

1967 CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

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The following is not as much a press release, as it is an introduction to the enclosed material. Initially, we are most concerned with the active support of the committed and involved youth of today. Therefore, this first release is for these papers only, and we prefer now to let you write your own stories, as you feel them, based on the material. We ask only that you let us have copy on whatever you run - plus any comments or suggestions you may care to make.

Background: The 1967 Citizens' Committee of Inquiry is not related to any previous committee working on the assassination, but was formed this year in both New York and Los Angeles, with these two cities organizing the East Coast and West Coast respectively. The Committee is run by active volunteers, with no one, at least at this point, drawing any kind of salary. Further Committee branches are being set up in other cities, each to organize in their own areas, and channel through N.Y. and L.A.

Involvement: It is hoped that each University in the country will have its own Committee, which will be part of the local headquarters. We need students! At this moment, most of the activist work is in end-the-war activities, but it is obvious that in many ways the solution to the assassination is equally vital. This is part of a participatory democracy, in which each citizen will be made more aware of the need for peace, and the need for he, himself, to be an active civil-libertarian. The assassination changed world history - solving it may not do the same, but it will make each citizen aware that matters of politics may not always be left totally in the hands of the government, and that each of us is capable of affecting the destiny of the government, as part of, and as well as, our own individual lives.

Purpose: As set down in the petition - this says it better than we could here.

Ways and Means: The petition is our primary method of achieving our goal, as it directly involves as many people as we can speak to in the country. Our means will be as militant as it requires to achieve our goal, and always involving the maximum number of people. In addition to the petition, we are planning on a national, in-depth public opinion survey, and speakers for whichever colleges and groups will take them. Other activities are planned, but we can make no further announcements as yet.

Needs: We are, of course, in need of funds, and people, people, people! Those who wish to organize, send money, sign a petition etc., should write us at the above address. Your warm bodies will receive our active replies and co-operation.

Thank you.