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This heavily redacted FBI field surveillance report details Al Hubbard's presentation to a VVAW meeting of the Executive and Steering committees in Kansas City, Missouri, during the weekend of November 12-15, 1971. It is the same meeting at which the VVAW considered, and then rejected a plan to assassinate several pro-war U.S. Senators. John Kerry is listed as present. Once again, Al Hubbard made clear the communist coordination involved in his recent trip to Paris:

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REGIONAL COORDINATORS AND NATIONAL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING,
WEEKEND NOVEMBER 12-15, 1971,
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a national meeting of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) executive committee and regional coordinators took place at Kansas City, Missouri, between the dates of November 12-15, 1971.

The VVAW was founded in the spring of 1967 by six young Vietnam veterans in New York City. At the beginning of 1968, with 600 members, VVAW opened a national office, founded the first GI newspaper, Vietnam GI, and sent close to 500 veterans into the McCarthy campaign to beat down red baiters. After getting gassed at the Democratic Convention at Chicago and caught in the general "down" of the peace movement, VVAW was nearly inactive until the moratoriums in the fall of 1969. Members of VVAW led student strikes on major campuses across the country and battled Veterans Administration Hospital authorities over threats to throw amputee Vietnam veterans out for signing anti-war petitions. At present, membership of the VVAW, nationally, consists of 8,500 members.

The first meeting took place at conference rooms A, B, and C at the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC), and was supposed to have begun at 12:00 noon, however, it did not get started until approximately 4:30 p.m., when approximately 50 individuals attended the first meeting consisting of the following individuals:

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The executive committee, consisting of
six individuals with the following people being
present:

Al Hubbard
John Kerry
Mike Oliver
Byron Adams, meeting chairman
Skip Roberts

All steering committee members, which con-
sisted of 26 regional coordinators, were present.

Other individuals present at the meeting
were stated coordinators.

While the meeting went on, individuals were
designated to prepare the agenda, which is as follows:

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One of the highlights of the afternoon meeting was Hubbard's briefing of his Paris conference advising the meeting he had just returned from Paris before coming to Kansas City.

[redacted] advised that Hubbard gave the following information regarding his Paris trip:

Two foreign groups, which are Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) and Peoples Republic Government (PRG) (phonetic), invited representatives of the VVAW, Communist Party USA (CP USA), and a Left Wing group in Paris, to attend meetings of the above inviting groups in Paris. Hubbard advised he was elected to represent the VVAW. An unknown male was invited to represent the CP USA and an unknown individual was elected to represent the Left Wing group from Paris. He advised at the meeting that his trip was financed by CP USA. ~~Hubbard said while in Paris, an individual named~~ *[redacted]* accompanied the visitors and acted as liaison between the visitors and the inviting groups.

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Hubbard said while they were in Paris he met with an individual named Swantwee, a representative of North Vietnam. They talked about the P.O.W. issue and the possibility that a VVAW delegation might be able to go to Vietnam in the near future and discuss the possibility of the release of American P.O. Ws.

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[redacted] advised that after Hubbard's talk regarding his trip, *[redacted]* and John Kerry then *[redacted]*

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[redacted] advised that another individual attended the meeting on Saturday afternoon named Joe Urgo, identified as an employee of the VVAW

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