

TO SRI EMPLOYEES

One of the primary goals of the Stanford Research Institute, as stated in its founding charter, is:

To promote and foster the application of science in the development of commerce, trade and industry, the discovery and development of methods for the beneficial utilization of natural resources, the industrialization of the western United States of America, and the improvement of the general standard of living and the peace and prosperity of mankind...

However, these goals have been distorted in the further development of the Institute since World War II, as resources have been used for research into chemical-biological warfare techniques, over-the-horizon radar studies essential to deployment of ABM systems, and "Penetration Aids" to assure the successful delivery of offensive missiles.

We ask for clarification and reiteration of the original goals of Stanford Research Institute. A peaceful world requires not only the cessation of war research, but the establishment of centers of peace research. We believe that Stanford Research Institute and Stanford University can form such a center, in which scientists investigate the biological, psychological, political, economic and physical prerequisites for peace and social justice. The results of basic and applied research can and should benefit all peoples. We encourage expanding medical research to find means to improve the health and life span of all the world's people. We encourage expanded study of the ecology of this planet, and applied research into appropriate means of conserving our resources and preventing pollution of air and water. We encourage the examination of human behavior and institutions with the goal of enabling man to realize his visions of a more just society.

In order to promote the development of peace-oriented scientific research, we support the closer integration of Stanford University and the Stanford Research Institute. This closer connection would serve twin purposes: first, the establishment of such a joint venture will enable scientists to share their resources, equipment, libraries, and knowledge to a greater extent than exists now; secondly, integration of the two institutions under a common plan of research guidelines will permit the community of teachers, researchers, workers, and students to exercise joint control over the application of their work.

We ask the people of SRI to share our moral concern toward the present uses of scientific research, and to recognize their responsibility for the social consequences of their own work. The proposals stated here are the goals we must all strive toward; we seek your full participation in formulating the specific procedures to achieve them.

There will be a preliminary meeting TODAY at noon at SRI to establish coordination between SRI employees and our Movement. All interested and concerned people please contact Dave Goldin at SRI.

The April 3 Movement