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SUBJECT: WOMEN'S NATIONAL ABORTION  
ACTION COALITION (WNAAC)  
DEMONSTRATION,  
NOVEMBER 20, 1971  
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Kansas City Division has a pending case on SARAH SCHMIDTKE, nee COOPER, KC file 100-13611.

KC T-1 is Informant (location instant letterhead memorandum).

Kansas City Division will follow and report any additional information regarding captioned group.

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL ABORTION  
ACTION COALITION (WONAAC)  
DEMONSTRATION,  
NOVEMBER 20, 1971  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

On October 19, 1971, KC T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Sarah Schmidtlein, nee Copowycz, a Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) member and Kansas City women's National Abortion Action Coalition (WONAAC) head, is attempting to stimulate interest in various women's groups to get together a Kansas City women's delegation to attend the WONAAC demonstration on November 20, 1971, at Washington, D.C. KC T-1 advised that the Washington demonstration is to demonstrate against the abortion law repeal alleged to be voted on in Congress at that time. KC T-1 said at the present time plans are to send one busload and more if tickets to be sold.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-54927) (P)

WOMEN'S NATIONAL ABORTION  
 ACTION COALITION (WONAAC) SPONSORED  
 DEMONSTRATION  
 NOVEMBER 20, 1971  
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Re New York airtel and LHM 10/5/71 captioned, March on Washington, D. C., and San Francisco on 11/20/71 for repeal of abortion laws sponsored by Women's National Abortion Action Coalition, IS - New Left and Kansas City letter and LHM dated 10/27/71.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for other receiving offices two copies of LHM on captioned demonstration.

LHM is classified "Confidential", to protect the unauthorized disclosure of information which could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the nation.

First source in LHM is ~~redacted~~ <sup>Informant</sup> Second source in LHM identified on separate administrative page.

LEADS

All receiving offices are requested to contact knowledgeable sources within Women's Liberation Movement to determine demonstration plans, identity of leading personalities and numbers planning to attend captioned demonstration from their respective areas.

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN: In view of the National Coordinating Committee meeting held 10/2/71 in Detroit, will consult sources to determine results of this meeting regarding captioned demonstration.

WOMEN'S SOURCES:

KIPP DANKON  
CAROL LIPMAN  
SALLY SMITH  
JOHN GILES  
MARTHA COLEMAN  
NANCY ROSENBLICK

to furnish available identifying data on each.

WFO will continue to give this matter close attention to ascertain all details of this proposed demonstration.

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Second source referred to in LHM is

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letter to his supporters, which stated the following:

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**WOMEN'S NATIONAL ABORTION ACTION COALITION (WONAAC)  
SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION NOVEMBER 20, 1971  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

On September 29, 1971, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that WONAAC sent a letter to its supporters, which stated the following:

"To: Women and women's organizations throughout the world

"Dear Sisters,

"Throughout history few things have been more universal or known fewer national boundaries than the suffering of women from the denial of our right to control our own lives, our own bodies. Decades ago the suffragists of the United States took inspiration from their British sisters and went on to build part of the international movement through which women won the right to vote.

"Today, in every corner of the earth, laws deny women the right to abortion, the right to decide whether or not to have children. Now a new generation of women has begun to stand up for our rights. The struggle for the right to abortion is rapidly crossing boundaries of nations and continents, of language and background. We have inspired one another and learned from one another.

"In the United States women from many backgrounds are uniting in this fight. On November 20, we will march in massive numbers on Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, to demand the repeal of all anti-abortion laws, with no forced sterilization and the repeal of all restrictive

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contraceptive laws. We call on our sisters around the world to unite with us on that day, to bring out power together, to let the world hear in one united voice and many languages our slogan 'ABORTION -- A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE.'

"When we join together throughout the world, no force can stop us. To facilitate all aspects of organizing the Fall Abortion  
"In sisterhood,  
"Delegates to the first Women's National Abortion Conference Held in New York City, July 16-18, 1971."

On October 12, 1971, second source, who is in a position to furnish such information, provided a copy of the WONAAC National Newsletter dated September 16, 1971, which contained the following self-description:

"WONAAC is based on a nationally coordinated abortion law repeal campaign including legislation, legal action and nationally coordinated mass demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, on November 20, for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws and the corollary demands of no forced sterilization and the repeal of all restrictive contraception laws.

"We were formed at a national conference held at Columbia University July 19, 1971, attended by over 1,000 women from 23 states and 253 organizations. The call for this conference was initiated by women organizing Women Vs Connecticut, the class action suit in that state and women's liberation groups in New York City. This call was then endorsed by hundreds of women around the country who participated in the spirited and educational conference which formed WONAAC.

"WONAAC aims to reach all women ... Black, Chicana, Latina, Asian, Puerto Rican and Native American women, campus women, gay women, high school women,

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housewives, professional, welfare and working women, young women, women from churches, political organizations, trade unions, the military and communities across the country ... and to build the broadest possible movement for abortion law repeal."

The newsletter proclaimed that the WONAAC National Office would be moved from New York City, to Washington, D. C., to facilitate all aspects of organizing the Fall Abortion Law Repeal Campaign. The following women from the old New York staff were moved to Washington, D. C.:

- Kipp Dawson
- Carol Lipman
- Sherry Smith
- Joan Combos
- Marsha Coleman
- Nancy Rosenstock

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The National Coordinating Committee of WONAAC was scheduled to meet October 2, 1971, at 12:00 noon, 2230 Withrel Street, Detroit Michigan, to discuss among other points, the details for the November 20, 1971 march on Washington, D. C.

The newsletter also outlined the following speaking tour of Dr. Barbara Roberts to publicize the aims of WONAAC and to promote participation in the November 20, 1971, demonstration:

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| "September 23, 24 | Seattle      |
| October 5, 6      | Atlanta      |
| October 13, 14    | Houston      |
| November 7-13     | Los Angeles" |

The October 15, 1971, issue of the 'Washington Post', a daily newspaper in Washington, D. C., carried the following notice regarding the WONAAC sponsored November 20, 1971, rally for Washington, D. C.:

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WONAAC's "...Coordinators of the event said they hope for a turnout of about 20,000 women who would stage the first national female march on the Capitol since women won the right to vote in 1920.

"Dr. Barbara Roberts, national project director of the coalitions, said the march, scheduled to go past the White House and down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, would attack "abortion laws which degrade, mutilate and murder women."

"The coalition, which comprises about 30 women's groups, will also demonstrate against forced sterilization and restrictive contraception laws and plans to hold national abortion hearings in Washington before the march."

First source advised on October 15, 1971, that the November 20, 1971, rally has received mixed support from various Washington, D. C., women's liberation groups. Several radical women's groups refused to endorse the November 20, 1971, action because they view it as a Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)/Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Front which will use these rallies to further its own recruitment drive. Furthermore, they considered YSA/SWP to be "non-feminist". Main support for the November 20, 1971, demonstration will come from the WSA Women's Fraction Group.

Important endorsements thus far are coming from Betty Freidan, noted author in Women's Liberation Movement, New York Congress woman, Ella Flug and Dr. Milan M. Vuitch, a Washington, D. C., doctor involved in the abortion controversy. Lynda Jenness, the SWP presidential candidate is scheduled to be one of the speakers.

Young Socialist Alliance

As the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) serves as the main source of

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On 11/4/71 Sergeant JOHN TOMLINSON, U. S. Park Police, furnished a permit application for captioned demonstration which contained the following information:

Sponsoring organization Women's National Abortion Action Coalition, 917 15th Street, N.W., WDC, 20005, phone 202-347-0946. Individual sponsor and WONAAC National Project Director, CAROL LIPMAN, 116 Sunnyside Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone numbers: 202-347-0946 and 202-385-2610. Other principal officers were BARBARA ROBERTS, N.D., 7547 Springlake Drive, Apartment B-1, Bethesda, Maryland, 365-0853 and JOAN M. COMBOS, 1701 16th Street, N.W., WDC, 20005. WFO files show CAROL LIPMAN to be a member of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and Young Socialist Alliance (YSA). As of June, 1971...

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1970, LIPMAN was the National Executive Secretary of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC).

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The SMC is controlled by the SWP and its youth affiliate, YSA. SMC initiates and supports public demonstrations against the war in Southeast Asia.

The following sponsoring organizations were listed:



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Georgia Women's Abortion Action Coalition  
P.O. Box 7122, Atlanta, Ga. 30309 (404) 874-8365

Boston Women's Abortion Action Coalition  
552 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 9, Cambridge, Mass. 02139  
(617) 547-1818; 491-1071

Women United for Abortion Rights  
1115 Walnut Street, 3rd floor, Philadelphia, Pa. (215) Wa 2-0381

Illinois Women's Abortion Coalition  
343 So. Dearborn Ave., Room 305, Chicago, Ill. 60605 (312) 922-0745

Women for Abortion Action  
917 - 15th St. N.W., Suite 502, Washington, D. C. (202) 347-0947

WONAAC - New York  
P.O. Box 685, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 10011  
(212) 924-0894

Abortion Project Coalition - Cleveland  
11220 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 (216) 368-2248

Rhode Island Coalition to Repeal Abortion Laws  
64 Preston Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906 (401) 331-3370

Detroit Women's Abortion Action Coalition  
2230 Withrall, Detroit, Michigan (313) 962-8822

Women's Right to Choose of Maryland  
3028 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, Maryland (301) 323-9485

Bloomington Abortion Coalition  
702 Atwater, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Women V. Connecticut, Women and the Law Office  
Box 89, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut 06520  
(203) 436-0364

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Minneapolis Abortion Action Coalition  
100 University Ave., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55814  
(612) 332-5773

Houston Women's Abortion Action Coalition  
Box 192, Campus Activities, University of Houston, Houston,  
Texas 77004 (713) 748-6600 Ext 1266

There are affiliates in many western states but they are coordinating for the San Francisco counterpart of the November 20 demonstration. WONAAC West has already obtained the necessary permits for the demonstration in San Francisco.

An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 participants will march peacefully and orderly to build public support for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws, against forced sterilization and an end to restrictive contraceptive laws. The marchers will assemble 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Ellipse; march west from the Ellipse on E Street to 17th Street; N. on 17th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue; E. on Pennsylvania Avenue to 15th; South on 15th Street to Pennsylvania; Southeast on Pennsylvania to the Capitol and Rally; The West Steps of the Capitol.

The following activities during the demonstration were listed:

Demonstrators will assemble in contingents at the Ellipse and march above route to the Capitol to participate in a rally. Marchers will be carrying signs and placards concerning the aims of the demonstration; many will be brought from around the country. Speakers are not yet firmed up. Musical entertainment will be part of the rally. Demonstrators will disperse and either return home in D. C. area or go to cars and busses and return to cities.

There will be one marshal for every 20 demonstrators, Chief Marshal listed as DELPHINE WELCH, WDC.

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WFO files show WELCH attended SWP National Convention, August, 1971.

Secret Service and AUSA have been notified. Other interested agencies also cognizant.

LEAD

Receiving offices are requested to conduct appropriate investigation to determine the numbers and composition of those groups from their area planning to attend captioned demonstration.

WFO will continue to follow locally.

