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Robert Scheer, ex-editor of "Ramparts" magazine and a current United States Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) candidate for the United States Senate, visited Moscow in July, 1970. He was one of an eleven member United States delegation en route to North Korea and North Vietnam.

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"RAMPARTS" MAGAZINE

"Ramparts" in a letter to subscribers dated May 1, 1968, announced that beginning June 1, 1968, it would be published biweekly at a yearly subscription price of \$15. In this letter "Ramparts" described itself as follows: "...the first national publication to consistently reveal the ribbon of lies supporting America's involvement in Vietnam; we stripped the curtain from America's 'invisible government' by exposing CIA's unlicensed intrusion into our domestic lives; we dared to write about the applications of the Catholic Church's political power; we warned, years before the Kerner report, that white racism was the base of America's racial problems; we blasted away at the corroded institutions of Cold War liberalism.

" 'Ramparts' is now the largest left-of-center commercial magazine in the history of the United States..."

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The PFP is an anti-Vietnam war political party which obtained sufficient signatures to be placed on the ballot in California for the general election held in November, 1968.

The "Evening Star," a Washington, D. C. daily newspaper, contained an article in its July 13, 1970, edition captioned "Cleaver and Ten Others Flying to North Korea". The article, datelined Moscow (UPI), states Eldridge Cleaver and Robert Scheer, a California candidate for the United States Senate, led an eleven person delegation to North Korea today to try to make the American military presence in South Korea a new target of the anti-war movement. "We're going to begin a process of developing a movement in America that extends our struggle against the war in Vietnam to a general struggle against United States imperialism, especially in Korea," Scheer said. He also said financing for the trip was arranged individually and not by the North Koreans.

Eldridge Cleaver is a former Black Panther Party (PLP) Minister of Information who is now a Federal fugitive in Algeria.

A characterization of the BPP is contained in the appendix.

On August 18, 1970, a source furnished the following information issued by the Pyong Yang KCMA International Service in English, Pyong Yang, North Korea. At a farewell banquet held August, 11, 1970, at Pyong Yang for the "U. S. Peoples Anti-Imperialist Delegation" of which Eldridge Cleaver is head Cleaver was quoted as saying, "We can say that we have spent one very happy and rewarding month inside the University of Revolution...We know we are better qualified to wage our struggle against fascism and imperialists...so it is with revolutionary anticipation and enthusiasm that we return to our battlefield, knowing full well in advance that we will deliver death blows to U. S. fascism and imperialism".

The "Herald and News", a daily paper published in Livermore, California, in its August 16, 1970, edition issued an article captioned "Cleaver's Party Arrives in Hanoi". The article was datelined Tokyo (UPI) and quoted the official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) as stating a delegation of eleven Americans headed by Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver had arrived in North Vietnam. The group, which includes California politician and author Robert Scheer, went to Hanoi after a stay of about one month in North Korea. VNA described this group as

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an anti-imperialist group and stated they arrived August 14, 1970, and were welcomed by Dang Thai Mai, Vice President of the "Committee for Solidarity with the American People". Besides Cleaver and Scheer, VNA listed the members of the party as:

"Elaine Brown, Deputy Minister of Information of the BPP

"Janet Austin, Editor of 'Ramparts' magazine

"Ann Froines, BPP Defense Committee, New Haven, Connecticut

"Alex Hing, Red Guards, San Francisco, California

"Andy Truskier, student, anti-war movement, Berkeley, California

"Janet Kranzberg, New York Newsreel

"Regina Blumenfeld, Women's Liberation, Berkeley, California

"Randy Rappaport, Women's Liberation, Cambridge, Massachusetts

"Hideko Patricia Sumi, Movement for a Democratic Military
Oceanside, California"

A second source advised on July 24, 1970, that Robert Scheer financed a film on Eldridge Cleaver produced in France early in 1970. ~~(S)~~

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has no information that would indicate there is any connection between the financing of the Cleaver film and Scheer's visit to Moscow in July, 1970. It is also believed this was Scheer's first visit to Moscow and there is no indication he has had prior contact with the Soviets. There is no known connection between the BPP activities and the Moscow trip in 1970 with the exception that Eldridge Cleaver is believed to have traveled through Moscow in early September, 1969, as he journeyed to North Korea.

For information, this division is unaware of the Soviet's attitude toward new left publications such as "Ramparts" magazine.