COMMUNITY MEETING #3

Stanford University and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Stanford Research Institute, are engaged in counter-insurgency studies, in chemical, biological, and radiological warfare studies, and in classified research. This research is used to kill or control people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. It is used to continue the under-development and over-policing of America's urban poor.

More than 400 members of the Stanford and Palo Alto communities occupied the Applied Electronics Laboratory of Stanford University last night. The AEL is the on-campus center of this death-giving research.

Since the fall, members of our community have tried to reason with the legal owners of Stanford and SRI. We have met with silence at worst and evasions at best. At an open community meeting of more than 900, we decided that silence and evasions were unacceptable. We decided that to discuss issues of control and kinds of research while the research was continuing was intolerable.

We are here to stop a part of that research for however long we decide is necessary. Every day is a 24-hour victory for those men and women of the world who believe in life and living. At the end of every day, we will note that at one place, for one period of time, 400 human beings said no to death and destruction. We said no to reasonable discourse in the face of unreasonable profiteering from war. We have said no before; we are now making an affirmation of life a reality.

At a 1:00 meeting on Thursday at the AEL, all of us will decide how long we wish to stay and what we will ask of the men who said it was impossible to talk unless the research continued. Please help us make these decisions. Please join us at any time to talk, to work, and to think.