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In Vietnam there is a country full of little people running around trying to repel ~~the threat~~ from their soil the third invading foreign power in thirty years - Japan, France and now the U.S. The U.S. has ~~all~~ billions of dollars to spend to kill these little farmers and its ~~eff~~ methods of doing so become daily more sophisticated. The jungle in Vietnam is very dense and the tops of the trees grow together. This means that people on the ground can't be seen and therefore inhibits the efficient implementation of further genocide. To solve this problem the University of Michigan was given lots of money to discover a solution. What eventually emerged is a heat sensing mechanism. Hanging by ropes from reconnaissance helicopters these devices can find people on the forest floor - exactly where they are and how many. Then they can be killed.

Now Jump to another Continent. My parents live in Latin America. Any book can tell you how the common people live in those countries. They starve a lot and get sick a lot and die a lot. My travels have been mainly in Argentina and Uruguay - possibly the two richest countries on the continent. Just looking at the country from the main roads is enough to make anyone with a conscience want to cry.... or fight!

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An Example:

I was once driving from Montevideo to Punta del Este - a beach resort. Outside Montevideo (as outside all Latin American cities) are what is called Miserable Villages - I forget what they are in Spanish. Shanties ~~stretch~~ stretch on for miles, back to back touching each other - ~~showing a common wall~~. Kids wear rags, they ~~kick~~ kick and old ball around in the dirt, many are sick and the soot runs from their ~~eyes~~ noses, is dirtied by the dirt, and eventually licked away. Women stand in long lines by the ~~poor~~ pumps that cough up the water for their homes. Bent arthritic old women continually sweep postage stamp front porches. ~~Some~~ A few hedges might have an electric light, in many villages there is no electricity at all. The men go away to their jobs and work for pennies - if they have work at all.

The car finally pulls away from the last of the "miserable villages." In another two we are at our resort and check in at the San Raphael Hotel. Everything is plush. Employees & servants outnumber guests. After a huge ~~and~~ six course meal we go down to the casino. It's too expensive to play so I watch for awhile. At the card table the stakes are really high. A young man about twenty-seven plays heavily, sucks on his drink and, steering his bleached blond whore-in-mink beside him wanders over to the wheel. He plunks down the equivalent of forty dollars on a double number and - get this - turns his back on the game before the wheel even stops spinning. How many meals of food could that forty dollars have bought for a family exhausted from starvation. How many lives would have been saved by the medicine it could have purchased.

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Remember this is a rich country. There are good "miserable villages." In Bolivia the people are even poorer. The government is a military dictatorship, fully supported, of course, by the United States.

Ché Guevara came to Bolivia from the safety of his high position in the government of post-revolutionary Cuba. He came to organize the Bolivian

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...at living in squalor unparalleled even in Latin America
...ought The Barrientos regime, the United States and
...at them, in a somewhat pathetic attempt to spark
...Bolivians to fight for their liberation.

Chim was captured alive and later murdered by
...officers. Do you know who was responsible
...his murder? It was the same country that reveres
...me liberty a que ma death"; The same country
...Declaration of Independence which encourages
...revolution in the face of oppression. American Green Berets
...and traveled with an elite Bolivian
...whose job it was to destroy Che's forces.
...talked meadiany about the continual buzzing
...of helicopters. Simply link up the information
...from the helicopters with the american trained ground
...forces and you figure the destruction of the guerrillas and
...the perpetuation of dictatorship for years to come. All starting
...with our dear professors at the University of Michigan

Now back to you Mr Bentz, your monumental pile of
shit. You ask me why I want to blow you up? There
you sit in your plastic office, shaven and short
haired, smelling of old spice, a man whose function
is to dispense the boundless gifts bestowed by
our benevolent state. And where do these gifts lead?
They enable students to be trained more than
thoroughly than ever to fill a slot in the system -
the system that seeks out and destroys that
terrified short-eyed Vietnamese hiding under his tree -
the system that, whether calculatedly or not, works to insure
that the son of that snotted Uruguayan kid will
also wear rags.

Peace (EXCLUDING YOU)

Charles Riam

P.S. Any cogent, reasoned comments will be appreciated
No bureaucratic babbling please.

Put in Wm U Letter to
Frank
Bentz

The University and the Death of Che

The equipment which George Zissis (head of the Infrared Physics Lab, IST) and his scientists developed measures the temperature radiation of an object. These techniques permit an aircraft flying over an area to photograph the heat produced on the ground below with infrared camera equipment. When experts study these photographs, armed with knowledge about the natural ground radiation, the human body at 98.6 degrees is easily identifiable.

The University's Willow Run Laboratories is the acknowledged center for research into infrared technology as it applies to aerial surveillance. This research was directly responsible for the capture and death of Che Guervara in Bolivia.

This is how it happened. CIA and Pentagon representatives were members of the "Che watch" (people assigned to study intelligence data related to Che Guervara's presence in Bolivia). They apparently knew the guerilla leader was in Bolivia although it is not certain when they learned this. It may have been mere

coincidence that Mark Hurd Aerial Surveys, Inc., of Minneapolis was awarded a contract in 1966 to provide "aerial photographs of approximately 23,500 sq. mi. of Southern Bolivia" (U.S. Department of State, Agency for International Development, Current Technical Services Contracts, June 30, 1966).

The "survey" was to take place during the summer of 1967, using techniques developed by U of M scientists. Coincidence or not, Dean Hanson, a vice-president of the Mark Hurd Aerial Surveys, Inc., told a reporter that: "The firm conducted aerial missions in the Rio Grande Valley area of Bolivia, where guerillas

were known to be active during June-November, 1967" (that is the area where Che was killed in October of that year). Hanson also said that the infrared cameras were used on this mission and that the film was given to AID.

It seems likely that the information on the film was interpreted by the Special Forces "advisors" who were trained by University scientists in Bolivia under CIA and Pentagon directions. Che's course could be easily plotted, his speed, campsites, and even the number of supporters with him could be determined. With this knowledge, it was only necessary for the Special Forces representatives to "advise" the Panama-trained Bolivian troops where to set up their ambushes, and which peasants (those living on or near the guerilla route) to question and bribe. (New Republic, November 9, 1968)

Concerning this and other projects, Willis E. Groves (head of Project Michigan, the largest DoD contract ever given this University—\$25 million) had this to say: "What the Department of Defense does with our work is their business, we just go ahead and develop more technology."

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