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## To The People

For the past two days people in East Lansing Michigan have non-violently blockaded Grand River Avenue, the city's main artery and a state highway, in order to express our sense of outrage and concern over the escalation of the Indochina war. By mining and blockading North Viet Nam Nixon is risking World War III with Russia and/or China and is also posing a great threat to US troops in South Viet Nam who would be better protected by an immediate withdrawal of all US air, land and sea forces. This would leave the people of Viet Nam free to reach their own political solution.

The mines along the coast of North Viet Nam have been activated. It is imperative for the people of the United States to express the utmost concern over this reckless act of international lawlessness. We ask you to do whatever you feel you can do. Many alternatives are available.

1. Write or telegram Nixon, your Senators, and Congressman or woman.
2. Conduct teach-ins on the war.
3. Join anti-war marches and rallies.
4. Boycott products of companies which contribute to the war effort.
5. Participate in actions to prohibit the movement of war materials and the normal functioning of military bases.
6. Strike and picket plants, factories, schools, and businesses which are in complicity with the US war machine.
7. Create your own blockades on behalf of the Vietnamese people as we have done here.

Today Michigan State Police forced the People off the Grand River Blockade after our second day of occupation. We will regroup and like the Vietnamese people we will also not be defeated.

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We have made the following demands to the East Lansing City Council and the administration of Michigan State University:

1. that the city and the university adopt an institutional stand against the war in Indochina
2. that the city and the university stop buying from and investing in war contractors
3. that military recruiters be banned from the city and the university
4. that the university stop giving the military lists which the military then uses for propaganda purposes
5. that the university end its contract with the Reserve Officer Training Corp
6. that the city and university police agencies not cooperate with any other police agencies in the detection, investigation, or apprehension of draft resisters and deserters
7. that Michigan State University grant three hours of programming time on WMSB TV this Sunday, May 14, for discussion and analysis of the Indochina War
8. that all charges against demonstrators arrested in the blockade of Grand River Avenue and also in the blockade of military recruiters on campus last week be dropped
9. that the city and the university let their employees off of work Friday, May 12 so that they may participate in a teach-in on the Indochina war.

What we have been trying to accomplish over the past two days and what we encourage you to do is to bring business as usual to a halt until the

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war ends. This is a general strike in which the people emphatically state to Nixon's war machine that until the United States withdraws from Indochina the people will refuse to carry out their usual daily functions. We must stop the country now in order to stop the war.

Bring all our troops home now.