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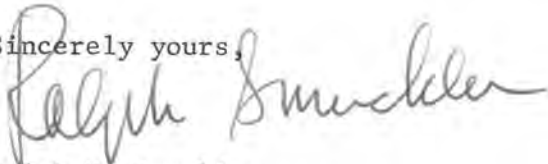
June 13, 1966

Dr. John A. Hannah
President
Michigan State University

Dear President Hannah:

We have been asking for reports on the impact of the Ramparts article from our various overseas project offices. I will send some of these along to you from time to time so that you can keep informed. The enclosed memoranda come from project leaders for the Brazil and India portions of the communications and diffusion study headed by Professor Everett Rogers.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph H. Smuckler
Acting Dean

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MEMO ON THE IMPACT OF RAMPART'S ARTICLE ON WORK
IN BELO HORIZONTE

From: Gordon Whiting
to: Everett M. Rogers
Date: May 26, 1966

I first became aware of RAMPARTS through a clipping from a local newspaper citing the article and identifying the most sensational charges. Recently larger clippings have appeared in the same newspaper. The story in TIME international several weeks ago also would publicize the matter to Brazilians.

Except for our associate project leader, Gustavo Quasada, who first showed me the first clipping, no Brazilian has approached me asking about it. I learned yesterday that the head of the political science department in this university had been discretely asking Gustavo for information. I sought him out and left with him the statement included in the faculty minutes sent me. Earlier I had given Dr. Hannah's longer statement to a translator in the consulate to have available further explanation should trouble break. The political science head says he is only interested because students had been asking him, so apparently the news is out. How strongly we are suspected of intelligence activities is difficult to say. Certainly we are sitting in a sensitive university with reputedly strong Marxist leanings (which have been squelched since the revolution) and we are making as little noise as possible at the present time. On the other hand, we have good contacts with portions of the student body through one of our employees who was himself at one time identified with the leftist student group. In addition, the interviewers who were students and who worked with us in Phase One would probably dampen any suspicions.

In brief, it is perhaps too early to know just what impact RAMPARTS has had here. At present it does not appear to have cut support out from under our project and we are hoping the local scandal sheet will let it die and be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon C. Whiting
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Project Leader, Brazil

Inter-Department Correspondence

MEMORANDUM

Date 6/3/66

To Dean Smuckler

From David Schmeling

Subject MSU RAMPARTS ARTICLE REACTIONS FROM ABROAD

Here is the first report from The Diffusion
Project staff overseas (India).

I hope to have comments from Brasil and
Nigeria shortly.

Signed _____

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-30, A. P., India

MAY 19, 1966

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Letter: 9

Dear ^aDove:

In response to your I-19, regarding reactions to the Ramparts article, there are several items to report.

First of all let me thank you for promptly supplying us with the background material. We first became aware of the story through Time magazine and were expecting some local reaction, thus the additional information was very welcome.

For several weeks there was only vague rumbling in the press, as an offshoot of the New York Times articles on CIA rather than Ramparts. Then last Friday, the 13th, a Delhi paper ran the story enclosed on its front page. Thus far this theme has not been picked up by other papers, left or right. We are more or less expecting some further coverage and have taken steps to keep Dr. J. Dean of NICD, informed. We plan to let him handle anything that comes

Yesterday one Tom Lucas, N.Y. Times Correspondent, came for a long interview, following up on the piece enclosed. He indicated that he would try to report on the project, indicating that he was following up a line of reasoning suggested by the Patriot, not trying to argue we were clear or hint that we were not, but simply telling about what we are doing. He asked some very pointed questions and we answered fully and openly.

That's all on the press. There may be more to report in future, probably will be more in fact, and it could have some substantial consequences.

Thus far we have had no difficulty with our work stemming from this publicity. There is not enough public awareness, yet, to cause trouble. That's my guess at any rate. I can't say that I'm informed on gossip, I don't really see anyone outside of work connected activities. Our contacts with officials and others in connection with project activities have not been affected.

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Extract from

'PATRIOT' Friday, May 13, 1955.

CIA links with Hyderabad institute seen.

Our Correspondent

Hyderabad, May 12.

A tie-up between the CIA-subsidised Michigan State University of America and the National Institute of Community Development at Rajendranagar, 10 miles from here, has now come to light.

The Rajendranagar institute is said to be drawing huge amounts as grants from the Michigan State University towards a scheme under which Indian students of the institute go to Michigan, and a regular flood of Americans come to India as "investigators."

These investigators spread into villages throughout the country, ostensibly to collect data on the reaction of Indian peasants to technical innovations.
