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SUBJECT: Contact between the United States National Student Association (NSA) and [redacted]

1. [redacted] has reported that a meeting of the Federation of Costa Rican University students (FEUCR) was held in [redacted] on [redacted] 1969. Marco Vinicio TRISTAN ORLICH, president of the FEUCR, chaired the meeting. TRISTAN informed the FEUCR that he had received an urgent letter from the United States National Student Association (NSA), signed by Charles Palmer, president of the NSA, which requested that the FEUCR cable the NSA on 13 November a strong statement against the continued involvement of the United States in the Vietnam war. TRISTAN said that the letter also requested that the FEUCR send by mail any statements they had made in the past regarding United States involvement in the Vietnam war and copies of statements they had made in 1968 and 1969 against the United States participation in the war.

COMMENTS:

a. During the Eleventh Congress of the FEUCR in March 1969, one of the resolutions passed was a censure of the United States for the presence of its military forces in Vietnam and its refusal to withdraw its forces from Vietnam.

b. The NSA has not yet taken an official position on the November Moratorium, although many individual members have expressed themselves in support of it. This is the first direct indication of NSA specifically soliciting support for the Moratorium from a foreign organization.

c. Charles F. PALMER was elected the president of the NSA during its National Convention in August 1969 in El Paso, Texas. PALMER is a former student body president from the University of California at Berkeley and was involved with the People's Park demonstrations in Berkeley in the spring of 1969.

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