This memorandum is in regard to the Asian Student Counselors Program. It is a draft statement of their 1) raison d'être; 2) purpose; 3) organization.

1) raison d'être:

A counseling system focusing specifically on the needs of Asian-American freshman is needed since existing counseling systems do not now adequately address the variety of problems peculiar to this group. The Asian-American undergraduate population has grown tremendously in the past few years and may soon approximate the number of Afro-American undergraduates at Brown. These new numbers represent a wide range of national, geographic and socio-economic backgrounds and a new and complex challenge to any counseling system which takes as its responsibility the well-being of "third world" or "minority" students at Brown.

In as much as the Minority Peer Counseling system is not now perceived by either Asian-American freshmen or by many of the MPC's themselves as meeting the needs of Asian-American freshmen, a counseling program which focuses specifically on the needs of Asian-American freshmen is proposed until such time as the Minority Peer Counseling program is adequately staffed and prepared to fulfill these duties.

2) Purpose:

Asian Student Counselors recognize and are sensitive to the wide range of Asian experiences in the United States and among the Asian-American student body at Brown. By bringing to bear their own experiences on the problems which may confront Asian-American freshmen, Asian Student Counselors seek to help Asian-American freshmen make the adjustment to Brown, as an intellectual and social community, a positive and constructive experience.

3) Organization:

a) The Asian Student Counselors are a group of student volunteers who receive no remuneration or housing preference. They are self-selected after participating in an orientation program designed to expose them to: the varieties of Asian experiences in America; the diversity of the Asian-American student body at Brown; and to a variety of problems particular to Asians at Brown.

b) Four coordinators have volunteered to facilitate communications within the group and to act as liaison with other organizations where