

Yesterday's Star had a story reporting some 30 reporters to be CIA agents abroad from news on radio and TV. Today's Post has what I presume is a contraction. Among the things it reports is that Colby is going to retain those who are not regularly connected with "major publications." (Suggest should include wire and similar services.) Question, if any US reporters are to be retained, and there is the same liability with all to CIA, why is he letting those best connected go, assuming he is? One possible answer, he may regard them as Nixon regards the major media, as too "liberal."...There is an inconsistency in the explanation. The Nedzi committee went into domestic operations. This clearly refers to those abroad only. The story says Colby's inquiry was "spurred" by the Nedzi inquiry, which seems illogical. Used as an excuse, suggested in thinking about, things like that perhaps. But foreign questions "~~spurred~~" "~~spurred~~" "spurred" by domestic inquiry seems a bit thin. HW 12/1/73

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