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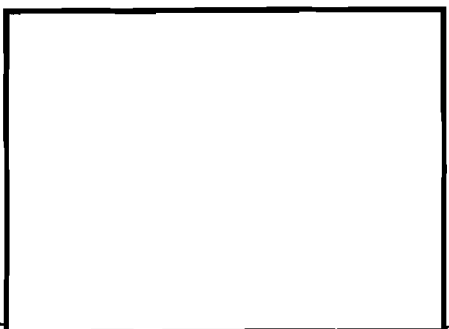
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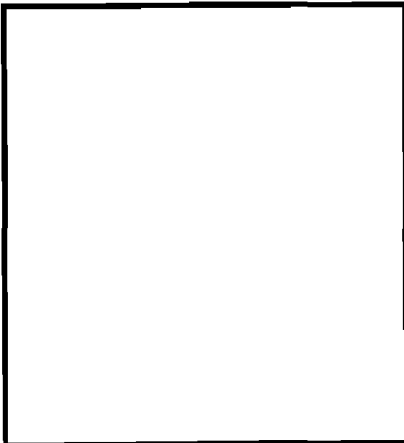
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ROBERT AUSTON WILSON

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs
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on 8/13/53.

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[redacted] was interviewed at NY, NY on 8/24/64
by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

There is no approved characterization for the Metro-
politan Council of Housing, War Resisters League.

SA [redacted] observed the rally held in Union
Square, NYC, on 8/19/65.

SA JAMES H. WATT, JR. observed the rally held in
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"The Free University of New York is necessary because, in our conception, American universities have been reduced to institutions of intellectual servitude. Students have been systematically dehumanized, deemed incompetent to regulate their own lives, sexually, politically and academically. They are treated like raw material to be processed for the university's clients-business, government and military bureaucracies. Teachers, underpaid and constantly subject to investigation and purge, have been relegated to the position of servant-intellectuals, required, for regular promotion, to propagate points of view in harmony with the military and industrial leadership of our society.

"The American university has been emasculated. Its intellectual vigor, exuberance and excitement have been destroyed. What remains is a dispassionate and studied dullness, a facade of scholarly activity concealing an internal emptiness and cynicism, a dusty-dry search for permissible truth which pleases none but the administrator and the ambitious.

"In the very face of these circumstances and in recognition of the events of the last decade, protest has once again emerged on the college campuses of America. We welcome the protest: we feel the foundation of the Free University is part of it."

NY T-2
September 24, 1965

Courses Offered

The Fall Catalogue 1965 of the Free University of New York which was furnished by the source contains the following listing of "Course Offerings in the Fall Quarter":

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Marxist Geography by [redacted]
Theory and Practice of Radical Social Movements by [redacted]
Marxian Economics by [redacted]
Marxist Approaches to the Avant-Garde Arts by [redacted]

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Collage by [redacted]
Anti-Authoritarian Anthropology by [redacted]
The Philosophical Conception of Socialism by [redacted]

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Survey of Literary, Political and Satirical
Magazines by [redacted]

U.S. History 1896-1929: Political Economy of *2100. A NEW HISTORY OF EAST SIDE REVIEW*
Corporate Capitalism by [redacted]

Hallucinogenic Drugs : Their Uses and Social
Implications by [redacted]
Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism: The Ideological
Question in Vietnam by [redacted] and [redacted]

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Art and Communism by [redacted]
Poetry and Revolution by [redacted]
Imperialism: A Marxist-Leninist View by [redacted]
The American Radical Tradition: 1900 To Present by [redacted]

* Anarchistic and Synergetic Politics by ROBERT ANTON
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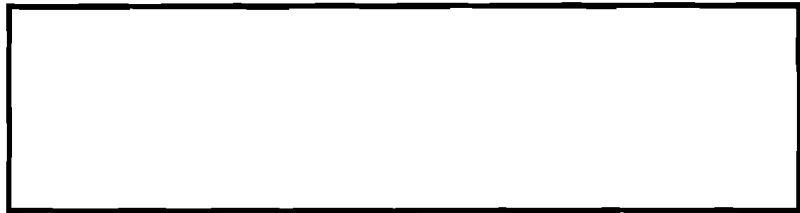
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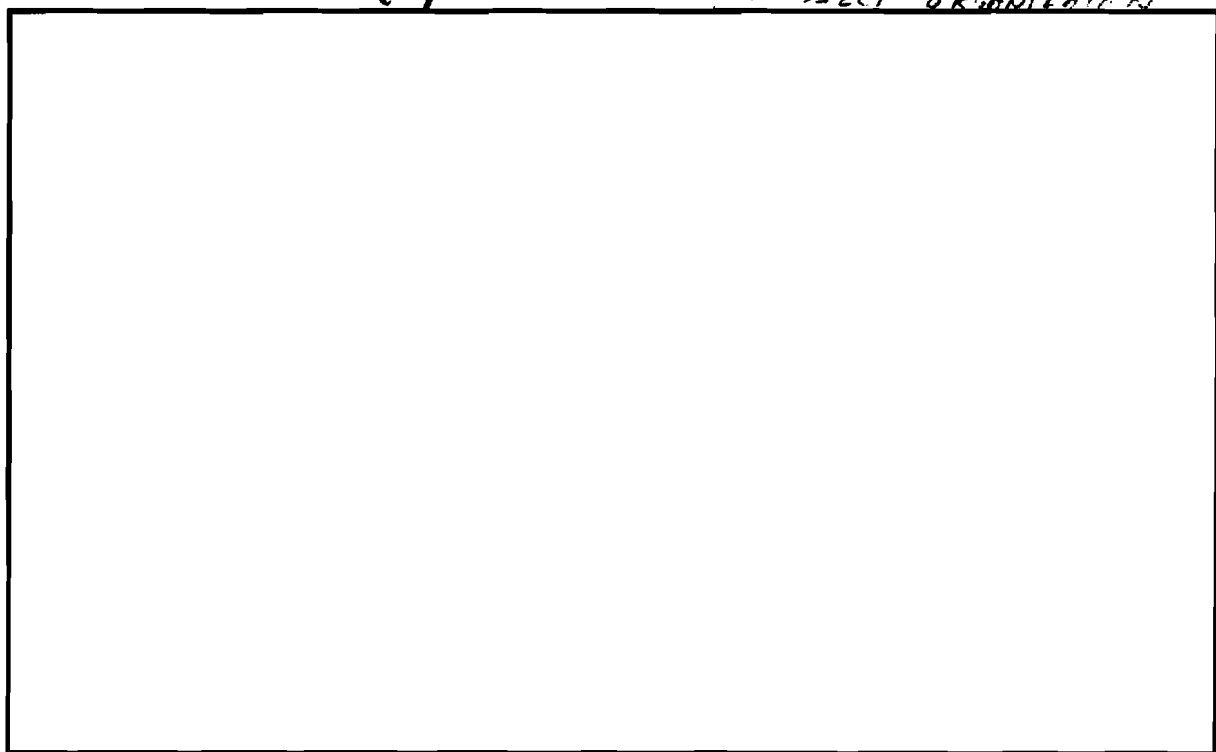
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Report of SA [Redacted] 11/17/65, at New York
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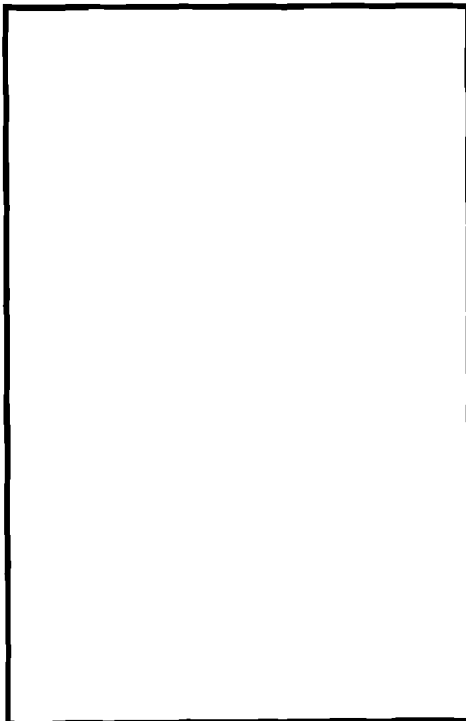
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ROBERT ANTON WILSON

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted]
[redacted], and JAMES F. REILLY, at New York, New York,
on 8/24/64.

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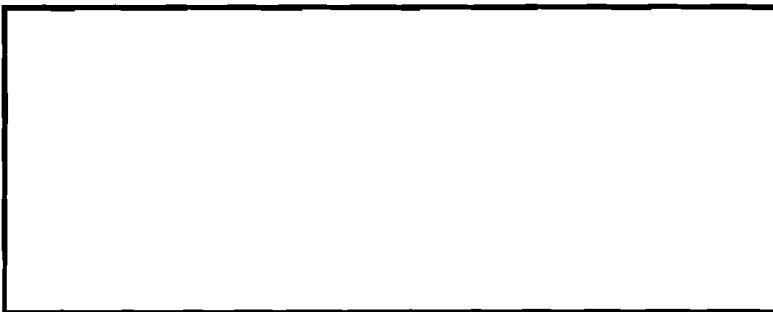
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A characterization of the Student
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April 20, 1965 } *ku*

A characterization of the PLP appears
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Winter Semester

The source made available a flyer which
announced the winter quarter of the FUNY. The flyer
indicated that registration was to take place January
24-28, 1966, and that a nine week season was to begin on
January 31, 1966, at 20 East 14th Street, New York, New York. ~~(U)~~

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January 19, 1966 } *ku*

Courses Offered

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offerings for the winter semester beginning January 31, 1966:

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"A History and Evaluation of Dialectical
Philosophy"

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"US History, 1929 To Present"

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"Germany Then, America Now: A Study of
Comparative Fascist Trends"

[REDACTED]

"Hallucinogenic Drugs: Their Uses and Social
Implications"

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"Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism: The Ideological
Question in Vietnam"

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"Weapon Workshop"

[REDACTED]

"Poetry and Revolution. Part II"

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"China Today"

[REDACTED]

"Problems of Social Revolution in Advanced
Industrial Society: The Case of the United
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"Word Fallout: Literature as Insurrection"
ROBERT ANTON WILSON

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- 8 - February 1, 1966

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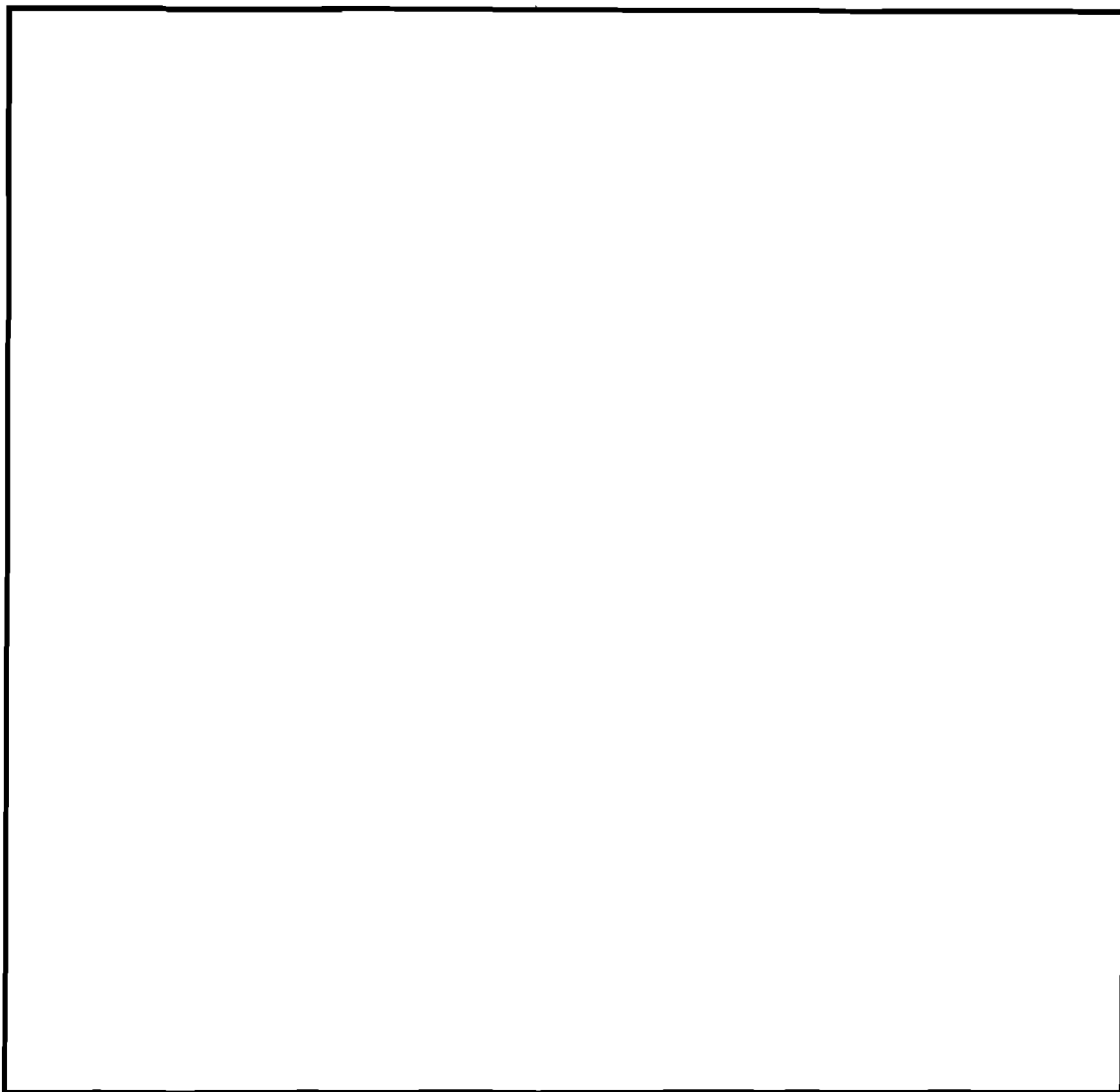
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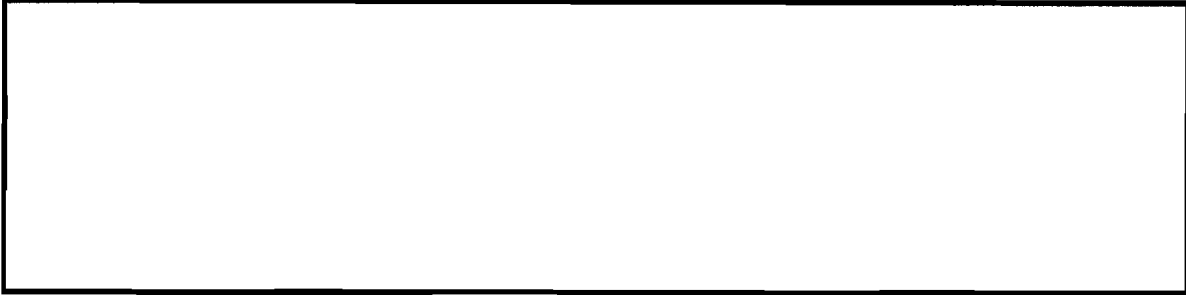
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ROBERT ANTON WILSON ~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~
Freelance journalist, lecturer on literature
and science.

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February 1, 1966

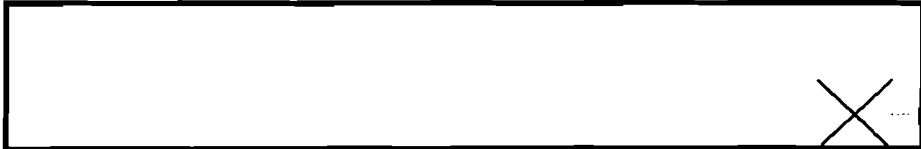
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