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THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF STANFORD & SOUTHEAST ASIA

I. 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". McNamara lines both in the DMZ and on the Mekong.
- 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.

II. Stanford professors

- Profs 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.
- profs on government boards: along with EE prof James Angell, 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.

III. Stanford and SRI trustees

- Stanford trustee Edmund Littlefield is president of Industrial Park resident Utah Construction, which builds B-52 bases in Thailand. Trustee and SRI board chairman Ernest Arbuckle is a director, as is Alf Brandin, Stanford's Vice-President for Business Affairs.
- Trustee William Stewart is a director of Union Oil, which is prospecting for oil off the coasts of Thailand; Castle & Cooke, whose president, Malcolm McNaughton, is an SRI trustee, (Arbuckle is a director) is producing steel pipe in Siam; and Kaiser is mining Thai aluminum (Edgar Kaiser is an SRI trustee).
- Gardiner Symonds' \$3.5 billion conglomerate, Tenneco, has oil rights in post-massacre Indonesia.
- President-elect Pitzer and trustee William Hewlett sit on the RAND Corp board, which plays mega-death war games and sends counter-insurgent social scientists to Southeast Asia and other "underdeveloped regions".
- Northrop Corp, whose president, Tom Jones, is a Stanford trustee, makes fighters and "CS-1 riot control agent", which has been used to "flush out" Vietnamese families from shelters dug beneath their homes as well as in the streets of Chicago.
- Trustee Roger Lewis is president of General Dynamics, the nation's #2 defense contractor, which makes F-111A fighters, F-111B bombers, and Polaris submarines. Trustee David Packard joins him on the board.