

CIA Documents Disclose History of Contacts With University of California

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LOS ANGELES—A long history of contacts between the Central Intelligence Agency and the University of California—highlighted by a UC vice president's tour of duty with the CIA during the height of student unrest—is revealed in documents released by the CIA.

The documents, about 800 pages dating from the late 1950s through 1977, have been released under the Freedom of Information Act and made available to the Los Angeles Times.

They cover a wide range of cooperative activities conducted between the university, several of its nine campuses and the intelligence agency, including:

- The UC vice president's two-week tour with the CIA during which he advised the agency on such matters as student unrest, recruiting UC students, academic cover for professors doing research for the CIA and improving the agency's public relations image on UC campuses.
- A series of CIA-sponsored seminars in Berkeley and other locations with professors thought to be friendly to the agency, to share information.
- Providing a steady flow of CIA materials on China and the Soviet Union to CIA-approved professors.
- At least one instance in which a CIA staff person asked a Berkeley political science professor to use his influence to get a CIA agent admitted to Berkeley's political science graduate school. Apparently, the agent's only interest was to pursue academic studies.

The Freedom of Information request on the CIA's relations with the University of California was originally filed in May 1976 by Nathan Gardels, a political science student and UCLA research assistant. The re-

quest was endorsed by a number of UC's student and staff groups.

But the CIA has released only a portion of the documents, and the private Center for National Security Studies in Washington joined Gardels to file appeals. The center is expected this week to file a lawsuit to force the CIA to release the rest of the documents.

As is government practice in releasing documents under the Freedom of Information Act, the names of principal parties are blanked out. An investigation by the Times determined that it was former administrative vice president Earl Clinton Bolton who served an active tour of duty with the CIA in the summer of 1968. Interviews also established the names of several professors referred to in the documents.

Vice Adm. Rufus B. Taylor, former deputy director of the CIA, confirmed Bolton's service, saying he was "brought in because of his expertise in administrative matters involving the knowledge of student affairs."

University officials expressed concern over the documents relating to the role of Bolton, who used University of California letterhead stationery to correspond with Taylor.

UC President David Saxon said Bolton violated university policy by using the letterhead, while Saxon's executive assistant, David Wilson, said Bolton used "poor judgment" in his work with the CIA.

As vice president for administration, Bolton's duties included supervising the university's Washington office and maintaining liaison with headquarters of the Atomic Energy Commission, with the AEC's field agencies and major AEC labs and conducting negotiations for renewal of three major AEC contracts with the university.