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CIA Campus Review

From 1967 to late 1972 the CIA used to read "all college papers it could get and had time to read." So reports the Rockefeller Commission on the Central Intelligence Agency.

The objective was to determine if there was any foreign sponsorship of dissident student organizations. The CIA maintained files on between 500 to 800 organizations and 12,000 to 16,000 individuals.

"If a [CIA] recruiter elected to visit a campus where there were indications of trouble, the Office of Security [a CIA branch] would provide him with monitoring and communications support," the Rockefeller Commission report reveals.

When trouble arose while CIA recruiting interviews were in progress, "appropriate warnings were communicated to the recruiter, law enforcement agencies in the vicinity were alerted, and arrangements were made for terminating the interviews and leaving the campus."

Support systems for CIA recruiters were discontinued when "revision in the agency recruitment program eliminated the need for such security precautions."