

Pres. K. McManus, attorney Gen. Sec. Navy  
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The purpose of this letter is to call to your attention certain activities of Naval Officers stationed at the Pt. Mugu Missile Test Center in Ventura County which we believe improperly invades the field of politics, and appears to make the U. S. Navy an official sponsor of the highly controversial film "Communism on the Map".

This film presents a one-sided, distorted view of recent history which is highly critical of the government of the United States and its allies, and their past and present leaders. It also contains considerable comment intended to influence the viewers thinking on domestic political issues.

We have protested strongly against this activity to Admiral Monroe, commanding officer at Pt. Mugu. In reply he has promised to stop the showing of the film to civilian groups outside the base, but still intends to use it as a training film for Naval personnel on the base.

We believe that the film's strong political bias makes it likewise unsuitable for indoctrination of Naval personnel. We request that you take the necessary steps to correct this situation, which we believe to be contrary to good practice in the armed services, and inimical to good political practice in our area.

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Yours very truly,

Ventura Democratic Central Committee