

# *Lottery has hidden motives: attempts to divide dissidents*

To the Editor:

Problem: how to continue fooling the silent majority with the "secret plan" strategy, and yet effectively stifle the politically dangerous peace demonstrations.

Solution: initiate a lottery

draft system that will split the vocal opposition in three and promote the social and political apathy that characterized preceding generations of young people. Or catch 122 because

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Uncle Sam still needs suckers to do his dirty work.

Result: a desirably large proportion of those in the top 200 will entertain the notion of avoiding the draft and will come to think of Vietnam as something on the tube. Consequently, the inevitable protests against the war will not gain the necessary mass commitment, and the administration will be home free

for the 72 elections.

Right.

Wrong again Tricky Dick. Even though the war has suddenly become remote to some, it is still a moral to all. Those who will be first now feel their resentment against the war crystalized, and those who are free are also free to engage in more daring anti-war activities. We can't be bought or bribed and the administration will find that the movement is still as alive and together as before.

Power to the People,  
John Lynch