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ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

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Synopsis: ROBERT SCHEER is residing in Berkeley, California, and employed as a free-lance writer or author from his residence. He reportedly financed an ELDRIDGE CLEAVER film produced in France early 1970. In April of 1970 he received \$1,000 for speaking in Las Vegas, Nevada, and \$100 for speaking in Tempe, Arizona. In May he received \$350 from the Chicago Conspiracy Appeal Fund in New York City. His only confirmed checking account is in San Francisco and has a current balance of \$1,26. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, giving his support to the New Left and Black Panther Party (BPP). From July through September, 1970, he traveled to France, Moscow, North Korea, North Vietnam, and Communist China as a member of the "U.S. Anti-Imperialist Delegation" led and directed by ELDRIDGE CLEAVER. SCHEER is the current candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party for the U.S. Senate and is actively campaigning for this office.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

ROBERT SCHEER is currently residing at 3016 Bateman Street, Berkeley, California.

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B. Employment

SCHEER is a free-lance writer or author and editor for various national magazines from his residence.

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September 11, 1970

C. Finances

On April 20, 1970, SF T-2 advised that ROBERT SCHEER spoke at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), on April 17, 1970, and received \$1,000 for his appearance. His speech was in conjunction with the annual art festival, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and he was paid by UNLV under a Federal Money Matching Grant. His fee was paid by 50 percent of UNLV money and 50 percent from the Federal Money Matching Grant.

A source abroad advised on July 24, 1970, that SCHEER financed an ELDRIDGE CLEAVER film produced in France in early 1970. The actual cost involved with this production is unknown. (S)

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ELDRIDGE CLEAVER is a former Black Panther Party (BPP) Minister of Information who is now a Federal fugitive in Algeria.

A characterization of the BPP is contained in the appendix.

The "U.S. People's Anti-Imperialist Delegation" of which SCHEER was a member recently traveled from the United States to Moscow, North Korea, North Vietnam, and China from July, 1970, through September, 1970. At the beginning of this journey the "Evening Star," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, reported in its July 13, 1970 edition that ROBERT SCHEER said financing for the trip was arranged individually and was not paid for by North Korea.

ROBERT SCHEER appeared at Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona, on April 14, 1970, and was originally to have received \$100 for expenses and \$500 for fees for his speech. However, due to an objection raised by the ASU administration regarding SCHEER, the only money actually paid was the \$100 expenses that was paid out of the Associated Student Fund, ASU.

SF T-4  
June 12, 1970

SCHEER received \$350 on May 2, 1970, from the "Chicago Conspiracy Appeal Fund," New York City, New York. This money was deposited to the Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco, California.

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ROBERT SCHEER's checking account, number 06780-00074 at the Bank of America, Fisherman's Wharf Branch, 330 Bay Street, San Francisco, California, had been inactive for several months. However, recently small checks have been written on this account reducing the balance to \$3.26 on September 14, 1970. On October 12, 1970, no additional checks have been written; however, the balance had been reduced to \$126 with the deduction of \$2.00 service charge.

SF T-6  
September 4, 1970  
SF T-7  
October 12, 1970

## II. MISCELLANEOUS

### A. Organizations

#### U.S. Peoples Anti-Imperialist Delegation

A source advised that ROBERT SCHEER would be leaving the San Francisco Bay area and would be traveling to Algiers early July, 1970.

SF T-8  
June 30, 1970

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

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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.

On August 18, 1970, SF T-9 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 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."

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On September 16, 1970, a representative of the FBI observed the arrival of the U.S. Anti-Imperialist Delegation on Air France flight 707 from Paris, France, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, New York. The delegation was subject to a customs search in which a box containing letters of American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam was temporarily seized from SCHEER by customs officials. On the same date this delegation called a press conference at John F. Kennedy Airport, New York. A representative of the FBI attended this conference in which the following prepared statement was made by SCHEER:

"The US Peoples Anti-Imperialist Delegation arrived in New York today after a two month trip to North Korea, North Vietnam, and China. As a result of this solidarity tour the American Movement has effectively established warm relations with the revolutionary movements of Asia. Convened by the Black Panther Party's International Section, the delegation, which represents a cross section of American Left, was headed by comrade ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of the Black Panther Party, and myself - Deputy Chief of Information ROBERT SCHEER. This delegation's tour of the capitols of Asia initiated a new policy of peoples' diplomacy. This policy was proven successful because we were officially received in Pyongyang, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea. We were first delegation of Americans received in that country since the U.S. war with Russia against that country. We were in Hanoi, the capitol, of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and of Peking the Peoples Republic of China, and we were the first delegation received in that country since the start of the cultural revolution four years ago.

"We met with many officials, including Premier THAM VAN DONG, General Giap of the DRVN, Prince NOODHAM SIHANOUK, who we met in Peking, head of the National United Front of (unintelligible)...and others. The leaders of these countries recognizing the distinction between the government of the American empire and the American people themselves have asked us to bring to the American people the warm greetings and solidarity of the forty million Korean people, the forty million Vietnamese people, the three million Laotian people,

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the eight million Cambodian people and the seven hundred million Chinese people. And the trip....those were official greetings sent by those governments - by the revolutionary governments - in those societies to the American Movement... our trip undercut the efforts of the U.S. Government to isolate the American people from over one quarter of the world's peoples. We were there to answer the lies of SPIRO AGNEW who travelled to the pitiful outpost of the U.S. empire in South Korea, South Vietnam, and Taiwan, while we visited the seventy per cent of the Asian people who have literally been liberated. AGNEW was forced to literally sneak into Seoul to meet with U.S. puppet POT CHA HEI (phonetic) into Saigon to meet with the Fu Chi puppet clique, into Taiwan to see with the infamous CHANG KA SHEK while our delegation moved freely among the people and met openly with the peoples governments and were received as comrades-in-arms.

"Through radio broadcast, press conferences and our free travel among the people we expressed our unequivocal opposition to U.S. imperialism which is meeting its end in Asia. We demonstrated at Panmunjon in front of U.S. troops stationed in the demilitarized zone in Korea demanding the immediate end to the illegal occupation of South Korea. In visiting all of these countries and witnessing the U.S. imposed divisions among all peoples, by seeing the devastation the U.S. troops and their allies have layed upon innocent people in their home lands, by seeing that the U.S. empire is reviving the Japanese militarism as a shock force for its aggressive designs in Asia - the Nixon doctrine - we have recognized that the aggressive war now being perpetrated against the Vietnamese people is not an isolated war, but part of the major U.S. policy of world domination, imperialism aimed at all of Asia. Therefore, the only alternative we have as human beings is to halt this move for world domination by uniting the broad masses of American people who are already opposed to the war in Vietnam into a strong force that consciously and actively opposes the overall U.S. policy of imperialism in Asia.

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"We call for and are actively engaged in building a U.S. Peoples Anti-Imperialist Front. We will begin our work...that's called the U.S. Peoples Anti-Imperialist Front.... we will begin our work by establishing anti-imperialist information centers on the east and west coast for communication among those inside the United States fighting U.S. imperialism and between the American people and the anti-imperialist movements of the world.

"Now our first task, well, I described that was to deliver these letters, we were not allowed to do that. In the future, we will provide a channel through which the American Anti-Imperialist Movement can communicate with GIs of Vietnam through letters, radio broadcasting and other means of communication. We will also hold mass rallies and meetings to demonstrate solidarity with those fighting against U.S. imperialism. For example, we call for and plan to organize a rally on January 23, the date on which the U.S. spy ship Pueblo was caught red-handed in sovereign territories waters of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, that is January 23 date of the demonstration, and we will have it nationwide in many cities after consultation with different sectors of the movement. And we will demand here and now and pledge ourselves to work to obtain complete amnesty for the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, who has been unjustly forced into exile by the U. S. Government."

B. Speeches

On May 1, 1970, SCHEER attended the May Day rally in New Haven, Connecticut, in support of the "New Haven Nine." SCHEER was a speaker at the rally and the following is the context of the speech as transmitted over WYBC FM radio, a Yale University station: SCHEER was introduced by DOUGLAS MIRANDA, the area captain of the BPP, New Haven Chapter, New Haven, Connecticut:

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In the speech SCHEER backed the BPP, its leaders, and made such statements as the following:

"I would suggest that RICHARD NIXON deserves to be treated as a war criminal and deserves punishment that other war criminals receive which means applying the standard of justice which the US has applied to other people. Perhaps in the charity of our revolutionary hearts we might ask the conviction to send him to cut sugar cane in Cuba or something likewise.

"I think there will come a moment of truth and I think that moment of truth will be reached when the pigs move to off people like BOBBY SEALE and other Panthers facing the gas chamber and the electric chair, white radicals who have fought for freedom and that we have to adopt the BPP slogan no matter what we feel about certain tactics and that slogan is by any means necessary. We would prefer the running class in this country to roll over and play dead and to release BOBBY SEALE tomorrow peacefully... non-violence to violence, but you are not going to kill BOBBY SEALE, you're not going to do it and we are going to stop it by any means necessary and we are serious about that."

A source advised ROBERT SCHEER was in New Haven, Connecticut, on May 3, 1970, and was scheduled to deliver a speech at Princeton University that evening, and Harvard University on May 4, 1970.

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May 3, 1970

A source advised SCHEER spoke on May 9, 1970, at a rally in Washington, D. C., sponsored by the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. His remarks were devoted to giving his support and defense of the BPP.

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May 9, 1970

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The New Mobilization Committee (NMC) is described as a national steering organization specializing in the formation of local and national anti-war protest and demonstration activities through a coalition of local anti-Vietnam war and draft groups throughout the nation.

A source advised SCHEER appeared on a program on May 25, 1970, before approximately 4,000 persons in Gill Coliseum on the campus of Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

SF T-11  
May 29, 1970

The "Stanford Daily," a paper published in Stanford, California, in its October 7, 1970 edition published an article entitled "Forum Debates Political Process." The article stated ROBERT SCHEER was debating the political process with THOMAS BRADLEY, Los Angeles, California Councilman, and ROBERT MORGAN, California Assembly speaker. During the debate SCHEER was quoted as saying "The American political system is merely the superstructure of a reactionary corporate economy," and he urged students to "use the electoral process to get the radical position to the people, but to do so with the realization that the outcome of the election means little in terms of meaningful change." He described how the "corporate" ownership of mass media and the need for corporate campaign funds to gain access to the media resulted in virtually excluding many Americans, particularly radicals, from the political process. So, he urged, "Crush it!"

C. Extent of Travel

SCHEER has been traveling extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, and giving his support to the New Left and the BPP. The following sources indicate the extent of his travel:

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On April 29, 1970, SF T-13 advised SCHEER was in San Diego, California, the morning of April 29, 1970.

On April 26, 1970, SF T-12 advised SCHEER would be in New York City from the evening of April 29, 1970, through May 1, 1970.

On May 3, 1970, SF T-14 advised SCHEER was in New Haven, Connecticut, and would stay on the East Coast at least through May 5, 1970.

On May 7, 1970, SF T-15 advised SCHEER was in Washington, D. C., meeting with the New Mobilization Committee.

On May 12, 1970, SF T-16 advised SCHEER had returned to his home in Berkeley, California.

On May 22, 1970, SF T-17 advised SCHEER was then in Chicago, Illinois.

On May 29, 1970, SF T-11 advised SCHEER was attending a program in the Coliseum on the campus of Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, on May 25, 1970.

The June 17, 1970 edition of the "Monterey Herald," a daily paper in Monterey, California, advised SCHEER was campaigning on the Monterey Peninsula on June 16, 1970. It noted he is the Peace and Freedom Party candidate for the U.S. Senate.

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The Peace and Freedom Party 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.

On July 24, 1970, a source advised SCHEER had recently visited Paris, France, and left for Moscow on July 10, 1970, in the company of ten individuals. He carried five packages to be given to ELDRIDGE CLEAVER. (S)

SF T-3  
July 24, 1970

The "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco daily newspaper, issued an article in the July 13, 1970 edition entitled "Cleaver and Scheer Stop in Moscow." The article stated "Eldridge Cleaver and Robert Scheer, a California candidate for the United States Senate, arrived in Moscow yesterday en route to North Korea with the aim of expanding the American anti-war movement to include U. S. involvement in Korea.

"Accompanying them were nine other American men and women representing Cleaver's Black Panthers, student strike groups, Women's Liberation and GI protest groups.

"They leave today for Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, where they will spend about a month as the guests of the Committee for Reunification of Korea."

"The Black Panther," the official weekly paper of the BPP, San Francisco, California, issued an article in its August 8, 1970 edition entitled "Message From Anti-Imperialist Delegation of American People While Still En Route to D.P.R.K." The article states as follows:

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# MESSAGE FROM ANTI-IMPERIALIST DELEGATION OF AMERICAN PEOPLE WHILE STILL ENROUTE TO D.P.R.K.

NEW YORK (LNS)--A delegation of American revolutionaries sent the following message, written in a Moscow airport.

The Pentagon has a global strategy for dealing with liberation struggles whether they be inside or outside the U.S. This strategy will increasingly apply to any anti-imperialist movement.

Sisters and Brothers:

Since the peoples of the world have a common enemy, we must

We are a group of 11 people writing to you from Moscow Air port where we are waiting to take a supersonic plane to Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. We were invited to make this trip by the International Section of the Black Panther Party. In Korea, we will be the guests of the Committee for the Reunification of Korea.

begin to think of revolution as an international struggle against U.S. imperialism. Our struggle in the U.S. is a genuine part of the total revolutionary assault on this enemy. Understanding the Korean people's struggle, and communicating this to the American movement is a crucial step in developing this internationalist perspective.

The revolutionary movement organizations represented in our delegation include the Black Panther Party, the San Francisco Red Guard, Women's Liberation, Peace and Freedom Party, Newsreel, and Movement for a Democratic Military. The purpose of

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
--- Patricia Sumi, Jan Austin, Ann Proines, Gina Blumenfeld, Elbridge Cleaver, Robert Scheer, Randy Rappaport, Alex Hong, Elaine Brown, Andy Trushkin, Janet Kranzberg.

this U.S. people's delegation is to express solidarity with the struggles of the Korean people and to bring back to Babylon information about their communist society and their fight against U.S. imperialism.

Many of us were raised on Korean War propaganda which totally distorted all of the basic facts of U.S. aggression against the people of Korea. The Vietnam War has clearly revealed to us the horrors of an aggressive war which is very similar to the one fought 20 years ago in Korea. It is crucial to re-examine that missing period of our history in order to understand the events that will surely unfold in Korea in the coming months.

The Korean people have vowed to free their fatherland from U.S. imperialism and unite the country.

We have come to understand that Black people in the United States are treated as an internal colony, and are subject to the same genocidal aggression by U.S. imperialism as are the peoples of Asia.

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As reported under the Organizations Section, the "Evening Star," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, contained an article in its July 13, 1970 edition indicating SCHEER, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, and ten others were flying to North Korea from Moscow.

On August 18, 1970, SF T-19 furnished information issued by the Pyong Yang KCMA International Service in English, Pyong Yang, North Korea, that SCHEER, CLEAVER, and party had spent approximately one month "inside the University of Revolution."

The "Herold 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." This group arrived in Hanoi, North Vietnam, after spending about one month in North Korea, and were welcomed by DANG THAI MAI, Vice President, "Committee for Solidarity with the American People."

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On September 16, 1970, SCHEER returned to New York City and was observed at John F. Kennedy International Airport by a representative of the FBI.

The "Stanford Daily," in the October 7, 1970 edition, reported ROBERT SCHEER had been in Stanford, California, participating in the debate.

D. Political Activities

"The Black Panther," the official weekly newspaper of the BPP, published at San Francisco, California, in the April 18, 1970 edition stated "BOB SCHEER FOR U.S. SENATE IN CALIF. ON THE PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY TICKET. Scheer has been Chairman of the International Committee to Defend Eldridge Cleaver and is a former editor of Ramparts. Bob Scheer has the full support of the Black Panther Party in his candidacy. Scheer has been organizing defense and support committees for political prisoners around the country and it is his hope that the campaign will extend that work."

The "Monterey Peninsula Herald," a daily paper in Monterey, California, in the June 17, 1970, issue was headlined "Tosses Bombs - Scheer in Peninsula Campaign." The article went on to state as follows:

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"Robert Scheer, 34, the nominee of the Peace and Freedom Party for U.S. Senate in California, took full advantage of this role last night as he campaigned on the Monterey Peninsula.

"He said the burning of the Bank of America branch at Isla Vista was justified and 'I say "right on" to it.'

"He pledged to carry his campaign onto the Fort Ord military reservation even if he gets arrested.

"He insisted that he is a serious candidate and that the Peace and Freedom Party is a serious political organization.

"He said that P & F is not a single-issue party (dedicated to an immediate end to the war in Vietnam) but was equally concerned with the problems of ghettos and other matters of national concern.

"Scheer said that he intends to wage a good deal of his campaign on military bases, primarily Fort Ord and Camp Pendleton.

"He plans to have servicemen on base carry out voter registration of fellow servicemen and that if the military refuses permission for such action, 'I will be laying the groundwork for a constitutional case.'

"Burning a bank when no one is in it is certainly not a violent act.'

"He called the Bank of America 'a major agency of violence in the world...' They thought they had a franchise on violence because they had the police and the Army on their side both at home and abroad."

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