATE GCT 63, ARI 66, MECH 47, CLER 57. LAST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INDICATED REQUIREMENT FOR CONSTANT SPERVISION, EXTREME INDIFFERENCE BORDERLINE COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS, LACK OF AMBITION, NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCEMENT OR REENLISTMENT# ZARILLA WAS ASSIGNED TO CATAPULT MAINTENANCE AND WAS IN POSITION TO EASILY IMPEDE LAUNCHING OPERATIONS HAD HE BEEN SO INCLINED. HE WAS RECENTLY SUSPECTED AS A USER OF BARBITUATES AND WAS ALSO BEING CLOSELY WATCHED.
 E. AA MICHAEL ANTHONY LINDNER, USN, B41 77 90. DIVISION OFFICER'S RECORDS INDICATE GCT 70, ARI 50, MECH 50, CLER 45. DIVISION OFFICER'S VTATION INDIIATES LINDNER WAS A MALINGERER, EASILY IMPRESSIONABLE, AND A FOLLOWER. NO INDICATION OF DRUG INVOLVEHENT.
 F. BAILEY, ZARILLA AND LINDNER WERE MEMBERS OF THE SAME DIVISION AND HAD EARNED THE REPUTATION OF BEING HIPPIE ORIENTED.

4. WILL HOLD ANDERSON LETTERS UNTIL ADVISED AS TO DISPOSITION.
 5. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT APPROACHED BY NEWS MEDIA.
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CONFIDENTIAL SECTION ONE OF THREE SECTIONS

1. AT 1317001 NOV, SIX MEMBERS OF JAPAN PEACE FOR VIETNAM COMMITTEE (ALSO KNOWN AS "BEHIREN") HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GAKUSHI-KAIKAN AUDITORIUM (KANDA AREA TOKYO) TO ANNOUNCE STATEMENTS MADE BY "FOUR PATRIOTIC DESERTERS OF USS INTREPID". PRESS CONFERENCE CONSISTED OF SHOWING SILENT BLACK AND WHITE FILM OF MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES READING STATEMENTS ACCOMPANIED BY A TAPE RECORDING IN ENGLISH OF WHAT THEY WERE READING, A SOUND ONLY RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH THE FOUR MEN IN ENGLISH, AND A Q&A SESSION WITH THE ASSEMBLED PRESS CORP. BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE MEN WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE. APPROXIMATELY 100 NEWSMEN ATTENDED INCLUDING API, UPI, NY TIMES, NEWSWEEK, WASHINGTON POST, CBS, ABC (SOUND ONLY) AND VARIOUS JAPANESE MEDIA. COPIES OF A JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED BY FOUR MEMBERS OF INTREPID CREW WAS RELEASED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND JAPANESE LANGUAGE AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS BY EACH CREW MEMBER.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE JOINT STATEMENTS:
"JOINT STATEMENT BY FOUR PATRIOTIC DESERTERS OF USS INTREPID, NOV. 1, 1967 -- YOU ARE NOW LOOKING AT FOUR DESERTERS. FOUR PATRIOTIC DESERTERS FROM THE U.S. ARMED FORCES. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE NAME

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DESERTER HAS APPLIED TO COURAGE, TRAITORS, AND MISFITS. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH CATEGORIES OR LABELS. WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE MUST STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE TRUTH.

"THIS OVERSHADOWS THE CONSEQUENCES IMPOSED BY THE CATEGORIES. WHY HAVE WE DONE THIS?

"WE OPPOSE THE ESCALATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR BECAUSE IN OUR OPINIONS THE MURDER AND NEEDLESS SLAUGHTER OF CIVILIANS THROUGH THE SYSTEMATIC BOMBING OF AND AGRICULTURE POVERTY STRICKEN COUNTRY, BY A TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, IS CRIMINAL.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. MUST DISCONTINUE ALL BOMBINGS AND FULL OUT OF VIETNAM, LETTING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE GOVERN THEMSELVES.

"WE BELIEVE THAT A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN JAPAN AND THE U.S. OPPOSE THE WAR IN VIETNAM BUT ARE INDIVIDUALLY INDIFFERENT IN TAKING ACTIONS TO MOVE TOWARDS PEACE. WE APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER TO REALIZE THAT EACH ONE OF US IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER IN VIETNAM.

"WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER EXCALATION IN VIETNAM WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH CHINA, RESULTING IN A WORLD WAR.

"WE OPPOSE THE WAR AS TRUE AMERICANS, NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

"WE FACE MILITARY DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS RESULT OF OUR BELIEFS, THEREFORE WE SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN JAPAN, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY NOT ENGAGED IN THE WAR.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE IN JAPAN, SEEKING PEACE IN VIETNAM, SHOULD UNITE WITH THE AMERICANS, AND ALL OTHER PEACEFUL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, IN A UNITED STAND AGAINST THE WAR.

"WE OPPOSE THE MILITARISTIC IMPRESSION THE U.S. IS FORCING ON THE WORLD, THROUGH MILITARY OCCUPATION AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION, THE U.S. CONTROLS MANY SMALL COUNTRIES.

"WE OPPOSE AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN VIETNAM, BUT NOT AMERICANS. WITH ONLY SEVEN PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION AND CONTROL OF ONE THIRD THE WORLD'S WEALTH, AMERICANS SHOULD MAKE A HUMANITARIAN STAND RATHER THAN A MILITARY STAND.

"WE BELIEVE THAT ALL MILITARY EXPENSES SHOULD BE CUT. THE MONEY NOW SPENT FOR THE WAR EFFORT, SHOULD BE RECHANNLED INTO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"IT IS OUR FERVANT HOPE THAT OUR ACTIONS WILL MOVE YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE, WHOEVER YOU ARE, TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO BRING PEACE TO VIETNAM.

"TO CONCLUDE, WE THINK THAT WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT OUR DECISION TO PUBLICIZE OUR ACTION IN DESERTING FROM THE MILITARY HAS BEEN MADE IN THE HOPE THAT OTHER AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN MILITARY, THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND OF ALL COUNTRIES CAN BE SPURRED INTO ACTION TO WORK TOWARDS STOPPING THIS WAR.

"WE APPEAL TO ALL OF YOU WHEREVER YOU MAY BE TO TAKE ACTION IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN TO BRING PEACE TO THE TROUBLED COUNTRY OF VIETNAM, LET ALL OF US UNITE TOGETHER AND WORK FOR PEACE.

JOHN MICHAEL BORRILLA

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"RICHARD D. BAILY
"MICHAEL A. LINDNER
"CRAIG W. ANDERSON"

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY BORRILLA:

"PERSONAL STATEMENT BY JOHN MICHAEL BORRILLA

"MY NAME IS JOHN MICHAEL BORRILLA. I ENLISTED IN THE NAVY ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. I SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE IN BALTIMORE, MD. AND MOST OF MY TIME STAYING HAPPY WHILE MAINTAINING AVERAGE GRADES IN SCHOOL.

"LIKE MOST AMERICAN YOUTH, AFTER GRADUATION I WAS THINKING OF THE FUTURE AND THE EVER IMPOSING DRAFT. I FELT THAT I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR COLLEGE, SO I HAD VERY LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ENTER THE MILITARY OR GET DRAFTED. THIS ULTIMATUM SEEMED QUITE CONTRADICTORY TO A SUPPOSEDLY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. I WAS STATIONED ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER, THE USS INTREPID, NOW EMPLOYED IN THE BOMBING OF VIETNAM. ALL WAR IS UGLY AND I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE U.S., SUPPOSEDLY STANDING FOR A WORLD PEACE, COULD POSSIBLY RELEASE SUCH A COLOSSAL DESTRUCTION FORCE AGAINST SUCH A SMALL UNDERDEVELOPED ASIAN COUNTRY.

"I CAN NO LONGER BETRAY MY OWN HUMANITARIAN BELIEFS AND THE IDEALS OF PEACE SHARED BY SO MANY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BY FURTHER ENGAGING MYSELF IN THE WAR. ONE OF MY STRONGEST FEELINGS AGAINST THE VIETNAM CONFLICT IS THAT NO ONE SEEMS TO HAVE A REASONABLE ARGUMENT FOR IT.

"A GOVERNMENTAL SPEECH CONTAINING SO MANY WORDS SUCH AS "COMMUNISM", "FREEDOM" AND "THE AGGRESSOR" HARDLY GIVES AN EXCUSE TO MURDER COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF AMERICANS AND VIETNAMESE. SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO BE TRAINED TO RESPOND TO THESE MOTIVE WORDS AND PHRASES LIKE PAVLOV'S DOGS. IT IS TIME FOR AMERICANS TO WAKE UP TO REASON AND NOT TO WORDS, PEACE AND NOT WAR.

"BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS AND BELIEFS I WILL BE JAILED IF I AM APPREHENDED. BY SOME I WILL BE LABELED AS AN ANTI-AMERICAN, OR A COMMUNIST. THESE ARE JUST EMOTIVE WORDS AGAIN AND NONE OF THEM ACTUALLY APPLY TO ME. I AM JUST AN AMERICAN STANDING UP FOR WHAT THINK IS RIGHT. I AM NOT ALONE.

"JOHN MICHAEL BORRILLA
"NOV. 1, 1967, TOKYO"

4. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY BAILEY:

"PERSONAL STATEMENT BY RICHARD D. BAILY

"IS VIETNAM, AS THE PRESENT AREA WHERE THE U.S. IS STOPPING AN OPPOSING IDEA, WORTH THE LIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE (NORTH OR SOUTH) MILITARY OR CIVILIAN? IS IT WORTH AMERICAN LIVES?

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"IS VIETNAM AND ARE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OUR PRIMARY CONCERN AND REASON FOR THIS WAR, OR IS CHINA, WHICH AT THIS TIME HAS NO WAY OF DELIVERING A THREAT (NUCLEAR WARHEAD), HENCE A SAFER TARGET NOW, THE REAL U.S. OBJECTIVE? IF SO, VIETNAM IS ONLY AN EXCUSE AND A

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HORRIBLE ONE FOR PEOPLE ARE DIED AND SUFFERING FOR ONLY A EXCUSE.
 "IN MY OWN SPECIFIC CASE OR I SHOULD SAY OUR CASE WE FACE CERTAIN
 MILITARY JUDICIAL ACTION AND IMPRISONMENT. BUT, WE WILL BE TRIED BY THE
 SAME PEOPLE WHO ADVOCATE AND ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN, THE WAR.
 THEIR PRINCIPLES WILL NOT LET THEM CONDUCT A FAIR OBJECTIVE TRIAL.
 IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND OUR STAND, THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE
 A LOOK AT THE ENTIRE U.S. SYSTEM.
 THE U.S. STAND, AND MAKE AN UNBIASED DECISION. THIS, I FEEL, WILL BE
 IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE PEOPLE WHOSE ENTIRE LIVES ARE DEDICATED TO THESE
 WARPED PRINCIPLES. WHAT ARE THES PRINCIPLES? IS FREEDOM ONE OF THESE
 PRINCIPLES? FREEDOM FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE OF THE WORLD? IN MY
 OPINION, FREEDOM, LIBERTY, AND PEACE HAVE BECOME JUST WORDS, SO MANY
 STROKES ON THE TYPERITER. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME SO INVOLVED
 WITH THE SYSTEM AND PROCEDURE, THE HUMAN VALUES AND FEELINGS INVOLVED
 HAVE BECOME SECONDARY.

"FROM THE BEGINNING, LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT I AM NO EXPERT ON
 THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY, IN FACT, I AM NOT AN EXPERT ON ANY-
 THING CONCERNED HERE, NOT EVEN MYSEL. I DO NOT CLAIM TO HAVE A
 SOLUTION. I WAS BORN INTO A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY, ALWAYS HAD EVERYTHING
 I NEEDED, AND MOST EVERYTHING I WANTED. YOU MIGHT SAY I WAS BROUGHT
 UP WITH THE MILITARY, AS MY FATHER IS A COMMANDER IN THE NAVY, I HAVE
 A BROTHER, 18, NOW ATTENDING AN AMERICAN COLLEGE, AND TWO SISTERS, 17
 AND 15. I ENTERED THE NAVY JUST AFTER MY 18TH BIRTHDAY, BUT THE
 NAVY I JOINED WAS THE RECRUITING POSTER NAVY. IT SEEMS TRAGIC TO ME
 THAT, UPON COMMITTING FOUR YEARS OF MY LIFE TO UPHOLD THESE SO-CALLED
 HONORABLE TRADITIONS (FREEDOM, LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY) I WAS COMPELLED
 TO GIVE UP THE BILL OF RIGHTS, THE EPITOME OF DEMOCRATIC LIFE FOR A
 MILITARIST, TOTALLY AUTHORITARIAN DICTATORSHIP. I AM ANTI-
 MILITARIST SECONDLY, PRIMARY, AS A RATIONAL THINKING, HUMAN BEING. I
 GUESS I WOULD FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF HUMANITARIAN. I HATE TO
 CATEGORIZE ANYONE, ESPECIALLY MYSELF, BUT I BELIEVE THAT EACH MAN IS
 ENTITLED TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE IN HIS OWN FASHION. IF SOCIETY LABELS
 HIM COMMUNIST, IS THIS REALLY SO TERRIBLE? IF COMMUNISM CAN KEEP HIM
 WARM, FREE OF HUNGER, AND FREE TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE, DOES
 HE KNOW HE IS A COMMUNIST? OR IS COMMUNIST JUST ANOTHER WORD, CONJURED
 UP BY SOCIETY SO THAT PEOPLE WON'T HAVE TO USE THEIR HEARTS AND FEEL-
 INGS. BUT SINCE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE IS LABELED THEY ARE EASIER
 TO KEEP TRACK OF IN THE MINDS OF PEOPLE SO CONCERNED WITH THE FINE
 MENTAL PROCESS. WE EVEN SAY WE FALL IN LOVE, LOVE BEING THE SUPREME
 FEELING, RATHER THAN FALLING INTO A MOST EXQUISITE LOVE, A LOVE GREATER
 THAN ALL OTHER LOVES. IF THESE PEOPLE (WESTERN SOCIETY) WOULD PLACE
 THINGS IN THEIR PROPER ORDER, USING THE MIND AND MENTAL PROCESSES TO
 AMPLIFY THE FEELINGS, THERE WOULD BE NO WAR IN VIETNAM OR HEREAFTER.
 BUT, SINCE THE MENTAL PROCESS IS NOW PRIMARY, PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO
 FIGHT, IDEAS AGAINST IDEAS, PEOPLE AGAINST PEOPLE, CATEGORIES AGAINST
 CATEGORIES. I WILL FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF RADICAL, PACIFIST AND
 ULTIMATELY COMMUNIST, THE FINALE ENEMY OF THE U.S. AND AMERICAN SYSTEM.
 "I AM AN AMERICAN. IT HURTS TO LEAVE MY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND FUTURE

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THERE, KNOWING I CAN NEVER RETURN BUT I AM WILLING TO BE LABELED A COMMUNIST, IF THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO STOP THIS WAR, AND BRING AMERICA TO ITS SENSES. LET THE SPIRIT OF THE CONSTITUTION PREVAIL.

"RICHARD D. BAILY

"NOV. 1, 1967, TOKYO."

5. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY LINDNER:

"PERSONAL STATEMENT BY MICHAEL ANTHONY LINDNER

"I, MICHAEL ANTHONY LINDNER, AM A SOMEWHAT AVERAGE AMERICAN BOY BORN INTO AN AVERAGE MIDDLECLASS FAMILY, MY PARENTS WERE STRICT AS FAR AS LOVE WOULD ALLOW BUT VERY OPEN MINDED. I HAVE A SISTER WHO IS MARRIED AND HAS A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY AND A BROTHER WHO IS PURSUING HIS EDUCATION."

"I REGRET THAT I WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ABLE TO SEE MY FAMILY BECAUSE OF WHAT I BELIEVE IN AND STAND UP FOR THESE THINGS THAT ARE GUARANTEED ME BY THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND DENIED ME BY THE MILITARY.

"TAKING THE CONSEQUENCES IN CONSIDERATION AND PLACING THEM IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE, I HAVE DECIDED TO DESERT THE MILITARY AND THE CRIMES THAT IT REPRESENTS.

"I BELIEVE THAT MY PRESENCE IN SUPPORTING THE VIETNAM WAR WAS IMMORAL AND ENTIRELY INHUMANE. TO TAKE ANOTHER PERSONS LIFE FOR ANY REASON IS CRIME AGAINST MYSELF AS WELL AS THE PERSON WHOSE BLOOD I AM SHEDDING.

"I SAY 'SUPPORTING THE VIETNAM WAR', INSTEAD OF 'FIGHTING FOR THE UNITED STATES IN VIETNAM' BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL I WAS THERE DOING SOMETHING FOR THE LAND OR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, WHICH AND WHOM I LOVE IN THE SAME WAY THE VIETNAMESE LOVE THEIR LAND AND THEIR PEOPLE (WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM). RATHER I WAS THERE SUPPORTING THE ANNIHILATION OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, WHICH IS A CRIME NO LESS THEN MURDER.

"IT IS TOO BAD THAT I WILL BE LABELED WITH SOME KIND OF "-IST" PRONOUN AND CATEGORIZED WITH AN "-ISM" FOR MY BELIEFS. I CLAIM NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION AND DO NOT WANT TO BE CLASSIFIED IN ANYWAY EXCEPT AS BEING AN AMERICAN WHO REFUSES TO SUPPORT MASS MILITARY SLAUGHTER.

"MICHAEL ANTHONY LINDNER

"NOV. 1, 1967, TOKYO"

6. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY ANDERSON:

"PERSONAL STATEMENT BY CRAIG WILLIAM ANDERSON

"MY NAME IS CRAIG WILLIAM ANDERSON, I WAS BORN IN SAN JOSE, CALIF. I AM 20 YEARS OLD AND HAVE ONE BROTHER NOW ATTENDING HIGHT SCHOOL. I WAS RAISED IN AN AVERAGE MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY. I RECEIVED MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND ATTENDED ONE YEAR OF COLLEGE AT WEST VALLEY JR. COLLEGE, / *CONCENTRATING MY STUDIES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT*, I HAVE INTENDED TO BECOME A POLICEMAN OR WORK IN SOME CAPACITY WITHIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FRAMEWORKS. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE 1ST YEAR, I DROPPED OUT INTENDING TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

"BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSCRIPTION PUT UNDUE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE

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UPON ANY PLANS WHICH I FORMULATED. IN DECEMBER OF 1965, I JOINED THE U.S. NAVAL AIR RESERVES FOR A SIX YEAR ENLISTMENT, TWO YEARS TO BE SPENT ON ACTIVE DUTY AND FOUR YEARS ON RESERVE STATUS. MY ACTIVE DUTY WAS NOT TO START UNTIL JUNE OF 1967. DURING MY FIRST SIX MONTHS OF ENLISTMENT, I ATTENDED ONLY ONE RESERVE MEETING AND THIS TIME CONTACTED A CIVILIAN PSYCHOLOGIST, DISCUSSING WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCHARGE. MY MORAL AND PHILISOPHICAL BELIEFS PUT ME IN CONSTANT MENTAL DOUBTS.

"AT THIS TIME, THE PSYCHOLOGIST CONTACTED THE NAVY, PRESENTING THEM WITH HIS INTERPRETATION THAT DUE TO MY PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM MY DUTIES EFFECTIVELY. THE NAVY DID NOT

REPLY IN ANY WAY TO HIS LETTER. IN MAY OF 1966 I BEGAN TO RECEIVE NOTICES TO APPEAR FOR 45 DAYS' IMMEDIATE ACTIVE DUTY, AND IN JULY I APPEARED AT ALAMEDA NAS AND WAS ASKED BY AN OFFICER TO PUT THE MILITARY UNIFORM ON. WHEREUPON I REFUSED AND WAS PLACED ON REPORT FOR DIRECT DISOBEDIENCE TO A SUPERIOR OFFICER. I WAS REPRIMANDED BY A CAPTAIN AND ASSENTED TO PUT ON MY UNIFORM AND BE INTERVIEWED BY A NAVAL PSYCHIATRIST AT OAK NOLL NAVAL HOSPITAL. IN THE INTERVIEW I STATED MY BELIEFS AND THE NAVAL PSYCHIATRIST'S OPINION AGREED WITH THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S AND I WAS RECOMMENDED FOR AN ADMINISTRATION DISCHARGE IN JULY OF 1966.

"AT THIS POINT THE INCOHERENCY OF THE MILITARY AND BACKWARDNESS OF OUR PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY SHINED GLORIOUSLY THROUGH. THE CAPTAIN OVERULED THE OPINION OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER, AND WHILE I WAS LED TO BELIEVE I WOULD BE DISCHARGED, MY ORDERS WERE BEING PROCESSED FOR BASIC TRAINING

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DUE WITHIN 24 HOURS, I WOULD BE DECLARED A DESERTER. I ENLISTED BASIC TRAINING ON JULY 15, 1966 AND ON OCT. 23, 1967 I DESERTED THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WITH A CLEAR DISCIPLINARY RECORD FOR THE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS I SERVED.

"WHILE I WAS DEPLOYED ABOARD THE USS INTREPID, I SAW TONS AND TONS OF BOMBS BEING LOADED AND JET AFTER JET LAUNCHED. THE U.S. MILITARY MACHINE IS RAPIDLY TEARING DOWN THE FREEDOMS GUARANTEED US AS AMERICAN WE MUST BY NON-VIOLENCE MOVEMENTS AFFECT CHANGES IN THIS MONSTROUS

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STRUCTURE. IF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY, THEN THE PEOPLE MUST REACT. I APPEAL TO THE YOUTH OF AMERICA AS A FELLOW YOUNG AMERICAN TO STOP THE WAR MACHINE. I WAS AND STILL AM AWARE THAT IF I WOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE MILITARY SERVICE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED WITHIN EIGHT MONTHS, AND NOW I FACE A LONG PRISON SENTENCE. THIS HAS LITTLE MEANING IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER EXCALTATION INTO A WORLD WAR. IF WE ARE TO ATTAIN PEACE, WE AS INDIVIDUALS MUST ALL ACT NOW.

"CRAIG WILLIAM ANDERSON

"NOV. 1, 1967, TOKYO"

7. DURING THE RECORDED INTERVIEW AND UNIDENTIFIED MAN DESCRIBED THE TYPES OF BOMBS USED ABOARD SHIP AS 250 TO 1,000 LBS AND NOTED THAT BOMBS WITH THIN CASINGS CONTAINING HUNDREDS OF SMALL FRAGMENTATION BOMBS WERE ALSO USED. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD SHIP HE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY ABOARD BUT STATED THEY HAD DUMMY DRILLS IN A SECLUDED PART OF THE HANGAR DECK GUARDED BY MARINES.

8. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THIS COMMAND: USS INTREPID VISITED YOKOSUKA FROM 17 TO 25 OCT. USS INTREPID ADVISED NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN YOKOSUKA BY SPEED LTR DTD 24 OCT THAT FOUR MEN WERE UA AS OF 2300001 OCT. THEY ARE:

- AA MICHAEL A. LINDDNER, USN, B417790, AGE 19
- AN JOHN M. BORRILLA, USN, B206523, GE 20
- AN RICHARD D. BAILEY, USN, B305154, AGE 19
- AA CRAIG W. ANDERSON, USN, B887517, AGE 20

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A. YOUR 132045Z NOV 67

1. UNODIR CINCPACFLT OR HIGHER AUTHORITY FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED REF A:
A. STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN REPLY TO QUERY:
" THE FOUR U.S. NAVY AIRMEN IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN ON UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM THE USS INTREPID SINCE 2400 ON 23 OCTOBER 1967, AND MISSED SAILING OF THE INTREPID FROM YOKOSUKA ON 26 OCTOBER 1967. IAW STANDARD NAVY PROCEDURE IN CASES OF THIS TYPE, THEIR RECORDS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO COMFLEACTS YOKOSUKA PRIOR TO INTREPID GETTING UNDERWAY. AT THE TIME THESE MEN BECAME UNAUTHORIZED ABSENTEES, THEIR INTENTIONS WERE UNKNOWN. IF AND WHEN THESE MEN ARE RETURNED TO U.S. NAVY JURISDICTION THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO SUCH DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS MAY BE FOUND WARRANTED BY PROPER INVESTIGATING PROCEDURES UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE."
B. CONSIDER THAT NO RPT NO STATEMENT SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR BEHAVIOR OR PERSONAL TRAITS; I.E., SUCH AS SUSPECTED USE OF DRUGS, "HIPPIE ORIENTED", ETC. IF SPECIFICALLY QUERIED CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO STATE

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LONG THESE MEN HAVE SERVED ABOARD INTREPID AND IN WHAT
CAPACITY. DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECULATION CONCERNING
POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR HAVING BEEN IN A POSITION TO SABOTAGE
ANY OPERATIONS OF THE SHIP OR EMBARKED AIRCREWS.
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1. DEVELOPMENT AND CURRENT STATUS THIS INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS:
FOUR MEN FAILED SHOW UP ABOARD INTERPID AT MIDNIGHT 22 OCT.
SHIP DEPARTED 25 OCT. NAVY AUTHORITIES YOKOSUKA,
HANDLING IN NORMAL MANNER, MADE FIRST ROUTINE NOTIFICATION TO
LOCAL POLICE THAT THE FOUR WERE AWOL ON NOG. 2. WHEN
BEHE IREN PRESS CONFERENCE ANGLE BROKE AFTERNOON 13 NOG.,
NAVY AFTER CONSULTATION EMBASSY MADE SPECIFIC REQUEST TO
METROPOLITAN POLICE FOR ASSISTANCE APPREHEND MEN. THIS
REQUEST MADE EVENING 13 NOG. EMBASSY DISCUSSED CASE
WITH FONOFF THAT EVENING AND ON 14 NOG. EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN MATTER TO ACTING CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS
BUREAU, ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE POLICE WOULD BE ABLE LOCATE MEN.
NO RPT NO INFO AS YET THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

2. MORNING PRESS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE WITH ADDITIONAL
ARTICLES AND PIX INSIDE. ASAHI HEADLINE SUGGESTS FOUR MAY
HAVE ALREADY MADE IT TO THIRD COUNTRY. ONLY ONE PAPER SO
FAR MENTIONS CONNECTION YOUNG WITH INCIDENT.

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