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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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July 24, 1970

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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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June 3, 1970

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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 \$1.26 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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