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3. Following is the text of the letter from the NSA:

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Fellow Students,

"The broadly-based movement to secure an end to the war in Vietnam through the immediate withdrawal of American and other non-Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam continues to gain adherents throughout the United States.

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"While not limited to student efforts, the movement to end American involvement in Vietnam was begun on college and university campuses in this country. It was appropriate then, that on 15 October, 1969, with the vast majority of the American people now repeat now opposing a United States role in the Vietnam war, that massive, peaceful demonstrations - the largest in our history - were held at virtually every college and university in the United States. The large turnout of Americans of all ages and the sombre, peaceful repeat peaceful character of the protest served to persuade numbers of "uncommitted" repeat "uncommitted" Americans that the cause of peace is in fact just repeat just.

"The public response of US Government officials to the demonstrations has been guarded, but there are hints that some movement toward a ceasefire and/or withdrawal may be eminent. Further notice to this effect may be served in President Nixon's speech on the night of 3 November.

"It is now apparent that continuing non-violent protest meetings and marches will be necessary to further peacefully persuade our Government to adopt a policy of immediate disengagement in Vietnam. To that end, I have personally endorsed the Mobilization Day protest marches scheduled on 15 November 1969, for Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, California.

"I would earnestly urge, as the president of the largest national union of students in the United States, that our constituent student and youth groups, together with all other persons of good will, consider participation in similar discussions and other activities that will enable them to peacefully manifest their own concern with US and Allied intervention in Vietnam. I urge that such manifestations be peaceful, democratically organized and open to friend and foe alike. It is in this manner, I believe, that human understanding can best be realized, and an impact on the larger, more passive segments of our respective societies then be achieved.

"Please let me know as soon as possible your feeling and tentatively your plan in this regard.

"I also earnestly solicit from your organizations a statement of opinion on our position in support of the 15 November Mobilization Day marches. Such statements, if supportive, would be most effective if in our hand before 12M-EST of 8 November 1969. Our telephone number is 202/387-5100. Our address is NSA 2115 "S" St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. Our cable address is: NATSTUD-Washington, D.C., USA. We are equipped with domestic telefax and international telefax receiving capabilities. Please use them or write immediately. Time is of the essence, if your support is to be publicized prior to 15 November 1969.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours in Efforts for peace,
Charles Palmer
President, U.S.N.S.A." UNITED STATES NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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