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CHARLES DAVID REAM, aka
Chuck Ream

subject appears to be no longer
actively engaged in functions on behalf of SDS, but rather

B. Citizenship

CHARLES DAVID REAM is a United States citizen having been born November 19, 1946, at Three Rivers, Michigan.

C. Education

REAM graduated summa cum laude from Western Michigan University (WMU), in August, 1969, receiving a B.A. degree.

REAM had been admitted to the University of Michigan (U of M), Ann Arbor, Michigan, to do graduate work beginning in the fall of 1969.

D. Marital Status

REAM is single and is not known to have ever been married.

E. Military Service

REAM has never served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

F. Identification Record

By communication dated June 20, 1969, the Identification Division of the FBI advised its records show REAM was arrested March 30, 1969, by the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Police for profanity. No other arrests were included in the record and no FBI number was assigned to REAM.

G. Employment

REAM has no known employment and has been a student up to the present time.

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H. Residence

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I. Status of Health

REAM appears to be in good health and is not known to suffer from any physical disorders.

J. Specialized Knowledge of Weapons

REAM is not known to have any advanced knowledge of weapons or explosives, however, as hereinafter reported, he has stated he approves of and would employ violence to change the United States power structure

K. Automobile Utilized by Subject

April 12, 1969, REAM drives a dark blue 1969 Ford Falcon station wagon bearing 1969 Michigan license BP3819.

The records of the Michigan Department of State, Lansing, Michigan, show 1969 Michigan license BP3819 is registered to the Ford Motor Company, The American Road, Dearborn, Michigan, for a 1969 Ford.

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A characterization of the SDS is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On February 1, 1969, REAM had ceased attending weekly meetings of the SDS at WMU since November 5, 1968. on January 31, 1969, an SDS Regional Conference was held in Room 159 of the Student Center at WMU and attended by 35 persons. REAM was one of those in attendance.

A Special Agent of the FBI listened to a broadcast of radio station WKZO, Kalamazoo, Michigan, of the Kalamazoo City Commission. At that meeting an individual who identified himself as CHARLES REAM read an SDS statement.

The SDS supported the Kalamazoo City Firemen in their request for increased wages and a resumption of contract negotiations with the City of Kalamazoo.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Anarchist Activity

On October 29, 1968, an organization named "Western Activist" had been chartered at WMU as an officially recognized student organization. The purpose or obligations of the organization, as set forth on the charter petition presented by the organizers to the WMU administration, is as follows:

"The Western Activist will exist to provide a student-run news media on the campus of Western Michigan University free of administrative control over the content of that news media".

The name CHARLES REAM appears on the charter petition as one of 12 organizing members of the Western Activist and his signature appears following the typed name.

The Western Activist published a bi-monthly newspaper also entitled the "Western Activist", however the last issue of that paper was published in February, 1969. This paper was sold in the WMU Student Center and in Sangren Hall, WMU. The masthead of the "Western Activist" states that it is a member of the Underground Press Syndicate and the Liberation News Service. The name CHARLES REAM is listed as one of the general staff of the paper.

The January 30, 1969 issue of the "Western Activist" contains an article on page 3 entitled "NIXON'S IN-HOURATION by Chuck Ream". The article described REAM's trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the inauguration of President RICHARD M. NIXON on January 20, 1969. It stated that on Friday morning, January 17, 1969, REAM went over to the National Mobilization Committee and met Mobilization Coordinator RENNIE DAVIS and was driven by DAVIS to the Washington Monument grounds to help put up the huge tent which would house the anti-inaugural ball. The following is a verbatim excerpt from the article:

"The Kalamazoo contingent, consisting of Chuck Ream and Richard Gibson, started out for the Capitol in style late Thursday evening. We had a new Falcon station wagon with a mattress in the back, a helmet for clubs, a gas mask for gas, and vaseline for mace. Chicago had at least taught us something about survival. This time, though, not being content merely to survive, we had our signs tacked to two four-foot long two by twos. They figure significantly in the following story."

REAM told of participating in the march on Sunday, after which he went with thousands of others to the New Smithsonian Institute where the reception for Vice President SPIRO AGNEW was held. The following is a verbatim excerpt relative to activities outside the reception:

"The police did their clearing mainly with horses. We were pushed back into a park. There were lots of trees to climb in and sod under our feet. It started to get dark. Police charged the crowd once or twice and beat a few people and made arrests. A few in the crowd fought back. The Kalamazoo contingent made four direct hits, two with clods of sod, one with (get this) a three inch thick 1969 Readers Digest Almanac and one with the pole that had so recently borne a sign. It unerringly found its mark--the back of a cops head. As new cops came through the crowd on their motorcycles, I bellowed 'Pigs eat s---' into each ones ear. A guy behind me said 'shy don't you organize if you're going to go around yelling pigs eat s---'. I was nearly ready

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to tell him to eat some s--- until I recognized Mark Rudd under a battered brown hat and long wooly scarf. I guess he has earned his right to say what he pleases."

The above excerpt has been altered to omit the same obscene word in three places.

REAM told of attending the "Anti-Inaugural Ball" that Sunday night in the tent and wrote that many persons in attendance were smoking marijuana. He wrote, "Everybody who wanted some dope must have had at least a number of tokes and some people got pretty high".

The following is another verbatim excerpt from that article:

"Now it was Monday, Nixon's turn for a parade. We got up to another big breakfast and said good-bye to our new friends in Maryland. Our signs had been broken in Sunday's fighting but we still had the sticks. We stopped, bought some cloth and made flags. When we arrived we joined the militants and charged Pennsylvania Avenue but were stopped by cops.

REAM then told of watching the inaugural parade and of shouting obscenities at cabinet members and their wives.

The March 25, 1969, issue of the "Kalamazoo Gazette", a Kalamazoo daily newspaper of general circulation, contained an article on page 27 which stated that a "group of loosely organized students" presented a list of eight "demands" to WMU President JAMES W. MILLER during the regularly scheduled President's Conference with students on the afternoon of March 24, 1969.

Set forth below are excerpts from that article"

"The demands included:

"1) No action on a tuition hike until a mutually agreed upon fact-finding commission reviews and reports on WMU financial records and the results are made public to the student body.

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"2) Elimination of all disciplinary boards, bodies and rules which seek to regulate the non-academic lives of students.

"3) Elimination of all parking regulations.

"4) Equal access to university facilities for all student organizations.

"5) Abolition of student housing regulations.

"6) The dropping of all non-academic disciplinary action presently enforced against any student.

"7) Voluntary participation in general studies and physical education courses.

"8) Students be given a meaningful voice and be part of the decision-making process in all academic affairs."

The article further states, "Chuck Ream, President of the local SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) chapter, asked, 'Are students going to be treated as people?'" It also stated that "Ream, who told the students at the conference that 'We should do everything that we can do to get these rights', told Miller, 'You'll be upset when your campus blows, but it'll blow because you're going at your own pace.'"

The March 26, 1969, issue of the "Kalamazoo Gazette" contained an article on page 29 stating that Chuck Ream, a WMU senior from Three Rivers, Michigan, was incorrectly identified as president of the local SDS chapter in the March 25th edition. It stated that Ream had said thereafter that he was not connected with the organization.

The April 8, 1969, edition of the "Kalamazoo Gazette" contained an article on page 6 authored by Charles Ream. Set forth below are excerpts from that article:

"I will attempt to reply to the Gazette editorial of April 5 entitled 'Loss of Control Inherent Demonstration Danger'. Your initial premise seems to be that (1) there were 'leaders' and (2) that these leaders 'lost control'. Many people worked very hard to build the