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TO BRANCH ORGANIZERS AND ANTIWAR DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

At a joint steering committee held in Washington, D.C., NPAC and SMC put out a call for demonstrations on the occasion of Thieu's visit to the U.S. It has now been announced that Thieu will arrive in San Clemente (the Western White House) April 2-3 and visit Washington, D.C., April 4-6. NPAC and SMC will be organizing a demonstration in San Clemente for the weekend before the visit and one in Washington, D.C., on one of the days Thieu will be there. In addition NPAC and SMC have made a national call for local demonstrations in major cities during Thieu's visit, April 2-6.

These demonstrations will provide an important focus for NPAC and SMC. The attendance of over 200 people at the February 24 White House picket line and national steering committee meeting, indicate that there are a number of activists who recognize that the signing of the accords does not mean an end to U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. The demonstrations around Thieu's visit will provide an opportunity to involve these forces and reach out to others. Given the widespread sentiment against Thieu it should be possible to involve organizations and individuals, in protest actions, who are not in the immediate periphery of NPAC or SMC. Every effort should be made to get the widest possible sponsorship and endorsement for the demonstrations. Special emphasis should be placed on attempting to get PCPJ affiliates to come into the action. In addition many of the pacifist groups who have already laid plans to protest around the prisoners being held by the Thieu regime, should be receptive to the call for actions.

The call for actions should give added impetus to the dissemination of educational materials about the continued U.S. presence in Southeast Asia. NPAC and SMC have an important role to play in getting out the facts on such things as Thieu's treatment of the prisoners in the South, the repression of civil liberties and the virtual terror campaign of the Thieu regime, the plans for U.S. civilian advisors in Vietnam, the role of the U.S. in Cambodia and Laos, etc.

NPAC and SMC will want to call meetings to plan for the demonstrations as rapidly as possible. In addition there will be increased opportunities to get media coverage and raise funds around the actions.

Comradely,

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