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Harry S. Truman's 12/22/1963 statement in the ~~Washington~~ Post, Heading "U.S. Should Hold CIA to Intelligence Role."

*I think it has become necessary to take another look at the purpose and operations of our Central Intelligence Agency.*

*For some time I have been disturbed by the way the CIA has been diverted from its original assignment. It has become an operational and at times a policy-making arm of the Government. This has led to trouble and may have compounded our difficulties in several explosive areas.*

*We have grown up as a nation, respected for our free institutions and for our ability to maintain a free and open society. There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position and I feel we need to correct it.*

*This appeared in the morning edition of the Post and that was its only appearance. It was not commented on editorially or picked up by any other major newspaper, and failed to be mentioned on any national radio or TV broadcast.*

*It cannot be that Truman's Fire Bell in the Night was missed by all of the Mainstream Media.*

*Key question is why was this article written by the President who originally caused the CIA to be established as though it was some kind of thought crime.*

*This editorial was written just 30 days after Kennedy's assassination which raises the question of whether Truman was warning the nation, as subtly as possible, that elements of the national security state were involved in the events of Dallas.*

*Of course we do not know his intentions. . . .but it is without question that the blanket suppression of his article could have been anything but deliberate.”*