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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE

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February 15, 1971

Executive Registry
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Dear Mr. Helms:

I am writing to you about a matter which I am sure is of common concern to both of us—the United States National Student Association, which claims to be a national voice for the students of America. I believe it to be otherwise, as I am sure you do, and desperately need your help in backing up this belief with irrefutable evidence.

The Florida Junior Colleges Student Government Association (FJCSGA), an organization composed of all the junior college student governments in this state, at its October convention considered a resolution (enclosed) written by Palm Beach Junior College, calling for the disapproval of the NSA "for its overtly radical nature." The resolution failed to pass by three votes and was sent to committee for further investigation, with a full report to be given at the Spring Convention in March or April.

We at Palm Beach Junior College are now conducting intensive research to determine the validity of our premises, based on second-hand information provided by STOP-NSA, an anti-NSA group, and from an article in Human Events written by Ron Docksai, now national chairman of Young Americans for Freedom. ~~One contention, the one concerning the barring of policemen from college, has been practically disproven.~~ ~~Another contention, the so-called expansion of non-violent action including civil disobedience, has been validated.~~ Other information has been uncovered, including a 1965 endorsement of the SDS by a letter inviting PBJC to a Southern NSA conference, the backing of the "Third World" movement, and a 1970 resolution condemning, among other things, "capitalism".

I eminently realize the limited amount of your time, concerned as you are with so many matters of great importance. However, I am certain that the stand of the largest organization of college student leaders in Florida on an organization such as the NSA is at least of some concern to you, being one of our most outstanding leaders of American democracy and a firm believer in the establishment of truth and fair representation.

You have, I am sure, at your disposal, at least some information which could contribute to our investigative efforts. Please keep in mind that all of the contentions of the "anti-NSA" resolution lead to affixing the term "radical" to the NSA, and that that is the process the validity of which we are seeking. In addition to any evidence in the form of irrefutable proof and documentation you may be able to provide for us, we would appreciate any personal opinions or comments concerning the NSA that you say have based on your or others' experiences.

Thank you immensely for your time, your interest, and, hopefully, your assistance. Anxiously awaiting your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
Dan Lobeck
SGA President
Palm Beach Junior College

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FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGES STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION 17.
(Referred to committee October 23, 1970; to be reconsidered March or April, 1971)

RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE DISAPPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION BY THE FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGES STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- Whereas, The United States National Student Association (hereafter referred to as NSA), in its 1967 national convention, called for the "liberation" of all Black people in America "by any means necessary," and that resolution still stands.
- Whereas, The NSA has condemned "the aggression of the United States government against the people of Vietnam" in a resolution which still stands.
- Whereas, David Ifshin, who was elected President of the NSA unanimously from 17 candidates in its 1970 convention, listed, at that convention, the four major problems of America as "sexism, imperialism, racism, and capitalism" and introduced a resolution (which was defeated by a narrow margin) "to seize Washington, D. C., by force on May 1" if the Vietnam War is not ended by that date.
- Whereas, The NSA passed, by a vote of 214 to 50, a resolution at its August 6-19, 1970 convention stating that "if the war is not ended by May 1, 1971, NSA will commit itself to a concerted expansion of massive non-violent action including civil disobedience at the local, regional, and national levels."

- Whereas, At their 1970 convention, the NSA passed a resolution recommending that "policemen be forbidden from going to college, regardless of the desires of the policemen or the policies of the individual colleges."
- Whereas, Rennie Davis, one of the Chicago 7, received a standing ovation from the 1970 NSA convention after he called for a victory for the National Liberation Front in Vietnam and urged the delegates to join him in "beating down" Nixon.
- Whereas, Of the twenty-five resolutions passed by the NSA in its 1970 convention, only three of them dealt with college and university problems.
- Whereas, The United States National Student Association, as indicated by the previous clauses, has typified itself as a radical political organization.

Be It Therefore Resolved:

By the Florida Junior Colleges Student Government Association that said body wholly disapproves of the United States National Student Association for its overtly radical political nature.

Be It Further Resolved:

By the Florida Junior Colleges Student Government Association that said body discourages participation by its members in the United States National Student Association because of the radical and non-representative nature of the NSA.

Respectfully submitted,
District IV
(Southern Florida)