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August 29, 1971

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Dear Friends:

At this moment South Vietnam Student Union President Huynh Tan Nam and twenty others are on trial for their lives, sitting before the illegal Mobile Military Field Courts of Bien and Ku. These student leaders have been indicted for "treason" and "rebellion." In the past, they have denounced the Saigon regime's repressive and dictatorial actions and the United States government's alliance with Saigon to systematically induce terror and genocide against the populace, and to devastate the land and its resources.

In May of this year, following the American Spring Offensive against the war in Vietnam, David Tishin, then President of the United States National Student Association, was invited by Pierre Seize, President of the French Student Union (USF) to meet with European student leaders. From the meeting, the first of its kind between American and European student representatives for many years, emerged the concept for a larger gathering of student leaders. This projected meeting was to discuss the issue of the repression of the student union in the hands of the Saigon dictatorship. It was also agreed that the discussion should not only concern itself with the issue of Vietnam and the repression of students, but that it should encompass the broader issue of undertaking internationally co-ordinated student actions for the withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina.

Huynh Tan Nam was consulted on the idea and on August 14, in a communique to the 24th annual United States National Student Conference, he announced his support for USA's efforts in organizing an International Student Conference on behalf of the South Vietnamese student struggle and the general struggle of our people for peace and justice.

On August 27, the Congress adopted a resolution calling for the International Conference. In attendance at the Congress was Rick ...

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From [illegible] London and J. C. [illegible] from UNEF of France.
Both representatives supported the concept of an international student
union conference.

The resolution declared that the conference be held in Washington
on October 15, the date on which a nation-wide student demonstration
against the war is to convene. The association also suggested that
one of the discussions to be undertaken would be of the possibility of
co-ordinating student actions around a single date, preferably in the
beginning of November. This is the time of the massive anti-war demon-
strations planned throughout the United States.

We believe that the Detroit seminar is vital in assuring that
European student unions play an important role in this conference. To
this end we have asked Mr. [illegible] to attend this seminar.

I wish you much success in this seminar and hope to be able to
continue to communicate with your unions.

In solidarity,
George Johnson
George Johnson, President
United States National
Student Association

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