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Things are very, very heavy. The War Machine has made its move... and it moved hard.

Escalating the war, invading Cambodia, bombing North Vietnam, shooting students on strike. They moved. Things are heavy. And yet we call for a non violent action. Not almost non violent, but non violent. And we really mean it. Why, when the War Machine is moving against Southeast Asia and the Movement harder than ever before do we call for a non-violent demonstration? Why, when we are angry as never before, do we ask that anger be channeled?

We call for a non-violent, disciplined demonstration on Saturday because to do otherwise would be suicide for the Movement and delay the end of the war. The massive escalation of the war and violence against the Movement has clearly shown the American people who is responsible for violence in this society. Nixon has clearly shown the American people who the peace makers are. We of the Movement are the peace makers and the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell is the war maker. The people know who uses violence, who wants peace and who wants war.

For a while the people were confused. But no more. Now the people know. And we, in the Movement, if we use violence can again confuse them. If we use violence we may provide the administration an excuse, if they need one, to shoot and murder more of us. We cannot allow the police agents, the window trashers and pig baiters to confuse the American people and give the warmakers an excuse for our murder.

On Saturday in Washington we are representing the people of the entire country. Some of us believe actions like the destruction of violent institutions such as an ROTC building, draft board, draft files or other instruments of death may be valid in the context of a given local or sectional community. That is because that Community understands the violence inherent in that institution and has already decided that institution is illegitimate. However, we represent not only students, not only Easterners, but factory workers and Mid-Westerners. Our demonstration must avoid acts which could be construed as violence by those not part of our particular communities. As a coalition of many segments of the Movement, the New Mobilization is sensitive to all parts of the Movement and has tried to call an action we can all understand.

We are angry and our anger must be focused and clear.

We must keep the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell War Machine isolated and alone.

We must not allow our anger to be wasted in violence that could confuse the American people.

The country is moving as never before and that momentum can only be maintained if we in Washington on Saturday maintain the non violent discipline that, at this time, will continue to make clear who uses violence.

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IF YOU WISH TO ACT AS A NON VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION MARSHALL ON THE SATURDAY, MAY 9, DEMONSTRATION, COME TO ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH, 16th & Harvard, NW, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday or anytime Friday.

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