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SRI finances and controls

In 1968, 29.7 million dollars or 46% of SRI's work was financed by DOD. 6.2 million of that was directly related to Southeast Asia, and 4 million was directly related to CBW. The trustees of this university that are on the Board of Directors of SRI, are also in such defense oriented industries as General Dynamics Corp., Northrup, Bouglas, McDonnell and Ford, Machinery and Chemical Corp. (Similarly all these firms have many ties with the nation's CBW program.)

CBW The work is mainly on deployment and effectiveness of CBW. This includes research on climate, vegetation, terrain, and weather situations, and dissemination of chemical agents. Also SRI has worked on CS tear gas that is being used in Viet Nam "to flush out unmasked enemy troops from concealed or protected positions."

CI In 1968, SRI did \$6,246,000 or 10% of its total work in counterinsurgency in Southeast Asia. Counterinsurgency refers to military operations and social science techniques directed towards suppressing nationalist revolutionary movements. It also includes "economic development" projects and investment surveys that have a high probability of leading to military counterinsurgency or that exist along side military operations. Much of this work is classified.

In the past this work has included Eugene Staley's strategic hamlet program and William Bredo's AID sponsored work on "land reform" which other universities had refused on the grounds that it was expressly designed to prevent meaningful land reform.

In 1963-4, SRI accepted a \$583,000 contract from the Army to do a study of "air-borne position location techniques: mapping, surveillance, and reconnaissance. This became a 2.2 million dollar contract in 1966 and available evidence indicates that this is still continuing.

Six months ago an SRI employee said that SRI was performing "cost-analysis studies of alternative reconnaissance routes (road, bombing routes) over North Viet Nam."

SRI has also studied the vulnerability of helicopters to ground-fire and ways in which helicopter armor can be made more resistant to ground-fire. Lloyd Smit, vice president of SRI's physical sciences division, disclosed that the institute is presently "designing electronic equipment for intrusion-detection in Viet Nam."

Finally SRI president Charles Anderson recently said that SRI has a number of contracts that it cannot admit exist .

In 1962, SRI began working in Thailand for Project Agile, the Pentagon's world-wide counterinsurgency research program. Initially, SRI's Thai projects focused on development and testing of weapons for Vietnam. But, in 1966, as a response to the increase of guerilla activity in Thailand, the program began to build counterinsurgency capabilities for the Thai oligarchy which would place the US in a "knowledgeable position" should "large-scale intervention in Thailand be called for." Finally SRI renewed over 1,800,000 dollars in Thai contracts this winter.

The Military Electronics Systems Techniques Lab (STL) is in the AEL building presently being occupied. STL is alone handling over one million dollars in contracts from the Department of Defense this year. Two point two million dollars of its total work is classified; the bulk of the classified work is contained in four contracts worth ~~12~~ 1.2 million dollars. Six of the eight current contracts are classified and approximately 30% of the quarterly reports sent to the Pentagon are classified. An EE Dept. publication says that STL is "an on-campus research program whose objective is to offer a close and immediate coupling between the results of academic research programs and the most advanced needs of military electronics in such areas as (electronic) counter-measures..." This work which we may call electronic warfare is useful in jamming JRadio Moscow, monitoring guerilla communications and foiling SAM's and radar-directed antiaircraft fire over North Vietnam.

Both SRI and AEL people are presently involved in ABM work, in development, ~~penetration~~ penetration, counter-measures. Also it should not be forgotten that SRI is heavily engaged in counter-insurgency work in Latin America (most notably, in Peru and Honduras) and in domestic counter-insurgency directed towards the so-called 'problem' of ghetto riots, their prevention and care. Furthermore, many of the Trustees, some of whom serve on the board of directors of SRI have extensive economic interests in the third world countries where most of SRI's counter-insurgency work is done.

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