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CIA Feared Worst In Expose Article

These footnotes to the news have been gathered by reporters of The Washington Post.

Central Intelligence Agency officials were rather pleasantly surprised when they finally—and belatedly—read the 10,000-word article in Ramparts magazine that exposed the agency's covert role in the National Student Association. They had been primed to expect "a real shocker." Newspaper accounts that have followed in Ramparts' wake have proved much more unsettling to the CIA.

Intelligence officials were amused to read in Ramparts that students recruited by the CIA were said to have been "made witty." Actually, officials said, the phrase they use is "made witting"—of its secret operations.

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