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1. [redacted] an *Guffanti*  
American deserter, John Walter WOODS, born 28 March 1947,  
stayed at Kirkkokatu 2, Helsinki, Finland, on 02 October 1969.  
WOODS was accompanied by four "comrades", not further  
identified. (Comment: [redacted])

His "comrades"  
were probably U.S. military absentees also.)

2. [redacted] the above address is the  
headquarters for an extreme left organization called Demo  
Ry which was founded in Helsinki in the spring of 1969.  
Demo Ry was originally pro-Chinese Communist, but apparently  
a recent change in its ideology has taken place because  
all of the Mao Tse-tung pictures and slogans have been  
removed from its premises. The Demo Ry apartment is  
frequently used to house various radical leaders and American  
military deserters visiting Helsinki.

3. WOODS and his fellow "comrades" went to Sweden  
on 04 October 1969, but at least some of them returned to  
the Demo Ry headquarters in Helsinki on 07 October 1969.

4. It should be noted that the American Navy vessel,  
USS Newport News, made an official visit to Finland on  
03 October 1969. There was a very small demonstration at  
the time of the visit and the demonstrators did manage to  
pass out a few leaflets to American sailors leaving the  
ship on shore leave. A copy of the leaflet is attached  
herewith.

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How do you like life in Uncle Sam's navy? Not so hot, huh? Well, at least you're stuck in the Baltic and not in Vietnam. But I suppose you've got buddies over there or maybe have been there yourself. You guys with long tours left could expect to be sent there any time between now and ETS.

Not a very pleasant thought, is it? I guess you feel you're in a bind and are powerless to do anything about it, but that's where you're wrong! Guys in the service can, and are doing something about it.

In fact, American servicemen have a long history of doing something about it when the brass have tried to fuck them over. Did you know that after World War II the brass, the Government and big business wanted to invade China. But the guys in the Pacific had been fighting for four years and they were sick and tired of war so THEY REFUSED! They held strikes and mass demonstrations demanding to be sent home and the brass and the Government had no choice against submissiveness but to send them home. The GIs and sailors were able to do this because they were organized. This type of action has long been used by the working class, whether in uniform or out of it. The Government and the ruling class of big business have always tried to keep the working class down as far as they could push them. After all, the less you pay workers, the more profit you make. It was always a question of power, but the REAL POWER lies with the working class. They run the machines, they keep production moving and they have the power to SHUT THINGS DOWN! This is the strongest weapon the working class has. But it is no good unless it is organized.

The armed forces has always been used as a weapon against the working class. It is used to suppress riots in the cities and to break up strikes in the factories. Working class guys have always stood at one end of the bayonet or the other. Now in Vietnam, working class guys are being sent 10 000 miles away from home to fight, and if necessary, to die in a war in which they have NO INTEREST! But the working class in uniform has the same weapon at their disposal. They keep thing going and they can SHUT THINGS DOWN. Since the Vietnam war blew up, the soldiers and the sailors have refused to go along with it passively. It started on a small scale with individual desertions and individual refusal of orders. The American Servicemen's

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refusal of orders are taking place more often and the Government is getting scared! The Department of Defense has issued a directive to all unit commanders that they are to leave hands off underground newspapers and all article 15's are to be issued only AFTER CHECKING WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES, the Government is giving a little more freedom in the hope that the trouble will stop. But it is only the beginning. The Government knows and the brass knows that the real power lies in the hands of the GIs and sailors themselves, just like out in the world, in the factories and workshops the real power lies in the hands of the people who are running the machines and not in the hands of the bosses. The thing to do now is to let the GIs and the sailors know that they have the power and to get them to USE IT! More underground newspapers have to be started and spread, more mass resistance has to be organized and the Front International, the International Organization of GIs is there to help guys to get things organized, to let them know how to organize and to keep them informed about what other guys are doing to fight the War and the system. There are branches of the SFI in Canada, France and Sweden. ~~The American Deserters' Committee in Sweden is part of the Second Front International.~~  
 Our address is ADC, c/o Tigern, Upplandsgatan 18, Stockholm, Sweden.

The telephone is 344663 in Stockholm.

There is a lot of work to be done and IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE NOW!  
 That's not an order, that's a NECESSITY!

So write and let us know where you are at. We'll send you a copy of the Second Front Review, the international GI magazine and try to advise you on any question as to what you can do to stop the war in Vietnam and to take U.S. away from Pentagon, U.S. Steel and General Motors and put it back in the hands of the working class. Let us hear from you!