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## Johnson in Favor of CIA Subsidies

Washington

A White House study panel endorses the Central Intelligence Agency's much-criticized subsidizing of private organizations, and President Johnson agrees with the group's findings.

At Mr. Johnson's direction, the White House made public yesterday a preliminary report on review of this controversial facet of CIA operations.

Press Secretary George Christian emphasized that Mr. Johnson agrees with the interim conclusions.

### SIGNATURE

The report, submitted in letter form and dated Wednesday, came from Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, who is conducting the review along with CIA Director Richard Helms, and John W. Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The CIA's role was defended on two grounds:

• "It did not act on its own initiative, but in accordance with national policies established by the National Security Council in 1952 through 1964."

• "The support provided by the Central Intelligence Agency' enabled many far-sighted and courageous Americans to serve their country in times of challenge and danger to the United States and the Free World."

Katzenbach told Mr. Johnson he expects a final report, to include recommendations, will be ready early next month.

### 'APPROVAL'

After saying the CIA began the subsidies in accord with national policies, Katzenbach said:

"Throughout, it acted with the approval of senior inter-departmental review committees, including the Secretaries of State and Defense or their representatives. These policies, have, therefore, been in effect under four presidents."

The four: Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Mr. Johnson.

The White House still declines to say whether Mr. Johnson had personal knowledge of the CIA's financing of such groups as the National Student Association prior to a recent disclosure of the situation by one of his assistants, Douglass Cater.

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