

'Anti-Dissident' Order Is Canceled by Army

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HEIDELBERG, Aug. 9—The U.S. Army today cancelled a new directive for surveillance of dissident GIs less than a week after the directive was leaked to the press.

Army headquarters here said: "The document was determined to be inappropriate, as guidance on dissent contained in army regulations is considered sufficient and soldier dissent within the command is presently at a very low level."

The directive, leaked last week by a GI in the adjutant general's office of the 8th Infantry Division, detailed a program in which intelligence

agents were to note the name, rank, unit and race of participants in demonstrations, or other activities of an anti-American nature, including complaints to news media and congressmen.

Today's army statement said: "This headquarters is not directing an intensified military counter-intelligence program against underground activities within the U.S. Army, Europe.

"The major concern of commanders is with unlawful acts, such as espionage and sabotage, including bombing, arson and damage to equipment."