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Book Says CIA Skirts U.S. Policies

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A former foreign service officer charges in a book published recently that the Central Intelligence Agency is still keeping the State Department in the dark about many of its secret operations abroad and especially about those which run counter to the Department's policy."

Smith Simpson writes that the State Department failed after World War II to take over intelligence operations itself and has subsequently failed to exercise effective policy direction over the CIA.

Simpson entered State Department work at the end of World War II. He held posts in Europe, Asia and Latin

America, and served as an adviser on international affairs with the Labor Department until his resignation in 1962 to write on foreign service issues.

In discussing the State Department's problems with CIA, Simpson says control is supposed to be exercised through a group made up of the CIA Director, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and representatives of the military.

But Simpson says the CIA has the upper hand in this group because it can "seize the initiative" to focus discussion on problems of its choice. The CIA Director is a pres-

idential appointee, whereas, Simpson says, the State Department member at the meeting is often a man of limited experience in such matters.

"Somewhere along the line, State should have seen the handwriting on the wall, so visible to others, and moved to train its own officers to lead and control in this area."

Simpson says the CIA supported Indonesian rebels against President Sukarno at a time when the State Department in Washington and our Ambassador in Burma that we were doing no such thing. In Vietnam, too, CIA and State have worked at cross purposes."