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To the Faculty of the University of Michigan:

The war in Vietnam has elicited the need for critical re-evaluation of American foreign policy, open and co-ordinated protest is one means by which a new evaluation can enter the mainstream of American thought.

The Berkeley Vietnam Day Committee has designated October 15 and 16 as International Days of Protest against American involvement in Vietnam. Groups in Ann Arbor, in conjunction with organizations in over a hundred American cities, as well as seven foreign countries, have responded to this call and will carry out various forms of protests this Friday and Saturday. These groups feel the actions they initiate should be commensurate with the magnitude and gravity of the principles at stake. Can we encourage the establishment of democratic forms of government, while supporting dictatorships who ignore the will of the majority? Should America interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and subsequently deny their right to self-determination? Can America devastate an entire population in order to save them from Communism? And finally, can we rely on a policy of brinkmanship which could risk nuclear annihilation, while at the same time attempting to promote international law? These questions and many others must be raised and debated in public in order to redirect American foreign policy.

The Ann Arbor Vietnam Day committee has decided to initiate the following activities:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH:

6:30 A.M.--2:00 P.M. Diag Vigil
2:00 P.M.--5:00 P.M. Diag Rally
3:00 P.M.--5:00 P.M. Sit-in and Picket at Selective Service Center
Homecoming float with "End the War" theme
5:00 P.M.--7:30 P.M. Vigil
7:30 P.M.--10:00 P.M. Silent March in town to jail if sit-in participants are detained

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH:

--10:30 A.M. Silent Vigil at jail
10:30 A.M.--12:00 noon Demonstration on State from North to South U. (both sides), literature tables along routes to the stadium
12:00 noon--start of game March to stadium and leafletting in cooperation with Women for Peace
After game--4:30 P.M. Memorial Service for war dead with local ministers
4:30 P.M.-- March in town (and down to jail if sit-in participants are still detained)

The Committee urges you to hold discussions on the wider implications of America's role in Vietnam during the latter part of this week. We further urge you to participate in any one of the above events, which we feel should take precedence over normal class routine. In conclusion, we must stress that silence is an overt form of consent.

Sincerely,
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