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YOUR PROFESSOR is a member of the Academic Senate, the most powerful decision-making body of the faculty.

The Senate will meet on Tuesday to consider Stanford's future relationship with SRI. It has the power to recommend a course of action to the Board of Trustees -- which has only once, in the history of the University, turned down a recommendation by the Senate.

We urge you to use this classroom hour to question him about his position on the demands of the April 3rd Movement, and to let him know your position.

After the AEL sit-in ended Friday, the Academic Council abdicated its responsibility by failing to commit itself to anything more than "continued, intense, dialogue with the rest of the University community."

All right, let's have some of that intense dialogue.

THE POSITION OF THE APRIL 3RD MOVEMENT: we must stop research at Stanford and SRI which aids the military in prosecuting the war in Southeast Asia and lays the groundwork for suppressing nationalist revolutions throughout the Third World. (Ten percent of SRI's research is devoted to counter-insurgency in Southeast Asia.)

That research will not be stopped if SRI is sold.

Enforcement of a restrictive covenant would be in the hands of the Stanford trustees, the very men whose corporations benefit from our country's overseas excursions.

If SRI is sold, the classified research which the Academic Senate is moving to ban on campus could simply shift over to SRI. Out of sight, out of mind.

WE ARE TOLD that retaining SRI and eliminating objectionable research will cause Stanford considerable financial hardship.

That argument would seem an incredible piece of arrogance to the hundreds of thousands of Third World people whose lives and deaths are at the mercy of our decisions. Our hardship must be weighed against the hardship created by a single counter-insurgency project: for instance, the "strategic hamlet" plan, recommended by SRI researcher Eugene Staley, which resulted in the relocation of whole villages of Vietnamese peasants into virtual concentration camps.

But, in fact, the financial hardship has been exaggerated. Only 20 percent of SRI's research falls into the categories mentioned in the demands of the April 3rd Movement, and part of that could be phased out gradually.

OUR FACULTY, while deploring the war, deploring U.S. support of puppet dictators, deploring the power of the military-industrial complex, continues to do, or condone, the work which makes these things possible. We say it is time to stop deploring, and start taking responsibility for our actions.

THE APRIL 3RD MOVEMENT