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TO: Director
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Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

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FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: U.S. Citizens Involved in International War Crimes Tribunal

1. Your attention is drawn to [redacted]
Subject: Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

2. In the past six months this Agency has monitored closely the preparations for mounting the International War Crimes Tribunal and has reached the following tentative conclusions:

A. The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, while inspiring the establishment of the Tribunal and facilitating its organizational activities, is no longer in absolute control of this enterprise.

B. The appointed members of the Tribunal, most of whom have a long record as fellow travelers of orthodox communist front groups, are of varying opinions as to their involvement in the Russell Foundation venture and on specific occasions have manifested the Tribunal's independence of the Russell Foundation and their resentment of the role played by Ralph Schoenman in the Tribunal's organization.

C. The international communist movement, particularly those orthodox parties and front groups responsive to Moscow, has quietly declined to support the initiative of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation out of political, pragmatic, and ideological considerations but has fallen short of denouncing the anti-American propaganda effort. Instead, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) has undertaken an initiative in investigating U.S. "war crimes" in Vietnam.

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D. The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation is effectively under the control of elements owing their allegiance to the Fourth International.

3. The role of elements of the Fourth International in the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, and the Fourth International's involvement in the International War Crimes Tribunal, have been strengthened by the presence of Deirdre GRISWOLD (BUREAU # 100-398432) at the headquarters of the Russell Foundation since early January of this year. Also closely involved in Russell Foundation work is Ernest Armstrong TATE, prominent Canadian Trotskyist and a member of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International.

4. A number of U.S. citizens have become involved in the planning for or the operations of the International War Crimes Tribunal through the intermediary of the Russell Foundation. A review of Agency files (which include numerous materials from the Bureau) establishes a pattern of association between most of these persons and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and/or the Workers-World Party (WWP) in this country. Most prominent among these persons are:

5. One implication of the foregoing is that the Trotskyist movement in this country may be in close communication with and supplying significant support to the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

6. We would very much appreciate receiving any information which your Agency possesses which might shed further light on the relationship between the SWP and the WWP and the Russell Peace Foundation and particularly the channels by which such American Trotskyite elements support the latter.