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To: SRC Presidents
National Executive
International Officers

Dear Sir/Madam

In accordance with resolution 265/67 I am bringing the following article on the allegations of CIA interference in the International Student Conference (ISC). The article appeared in News Student the official organ of the National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This is a bad day for the International Student Conference. It is an even worse day for the American students - the National Students' Association. And it is perhaps the bitter end for some of the American student officers that have held office in the I.S.C. The report on the relationship of the C.I.A. and the I.S.C. is out and it makes it quite clear that their secret service has channelled money into the I.S.C. under disguise of "charitable institutions" and they, the American officers, knew it.

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But a great deal has been salvaged from the wreck. The report shows that there is no evidence of C.I.A. influence on the policy of the I.S.C. and that the money was handed over without strings. It also dismisses the allegations that I.S.C. officials were used as C.I.A. agents. It finds nothing to uphold the allegations contained in the "Vienna documents" which tried to implicate the British Secret Service.

The commission was set up some months ago to investigate allegations that the I.S.C. had been receiving money from "charitable organisations" which were in fact C.I.A. fronts. This was prompted by the allegations which were admitted to be true by the N.S.A. leaders that the N.S.A. received C.I.A. money through these organisations. The Commission set up to discover whether any officials knew of this and failed to speak up and whether their integrity - and the integrity of the whole I.S.C. - was compromised by this disguised subsidy from the C.I.A.

The findings of the report are these:

"CHARITABLE"

For many years the I.S.C. received between 70% and 90% of its funds from "charitable organisations" in America which, according to the American students' recent admission, were C.I.A. fronts. Independent evidence does not prove that these organisations are C.I.A. dummies, but there are strong suspicions that they are. Some of the American officials of the I.S.C. have known this fact, but non-American officials have been entirely in the dark.

