

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Office: Detroit, Michigan

Date:

1/26/68

Title:

PETER ALEXANDER WERBE  
SSN [REDACTED]

## Synopsis:

PETER ALEXANDER WERBE was declared delinquent on 11/29/67 by Local Board 179, Detroit, Mich., for failure to possess a Selective Service Registration Card, which he relinquished at the Wayne County Headquarters Building during the anti-draft demonstration on 10/16/67. He has been classified 1-A by Local Board 179 as of 1/25/68. WERBE was born 6/19/40 in Detroit of American-born parents. He is presently living at 8021 Third Avenue, Detroit. He attended Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich. (1959); Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. (intermittent from 1960 - 1963); and Wayne State University, Detroit (1963 and 1964). He was principally employed as a Public Aid Worker for the Department of Public Welfare, Detroit, and is presently editor of the "Fifth Estate", a Wayne State University student campus newspaper. He is chairman of the Detroit Students for a Democratic Society. WERBE is an active member in the fight to stop the war in Vietnam.

DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon PETER ALEXANDER WERBE's active participation in anti-draft activities and the possibility of aiding, abetting, or counseling with respect to Selective Service, which is in violation of the Selective Service Act, 1948.

The following reflects a summary of the background data accumulated on PETER ALEXANDER WERBE:

Birth Data

PETER ALEXANDER WERBE was born June 19, 1940, at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. His parents were listed as RAYMOND ALEXANDER WERBE, father, and JENNIE GUTOV WERBE, mother, both born in the United States.

Marriage Records

On May 26, 1963, PETER ALEXANDER WERBE was married to MARILYN COHEN at Lansing, County of Ingham, Michigan.

Selective Service

WERBE is registered with Detroit Local Draft Board 179; and, as of January 25, 1968, is classified 1-A.

Employment

The following is a chronological list of previous employment positions held by PETER WERBE:

Flagg Brothers Shoe Store,  
Detroit  
1957-1958

Hardy Brothers Shoe Store,  
Detroit  
1958

Isabell Scott Fabrics,  
New York City,  
summer of 1960



Jewish Community Center,  
18100 Meyers Road,  
Detroit,  
summers of 1961 and 1962

B. L. Sims Company,  
401 South Washington,  
Royal Oak, Michigan,  
December, 1962, - January, 1963

Department of Public Welfare,  
Public Aid Worker,  
Water Board Building (Headquarters),  
Detroit  
July 24, 1964 - 1966

Co-Editor of the  
"Fifth Estate"

Editor of the  
"Fifth Estate"

#### Education

The following is a list of colleges and dates of attendance of one PETER ALEXANDER WERBE:

Ferris State College,  
Big Rapids, Michigan,  
winter, spring, and fall terms of 1959

Michigan State University,  
East Lansing, Michigan,  
winter, spring, and fall terms of 1960;  
winter and fall terms of 1961;  
winter, spring and fall terms of 1962;  
winter and spring terms of 1963;

Wayne State University,  
Detroit,  
attended September, 1963, and  
January, 1964, terms.  
He received no credit during both these terms.

#### Activities

PETER WERBE is an avowed member of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and his name has appeared several times in newsprint speaking for the SDS.

PETER ALFRED WERBE is described as follows:

An article appeared in the March 14, 1966, edition of the "Daily Collegian", Wayne State University student newspaper, Detroit, entitled "Six SDSers Will Join DuBois Club". The article stated that six Wayne State University (WSU) members of the SDS pledged to join the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America. PETER WERBE's name appeared as one of the six involved.

PETER WERBE has been very active in the SDS, the Friday Night Socialist Forum, the Young Socialist Alliance, and the Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam (DCEWV).

PETER WERBE was one of two co-chairmen who sponsored the April 17, 1965, march to Washington, D.C.

Previous Residence Detroit  
(as of December 1, 1966)  
633 Prentiss,  
Detroit  
Social Security Number 383-38-2365  
Selective Service Number 20-179-40-251

WERBE is presently residing at 8071 Third Avenue, Detroit, as of December 1, 1966.

He registered his Selective Service Registration Card at the Wayne County Headquarters Building during the anti-draft demonstration on October 16, 1967. On November 2, 1967, Local Board (LB) 179, Detroit, sent a delinquency notice to WERBE which stated he was delinquent for failing to possess a registration card.

WERBE appeared at LB 179 regarding his delinquency, he appealed into delinquency and asked for a hearing. He was told he had the right to appeal. He was given a registration card and he stated that he had the card.



Name	PETER ALEXANDER WERBE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 19, 1940
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Marital Status	Married
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Employment	Co-Editor of "Fifth Estate"
Residence	8021 Third Avenue, Detroit (as of December 1, 1966)
Previous Residence	633 Prentiss, Detroit
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]

WERBE is presently residing at 8021 Third Avenue,  
Detroit, as of December 1, 1966.

He relinquished his Selective Service Registration Card at the Wayne County Headquarters Building during the anti-draft demonstration on October 16, 1967. On November 29, 1967, Local Board (LB) 179, Detroit, sent a delinquency notice to WERBE which stated he was delinquent for failing to possess a registration card.

WERBE appeared at LB 179 regarding his delinquency. He appealed this delinquency and asked for a hearing. He was told he had the right to appeal. He was given a regulation form stating that it was a Federal violation not to possess a registration card and he stated that he had been the

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party who turned in the card, but refused to sign anything to that effect.

WERBE then demanded to know the names and addresses of the board members because he said some boards acted illegally by placing members on the board who did not reside in the community. He was told he could have the names of the board members but not their addresses. WERBE then stated he would find out through his friends. He also got into a discussion about the turning in of draft cards and stated that it would be impossible for the government to prosecute all of the students turning in their draft cards because there would be too much time and paper work involved.

He stated that he is presently self-employed as a newspaper editor, but did not list the paper.

Under Series VII, titled "Physical Condition", the following statement is made:

"If you have any physical or mental condition which, in your opinion, will disqualify you for service in the armed forces, state the condition and attach a physician's statement if not previously submitted".

WERBE's answer to this was, "Total inability to respond to illegitimate authority (i.e. the army)". This was written in WERBE's handwriting and signed by him.

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