IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAR IN VIETNAM, WE URGE YOU TO ASK UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE KATZENBACH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH:

1. Do you believe that the concept of the self-determination of peoples, upon which our foreign policy is supposedly based, includes the right of underdeveloped nations to adopt a Communist national policy?

2. Do you think that anti-Communism is a valid basis for American interference in the internal affairs of underdeveloped countries?

3. Given the Sino-Soviet dispute, recent developments in the foreign and trade policies of Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Rumania, and given current doctrinal and political differences between the Communist parties of China, Korea, and North Vietnam, why should we regard all Communist governments as our enemies?

4. Secretary of State Rusk and President Johnson have often drawn an analogy between the Munich Crisis of 1938 and the current Vietnam situation. Can you explain and defend this analogy?

5. The United States claims that its foreign political and military policies are based on the necessity to fight for freedom against totalitarianism. How can you reconcile this with our support of such right-wing dictatorships as exist in Greece, Formosa, Spain, Portugal, Haiti, Bolivia, Thailand, South Vietnam, and other countries?

6. How can the U.S. claim that the Government of General Thieu represents the will of the Vietnamese people when the majority of the legally constituted electorate in the last elections voted against his government and its policies, and when he has jailed his two most popular opponents in that election?

7. What would the State Department define as victory in Vietnam? Would we be prepared to accept a Communist government in South Vietnam if it were elected in free elections?

8. Why does the State Department refuse to recognize the National Liberation Front as an official belligerent in the present struggle?

9. Harrison Salisbury in his book MISSION TO HANOI states that the National Liberation Front is a movement composed of socialist, nationalist, liberal and communist political leaders. Why has the State Department always insisted on calling it a Communist movement?

10. Since the government of the United States is based on the principle of the separation of powers as outlined in the Constitution, which clearly grants Congress the right to declare war and appropriate funds for war, is not your advocacy of the President's right to conduct military action independent of Congressional supervision clearly subversive of the principles for which we purport to fight, and the Constitution we claim to defend?

11. If this is supposed to be a war for freedom and democracy, why does this government, and most particularly your Department and the Department of Defense, continually lie to the American people? I specifically refer you to the Professional Journalism Society Sigma Delta Chi's Freedom of Information Committee's statement that some of the highest officials of our government are deliberately lying to the people, to Harrison Salisbury's eye-witness accounts of the bombing of civilian populations with anti-personnel bombs, and to the "peace feelers" outlined in Adlai Stevenson's last interview with Eric Sevareid, published in LOOK magazine in 1966.

12. While you were Attorney-General, you distinguished yourself by your categorical attacks on racial prejudice in the United States. How can you therefore support Secretary Rusk's inferences that China represents a "yellow peril", a clearly racist statement?

--SDS and other Student and Faculty
members of the Stanford Community