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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: "First Tuesday in December" Program, 1 Dec 1970,  
synopsis of

1. The program "First Tuesday in December" produced by NBC News was aired between 2100 and 2300 on 1 December 1970 on WRC TV, Washington, D.C. The segment of the program between approximately 2155 and 2250 dealt with the subject of "Military Intelligence." Sander VANOCUR was the moderator and Tom PETTIT of NBC News appeared as the reporter.
2. The major thrust of the segment on "Military Intelligence" was an expose of the role of military intelligence agencies in "spying on civilians." The program included interviews of, and comments by, several alleged former members of Army Intelligence as well as interviews of several government officials who had been involved in coordination with components of military intelligence in connection with civil disturbances and protest demonstrations. The tenor of the program implied a threat of one's right of free speech because "Military Intelligence," particularly Army Intelligence, was collecting and compiling information on civilian personnel and some high government officials who engaged in dissent.
3. One portion of the program showed an "ordinary appearing office building in Alexandria, Va." which was reported as housing the Counterintelligence Analysis Division (CIAD) of Army Intelligence and its Top Secret microfilm files regarding dissident individuals. Although not mentioned in the program, this building was recognized to be the Hoffman Building which, in fact, houses CIAD as well as the NAVINVSERVHQ and elements of NAVINTCOM.
4. The only other portion of the program which had any relation to Naval Intelligence was an interview of Mr. Seymour GELBER, Security Coordinator, Miami Police Department. GELBER commented regarding security precautions during the

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Republican National Convention which was held in Miami Beach, Florida. During an interview he stated, "Army Intelligence and Navy Intelligence were involved in taking still shots and then going downstairs and having another team examining each one of these still shots to determine if any suspicious individuals whom they could recognize were present." He further stated, "Army Intelligence as well as Navy Intelligence had rather complete files on people who might be trouble prone and they also had contact with Washington and other parts of the country where they could get immediate information on any of these individuals should a ship be moved into the port area concerning the security precautions during this convention also indicated that a ship was moved into the area to house security personnel and what appeared to be a U.S. Navy APA was shown. Mr. GELBER indicated that approximately 100 personnel were housed on this ship. He also indicated that helicopters of the USMC were kept circling the convention site to evacuate individuals should an emergency arise.

5. Six individuals who claimed to be former members of Army Intelligence and one individual who was described as a former member of the Army Security Agency were interviewed or commented during the program. These individuals were identified or described as follows:

a. Paul DICKERSON - described as a member of the 116th MI Group, Washington, D.C. until June 1970. He outlined liaison duties with the Metropolitan Police in Washington during the violence which followed the assassination of Martin Luther KING. He also commented regarding the 116th MI Group coverage of the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) activities at Resurrection City.

b. An unidentified individual was shown in a shadow silhouette only and apparently had a moustache and beard. He indicated that he attended a press conference of the

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE which was held in Washington using a press card in the name of Frances T. NAUGHTON of the Richmond Times Dispatch which had been given to him by Army Intelligence. He also commented regarding Army Intelligence coverage of the PCC.

c. An unidentified individual who was shown in a shadow silhouette only claimed to have been a Special Agent assigned to Army Intelligence in Atlanta, Ga. He commented regarding that group's coverage of the Martin Luther KING funeral and the PPC mule train in Georgia.

d. Oliver PIERCE - described as a former Special Agent of Army Intelligence at Fort Carson, Colo. He commented regarding his former duties as liaison with local agencies, including the FBI and Army coverage of October 1968 Moratorium activities at Colorado College.

e. Ron WEBER - described as a former member of the "ultra secret" Army Security Agency. He commented regarding Army's surveillance equipment. In regarding the coverage at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Ill., WEBER commented about a "telephone conversation which had been monitored...from McCARTHY headquarters in the Hilton Hotel to, as they always put it in briefings, a known left wing organization." During the program the moderator, Sander VANOCUR, pointed out that WEBER had deserted from the Army and was interviewed in Toronto, Canada. However, VANOCUR claimed that WEBER's comments had been verified by another individual who had received an honorable discharge from the Army.

f. David JOHNSON was described as a former Special Agent of Army Intelligence in Washington, D.C. He indicated that he had been assigned to infiltrate the STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE and described his method for doing so. He also alleged that he had been told he could supply marijuana and alcohol to the dissidents in order to maintain his cover.

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6. The pertinent segment of the program ended with a comment allegedly made by a officer in Vietnam - "We had to destroy the town to seve it." It was apparent that this comment was meant to signify the potential threat to freedom of dissent because of the activities of "Military Intelligence."

7. COMMENT: Although the pertinent section of the program contained only limited remarks or information regarding NAVINVSERV/NAVINTCOM, it will undoubtedly impact on the entire military Intelligence Community, particularly in view of the fact that Senator Sam ERWIN's committee has not concluded its proceedings.

7. This information is classified as CONFIDENTIAL and should be controlled as such. All information should be controlled as such.

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