

CIA Cash Also Went To Others

Intelligence Sources Name
Several Presidents, Officials

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In addition to making clandestine cash payments to King Hussein of Jordan, the United States, through the CIA, has given cash directly to a number of other foreign leaders in return for favors over the years, intelligence officials said yesterday.

Those listed as past recipients included Presidents Chiang Kai-shek of

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the Nationalist government on Taiwan, Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines, Syngman Rhee of South Korea, Sese Seko Mobutu of Zaire, Eduardo Frei Montalvo of Chile and Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam.

In addition, the officials said, cash payments had been made for various periods to Luis Echeverria Alvarez when he was interior minister of Mexico, Carlos Andres Perez when he was interior minister of Venezuela, Gen. Phao Sriyanond when he was police chief of Thailand and Holden Roberto, leader of the Na-

tional Front for the Liberation of Angola.

"You name 'em and they got money," said a former United States ambassador familiar with the clandestine payments.

Harrison M. Symmes, who was ambassador to Jordan from 1967 to 1970, said he had long opposed overall U.S. policy toward Jordan, which he found to be opposed to the "dynamic forces" of the Arab world, but added that he was not opposed to covert payments as such.

The practice of making clandestine payments to foreign leaders is probably as old as the intelligence profession itself, according to students of espionage.

While neither confirming nor denying the reports of payments to Hussein, Ray S. Cline, a former Deputy Director of the CIA, said:

"I find it somewhat hypocritical or naive to assume it wrong for the United States to be able to provide financial assistance to friendly political leaders overseas who are willing in return to provide information bearing on our security as well as their security."

"I regard it as a morally defensible philosophy of covert political action," Cline concluded.

A retired agency official familiar with the covert payments said: "It is mostly old stuff going back to the 1940s and 1950s when people were poor."

In the case of the CIA and Jordan the practice began in 1957 after Britain withdrew from political and military involvement in the Hashemite kingdom.

Venezuela Recalls

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CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 22—Venezuela has recalled its ambassador to Washington for consultations following published allegations that President Carlos Andres Perez received money from the Central Intelligence Agency while he was interior minister.

On his arrival here last night, Ambassador Ignacio Iribarren Borges told reporters: "I am sure that this incident will be cleared up and that the United States will explain satisfactorily what happened."

Venezuela today also lodged a protest in Washington at a meeting of the Organization of American States. Venezuelan representative Jose Maria Machin read a statement from Perez denying that he received CIA payments. Machin added:

"We call on President Carter to take the necessary steps to apply the more moral policies he has advocated. Faced by this rotten organi-

zation [the CIA], he [President Carter] is confronted with his first test."

[In Washington, a spokesman said the State Department would have no comment today on Venezuela's recall of its ambassador.]

The New York Times, quoting CIA sources, said Perez received money from the CIA while he was interior minister in the early 1960s.

Perez has denied the charge, saying it is part of a plot to discredit Venezuela's Third World credentials and to counter Venezuela's nationalization of its iron and oil industries.

Perez in his statement said, "I cannot believe that this lying accusation . . . could have been made without obeying plans which involve the highest levels of government."

The Venezuelan government described the CIA as a criminal organization that tried to corrupt or ruin their reputations by hinting at association with the agency.

The charges have drawn protests in government and opposition circles in Venezuela,

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with all political parties here supporting Perez. U.S. Ambassador Viron P. Vaky was summoned to the Foreign Ministry for a full U.S. clarification of the allegations.

Foreign Minister Escobar Salom said the Venezuelan government reserved the right to take legal action against the New York Times and against the Washington Post, which also reported the allegations about Perez.

The Post published a brief news agency dispatch about the New York Times story.

The Venezuelan government said that a statement given to the two newspapers replying to the accusations against Perez was buried in The Times and The Post.

Former Presidents Luis Echeverria of Mexico and Eduardo Frei of Chile have denied similar allegations that they received payments from the CIA.

In Jerusalem today, former West German

Chancellor Willy Brandt also denied allegations that he received funds from the CIA and said he has asked President Carter personally to investigate the charge.

Brandt, who is attending the Israeli Labor Party convention, told a news conference: "I personally asked President Carter to look into the charge made by an American paper that I accepted CIA funds and that the truth be determined. As far as I am concerned there is absolutely no truth in it."

The Washington Post listed Brandt last week as being among foreign leaders who were named as having received secret payments from the CIA in a book that had passages containing the names deleted on court order.

A letter to Carter from Brandt was delivered by Egon Bahr, chief executive of the West German Social Democratic Party, during a talk in Washington yesterday with the President's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The pay-offs they didn't tell us about

Noting that the list of foreign leaders receiving subsidies from the Central Intelligence Agency comes from a less than reliable source—the CIA—the Paris-based magazine *Afrique Asie* observes that President Carter is probably telling the truth when he asserts some of the people named were falsely accused. On the other hand, according to *Afrique Asie*, other beneficiaries who have performed great services to the American government were left off. Here is the *Afrique Asie* list:

- President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire (see previous story), has received \$50 million in the past 10 years, most of which has gone into numbered Swiss bank accounts (see following story). Several million dollars he was given for his ally, Holden Roberto, head of the FNLA in neighboring Angola, also stuck to his fingers.

- President Anwar Sadat has been rewarded with gifts totalling between several hundred thousand and several million dollars. Since the earliest CIA payments, which began even before his accession to the presidency, the intermediary has been Saudi Arabian business entrepreneur Kamal Adham.

- President Hafez el-Assad of Syria has maintained close ties with the CIA through his brother Rifaat, who has been given more than \$12 million for his services.

- President Gaafar el-Numeiry of Sudan has pocketed during the past two

years at least \$2 million, which was funnelled through the hands of Mansour Khaled, who heads the Sudanese diplomatic corps.

- King Hassan II of Morocco (see story on the Saharan liberation movement on page 28) began exchanging information with the CIA and the intelligence services of the U.S. Defense Department even before he took the throne. Moroccan General Oufkir has been the liaison, and he is also believed to be the person who has delivered a minimum of \$27 million in CIA funds to the king.

- Sultan Qabus bin Said of Oman has profited to the tune of more than \$7 million, under cover of commissions and subsidies. These donations from American taxpayers have been arranged through the good offices of Ghassan Shaker, a Jordanian business executive born in Saudi Arabia. Shaker also arranged the contract under which the California-based Vinnell Corporation supplies former U.S. military officers to train the Saudi Arabian National Guard.

- Pierre Gemayel and his sons, the leaders of Lebanon's arch-conservative Christian Phalange, have put their troops at the disposal of the CIA for use in the Lebanese civil war. Such confidence is not entirely altruistic, since in return they have already been supplied with an estimated \$18 million in funds and equipment.

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