THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE assumes its right to dissent with United States foreign policy on any issue and states its opposition to United States involvement in the war in Vietnam on these grounds.

We believe the U.S. government has been deceptive in claiming concern for the freedom of the Vietnamese people, just as the government has been deceptive in claiming concern for the freedom of the colored people in such other countries as the Dominican Republic, the Congo, South Korea, and what the United States itself

We of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, have never been involved in the black people's struggle for liberation and self-determination in this country for the past five years. Our work, particularly, in the South, taught us the United States government has never guaranteed the freedom of oppressed citizens, and is not yet truly determined to end the rule of terror and oppression within its own borders.

We have been victims of the same ruthless act our country's government inflicts. We have thus sought and are seeking to secure the rights guaranteed them by law. In each case, the U.S. government bears a great part of the responsibility for these deaths.

Samuel Younge was murdered because U.S. law is not being enforced. Vietnamese are being murdered because the United States is pursuing an aggressive policy in violation of international law. The U.S. is no respecter of persons or law when such persons or laws run counter to its needs and desires. We recall the indifference, suspicion and outright hostility with which our reports of violence have been met in the past by government officials.

We know for the most part that elections in this country, in the North as well as the South, are not free. We have seen that the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1866 Civil Rights Aht have not yet been implemented with full federal power and concern. We question the ability and even the desire of the U.S. government to guarantee free elections abroad. We maintain that our country's cry of "Preserve Freedom in the World" is a hypocritical mask behind which it squashed liberation movements which are now heard and refuse to be the expediency of the U.S. war policy.

We are in sympathy with all support the men in this country who are unwilling to respond to the military draft which would compel them to contribute their lives to U.S. aggression in the name of the "freedom" we find so false this country. We feel with greater at the inconsistency of this supposedly free society which opposes to freedom is equipped with responsibility to itself and its to military aggression. We take note of the fact that 16 percent of the drafters from this country are Negro, called on to stifle the liberation of Vietnam, to preserve a "freedom" which does not exist for them at home.

We ask: Where is the cry for the Freedom right in the United States?

We therefore encourage all Americans who prefer to use their energy to building democratic forms within the country.

We believe that work in the civil rights movement and other human relations organizations is a valid alternative to the draft. We urge all Americans to seek this alternative, knowing full well that it may cost them their lives as painfully as in Vietnam.