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# Eldridge Cleaver's Statement on Robert Scheer

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### Summary:

Eldridge Cleaver recommends that Robert Sheer join the "U.S. People's Anti-Imperialist Delegation" to North Korea in 1970.

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## STATEMENT ON ROBERT SCHEER

I have known ROBERT SCHEER by reputation since 1965. I have known him personally since 1966. It is my opinion that it would be advantageous to the struggle against fascism and imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism, for him to visit the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea and to write about what he sees and learns and thinks.

ROBERT SCHEER IS ## 34 or 35 years old. He is one of the principle directors of RAMPARTS Magazine and I worked with him at RAMPARTS from 1966 until 1968 when I left the UNITED STATES. I regard him as a Comrade.

He is and has been for several years a very influential voice for the New Left Movement inside the U.S. He has been and is one of the chief mobilizers of the Anti-War Movement of Progressive Whites inside the U.S. His writings are widely known and read inside the U.S. and in England and Europe. He visited Vietnam (South) in 1965 or 1966 and wrote reports that were widely read and which exposed the true nature of the barbarous war of aggression being waged by U.S. Imperialism against the Vietnamese people. His wife, Ann Scheer visited Vietnam (North) and played a part in the exchange of prisoners of war, at the request of the government of Vietnam (North). ROBERT SCHEER said that he himself has been invited to visit Vietnam (North).

In either 1965 or 1966 ROBERT SCHEER was selected as the spokesman for the anti-war forces in California (U.S.A), and he was put up by these forces as a candidate for the U.S. Congress and waged a Progressive campaign against the war in Vietnam.

He is half-Jewish and half-German. He articulates a Progressive political position on all problems of the World Revolution and struggle against imperialism except the question of Palestine. I think he is even capable of articulating a Progressive political position on the question of Palestine.

All Power To The People!