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WASHINGTON REPORT:

CIA SUBSIDY PROBE TO INCLUDE REFUGEE AID.

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The Johnson Administration's own investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency's financed aid to private organizations is taking an intriguing turn.

Headed by Undersecretary Nicholas Katzenbach, the CIA study has been expanded to cover aid given Cuban refugee groups and several publication projects, including one dealing with the Warren Commission's inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The latter project, handled through a publishing firm, entailed the preparation of a comprehensive index by subject and name of the hundreds of persons involved in the commission's investigation.

For writers and investigators doing research on the assassination or the Warren Commission's probe of it, the index is the only accurate guide available, although those using it have no knowledge of the CIA's role in its preparation.

The Warren Commission's own index, which was done hurriedly, contains numerous errors and is far from being complete. It contains only names of witnesses and persons mentioned during the commission's hearings or in exhibits submitted during these proceedings.

In addition to the descriptive summaries of all persons involved in the commission's inquiry, the CIA-financed index lists many FBI and CIA reports and "working documents" of the commission, now on file in the National Archives. None of these documents is listed in the commission's index or its 26 published volumes.

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Excerpt from the article Controversy: The Assassins, by John Kaplan, in The American Scholar, Spring 1967, pp. 294-296.

The second reason for the great furor caused by the third-stage writings is the fact that, although the Warren Commission investigation seems on the whole a competent one, the actual Report of the Commission shows two grave defects. First, it was obviously rushed out...their failure to have taken the necessary time shows up again and again in the quality of the Report. Thus, the index to the twenty-six volumes and the citation of exhibits in the Report are extremely inaccurate and incomplete (making all the more valuable the comprehensive index compiled by Sylvia Meagher--and published by the Scarecrow Press--which has become the standard work for all investigations into the Commission documents)...