

Stanford Research Institute
 55 SRI staff members at the Thai-US Military Research and Development Center in Bangkok since 1962, working with Michigan, Cornell, and RAND teams. SRI's counter-insurgency work includes testing devices which "sniff an enemy's presence", writing ethnographies of "unstable areas", analysing communications requirements to repress "medium-level insurgency" in the northeast, and confidential reports on "communist terrorist camps" in the south. SRI's Thai group has also been testing a magnetometer developed by Varian Associates, a resident of the Stanford Industrial Park, as "a method of detecting quantities of iron of a size comparable to insurgent weapons".

- numerous Vietnam projects include: a study of the cost of alternative bombing routes over North Vietnam; "strategic hamlets", brainchild of Stanford prof and SRI economist Eugene Staley; study of feasibility of building a military port at Cam Ranh Bay; studies of "helicopter vulnerability to ground-fire".
- contracts for the Army Chemical Corps such as "the dissemination of chemical solid and liquid materials" (\$2.5 million) and "investigations of incapacitating chemical materials" (\$1.1 million) which have contributed to defoliation and crop destruction in Vietnam and well as to the CS (stronger than CN) tear gas.
- long-range studies of SE Asian investment opportunities for US corps (see Stanford trustees)
- sponsor of recent business conferences in Sydney, Jakarta, and Singapore.

Stanford professors

- Professors on war-based corporations' boards: Allen Peterson, Electrical Engineering prof, sits on the board of Granger Associates, which makes electronic communications equipment for the F-111 and KC-135, which refuels the F-105. William Rambo, EE prof, is a director of Applied Technology Inc., which makes reconnaissance and surveillance systems for the F-100, F-105, and the B-52's which bomb and strafe South Vietnam with ease and the North with somewhat more difficulty. Howard Seifert, Aeronautics and Astronautics prof, was a manager of the Physical Sciences Lab of United Technology, which made napalm in Redwood City from 1966-67.
- professors on government boards: along with EE prof James Angeli, Dr. Rambo serves on the advisory board of the Army Electronics Command; Dr. Peterson is an IDA consultant; Robert Cannon, AA prof, took a leave of absence last year to take on the post of Chief Scientist of the US Air Force.
- Rambo and his associates have done classified work for the Air Force and the CIA in the Stanford Electronics Labs. Directed toward military communications, this work enables the Pentagon to keep in close touch with its world-straddling outposts.

Gibson presides at Asia meeting

A News Release from SRI
 Menlo Park, Calif.—Dr. Weldon B. Gibson, Executive Vice President of Stanford Research Institute and Managing Director of SRI-International, will preside at the January 29 organizational meeting of a newly-formed Southeast Asia Business Committee in Singapore.

This Committee will be composed of 35 senior business executives from Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, with invited observers from the U.S., Japan and Australia.

Organized by SRI entirely under private auspices, the Committee will act as the voice of private business on regional economic planning matters in Southeast Asia. The Committee will recommend a program to the governments concerned and will work in various ways to encourage the growth of private business in Southeast Asia. Representatives of various governments will be invited to meet with the Committee at the first regular meeting scheduled May 13-15 in Singapore.

Dr. Gibson left Friday (Jan. 19), planning to stop by Manila to discuss the new Committee and its work with Philippines President Marcos. While in Singapore, Dr. Gibson will also hold similar discussions with Prime Minister Lee.

During his two-week trip, Dr. Gibson will also visit Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Djakarta and Sydney for meetings with government and business leaders to discuss the program of the Southeast Asia Business Committee. In Auckland, on February 1, he will deliver an address at the New Zealand Resources Development Conference.

This new Southeast Asia initiative is part of SRI-International's continuing efforts to stimulate economic development and world trade through the combined efforts of private businessmen and government officials.

"We have been pioneers in creating a new type of community—one that I have called a 'community of technical scholars.' Such a community is composed of industries utilizing highly sophisticated technologies, together with a strong university that is sensitive to the creative activities of the surrounding industry. This pattern appears to be the wave of the future."

—Provost Emeritus Frederick E. Terman of Stanford University, to the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, 1965.

Stanford DOES control the SRI

Though public relations men at Stanford University call the Stanford Research Institute a "wholly owned subsidiary" of the University, SRI officials—and some Stanford administrators—stress its "independence." A close look finds that the former is the truth.

Ultimate power at Stanford rests in the hands of the trustees, answerable legally only to California and federal law. Likewise, they hold final power over SRI, whose directors they appoint and whose monies and properties they would inherit should SRI ever fold.

In fact, Stanford trustees have always served in good number as SRI directors—or vice versa—and the Chairman of the Board at SRI has always been a Stanford administrator, generally the President.

Presently, six of SRI's 40 directors are Stanford trustees and at least one other, Royal Dutch/Shell's M. E. Spaght, is a recent trustee. Ernest Arbuckle, soon to retire Dean of the Stanford Business School, is the Chairman.

Professors and Researchers of Stanford-SRI

"the science of control... is the application of science and technology to the development of increasingly more sophisticated systems of social coercion and human destruction."

-Carol Brightman
Viet-Report
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