A MESSAGE FROM THE STANFORD SIT-IN

Students and faculty at Stanford University are currently sitting in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory. We are asking that the following kinds of research be prohibited both on the Stanford campus and at SRI: (1) chemical, biological and radiological warfare, (2) counterinsurgency, (3) research in support of the war against the people of Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand, and (4) all classified research.

Over the past three years the American people have expressed growing opposition to the war in Vietnam, but the government has been unresponsive and the war continues. The efforts of scientists, workers, and students who are involved in the above types of research help to perpetuate the bombing of villages, destruction of crops, and the burning of children carried on by the United States in Southeast Asia - not to mention the useless deaths of over 33,000 Americans so far. We believe that this kind of research cannot be allowed to continue.

We do not control the uses of our own work. We often find ourselves engaged in research that we do not really want to do. Money is always available for war-related research, but rarely available for research directed towards the improvement of life throughout the world: anti-pollution research, research to improve health care, provide better housing and food.

The trustees of Stanford who also control SRI and some of the corporations in the industrial park, profit from war-related research. Their response to our demands has been inadequate. The war research continues. There is no indication that they will stop it in the near future. However, as long as we occupy this lab some of this criminal military research is stopped.

We believe that many of you share our concerns about these issues.

Come to the AEL and talk to us. Help us to find a way to work for life instead of death.