

A PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM THE APRIL 3 MOVEMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

1. We have stopped war research at AEL. Unfortunately, we may also be discouraging AEL staff from carrying out certain unclassified, non-military research. We do not wish to do so. Therefore we ask our Research Review Committee to consider, in public meetings, all requests from AEL ~~staff~~ to resume research, as long as the work meets the stipulations in our GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH AT STANFORD AND SRI. The Research Review Committee will add members from the Stanford scientific faculty and the staff of AEL to assist its review function.

2. We believe our occupation of AEL and use of printing facilities here has helped the community understand the issue of military research on campus, and the need for action.

We wish to dispel any rumors that the printing equipment has been damaged. We invite anyone to examine the printing facilities if they are concerned, and to help us operate them. We also need more paper.

Our mission as a center for discussion and printing has not been completed as of today. We must continue to provide this service to the community, in AEL, for at least several more days.

3. We know that many in the community are worried about the presence of classified documents in locked files in AEL. We have stated repeatedly our intention not to open those files. But we do feel obligated to prevent their use in research to kill Vietnamese and others in the Third World.

If officers of the University feel they must remove the classified files, we have no objection, provided that we have a promise that they will be kept in storage and not used in any research activities while the AEL lab is occupied by the April 3 Coalition.

4. We wish to commend the many members of the faculty who have committed themselves to work for the sweeping reform of campus research that we have asked. But your work has scarcely begun.

The response of the Academic Senate at its meeting April 15 was token. We ask that all members of the faculty give us their pledge NOW that Stanford will do away with classified research, research for clear-cut military applications, CBW, and counterinsurgency research.



5. On campus research is only part of our concern. SRI is at least as important. Clearly the great majority of faculty and students who oppose certain kinds of research at Stanford cannot in good faith allow the same kind of research to continue at SRI. We believe the great majority of the community is united in this conviction.

But the Board of Trustees is not. They are our common enemy, just as their war machine is the common enemy of peace and social justice in the Third World.

We do not believe that our occupation of AEL--by itself--will result in the Trustees taking satisfactory action regarding SRI. The Trustees are oblivious to moral concerns. They are men who, like their friend Ronald Regan, would prefer to call in police to deal with dissent.

Those of us at AEL ~~xxxxxx~~ alone cannot ensure that Stanford will reform its affiliate, SRI. We need the help of all those in the community.

Our occupation of AEL has awakened many faculty, students, staff and SRI employees to the moral insanity of severing SRI from the University, with or without some flimsy covenant.

We believe we must continue to occupy the AEL as long as there continues to be a need to dramatize our ~~x~~ moral responsibility to end certain research at SRI.

When the community is mobilized to seek this resolution of the SRI question, our mission will be completed. Therefore, we seek statements ~~of~~ from all members of the community--students, faculty, administration, and SRI employees, --of their solidarity with us on the SRI question. Speak your consciences now, and make sure the Trustees ~~and~~ respond immediately.

6. We have explained the reasons for our continued occupation of AEL=:

1. the need to continue at AEL, for a certain time, our printing of literature and our wider role as a center for communication;

2. our concern that the faculty will follow through on its indications of intent to reform campus research as we have asked;

3. our need to unite the Stanford community against the possibility of betrayal by the Board of Trustees on the SRI question;

All these reasons for remaining in AEL could be satisfied in the very near future. When we, as a democratic movement, are satisfied that they are, we will do the following:

1. Declare the next weekday or the second weekday following a Moratorium on all Classes and Research at Stanford to allow intensive study and concern on all the issues concerning university research.

2. initiate discussions and forums at AEL and elsewhere on campus to study these questions, involving faculty, students and SRI staff.

3. We will hold an all-day festival in AEL, open to all, to disseminate our findings and allow everyone to see for themselves the nature of revolutionary action.

4. We will leave SRI ~~xxxxxx~~