

# The CIA Report On Eartha Kitt

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The Central Intelligence Agency, asked by the Secret Service in 1968 about Eartha Kitt, produced an extensive report containing second-hand gossip about the entertainer's alleged influence at the CIA. The intelligence compartment is copy of the report, which was published a week after Miss Kitt criticized the Vietnam war at a White House luncheon and the Johnson administration. The report shows that the CIA had been keeping tabs on her since 1957, eight years after she began appearing profes-

sionally in Europe and the United States. The CIA report by Miss Kitt, which has been obtained by the New York Times, includes information about her from "confidential" sources in Paris and New York City. Under the National Security Act, the CIA, the agency was barred from any domestic police or internal security functions. The agency's counterintelligence division, however, has traditionally been responsible for monitoring the activities of Americans overseas who were suspected of becoming involved with foreign intelligence operations. The New York Times, quoting informed sources, reported December 27 that 10,000 files were maintained on dissidents until the practice was discovered in 1973 by James Schlesinger, then the CIA director. The CIA report contained no information to suggest that Miss Kitt had any personal or other contact with foreign agents while entertaining overseas. She did dance briefly ac-

According to the report, she was associated with a dancing group whose leader was said to have served as a sponsor or endorser of a number of Communist front groups in 1946. The report also stated that she had been involved in a "moral" talk of Paris. The report also mentioned that she had been asked about the agency's 1100-word report on her by "Mr. Johnson" in 1968. The report also mentioned that she had been asked about the matter by "Miss Johnson" in 1968. The report also mentioned that she had been asked about the matter by "Miss Johnson" in 1968.



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"I don't understand this at all. I think it's disgusting that the Times could publish as much of the CIA report as it saw fit."

The entertainer said that most of the statements about her childhood and career, as recorded in the CIA document, were incorrect.

The inquiry into Miss Kitt originated after she shouted angrily at Mrs. Johnson during a luncheon on Jan. 18, 1968, that the nation's youth were rebelling because they were being "snatched off to be shot in Vietnam."

# Burton to Attack CIA Loophole

Representative John Burton announced here yesterday that he will introduce legislation at his congressional session to eliminate a key employment loophole through the center of the Department of State.

questioned by the CIA against American citizens. The paragraph under attack empowers the CIA to perform such duties as those of a foreign agent.

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