

Agents 'Arrested'

How Police Helped CIA

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D. C. police officers arrested a CIA agent last November on a false charge, grilled him for two hours, then informed the agent that his arrest was a training exercise.

Similar phony arrests of CIA agents have occurred frequently in the District over the years to test the agents' ability to withstand intensive interrogation by police.

A high-ranking CIA official said yesterday the mock-arrest exercise was one of a number of training procedures used to simulate stress situations that might befall CIA agents abroad.

"OUR AGENTS felt the test was good for them.... They appreciated it," the CIA official said.

He did not specify what other procedures are used to train CIA agents in the United States or say whether such training involved police in the District or elsewhere in the U.S.

D. C. Police Chief Maurice Cullinane acknowledged yesterday that until last December it was standard police policy to assist the CIA in training "certain (CIA) personnel."

However, as soon as he became the city's new police chief last December and learned of the CIA training exercises, "I stopped it," Cullinane said, pending a review. The CIA "has its own resources for such training," he added.

Cullinane replaced Jerry V. Wilson, who apparently knew of the CIA

training exercises and approved them. Last night, as a matter of routine, Wilson referred questions concerning the practice to Cullinane's office.

MEANWHILE, Assistant Chief Theodore Zanders said the "exercises" were carried out by officers of the department's morals division, which has served as the traditional liaison between the department and the CIA since the late 1940s.

Zanders said that approximately a dozen CIA employees have been involved in "arrest and questioning situations" with city police since he took charge of the department's intelligence and morals division a year ago.

In addition, Zanders said, the CIA training programs predated the 1968 riots in the District. The last such exercise took place last November, as opposed to December, as reported earlier, Zanders said.

Zanders said the police department was not paid and "I don't know of anything (else) we got back" in exchange for the training.

Although Zanders said he reviewed the practice a year ago and decided to continue it, the assistant chief added that he had no quarrel with Cullinane's decision to suspend the so-called exercises.

WHEN PRESSED for additional details concerning how CIA agents were "introduced" to the exercises, Zanders said, "You'll have to go to the CIA for that."

In formal terms Zanders described the training as "a game-playing

exercise" to teach CIA employees to "internalize and accommodate stress situations ... to introduce selected persons to arrest and questioning situations."

At his press conference Cullinane called the practice a "common investigative type of training" which involved "stress situation interviews." He did not elaborate.

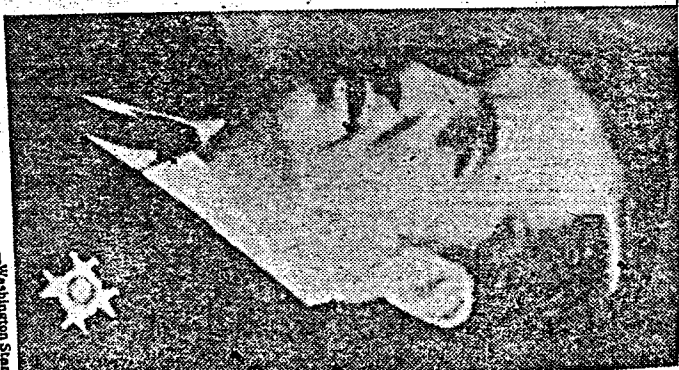
The police department's recent dealings with the CIA surfaced yesterday in a massive report from Cullinane to the council on police undercover work in recent years.

The report acknowledged that from the summer of 1968 to 1972, the city's police force compiled secret files on thousands of peace activists, including local college students and at least six elected officials now holding city office.

AT ONE POINT surveillance of peace demonstrators became so extensive, the report said, that undercover officers actually enrolled in local colleges to spy on peace activists.

The surveillance was undertaken with the help of \$150,000 from the U.S. Army and periodic assistance from the CIA.

During the last eight years, the report noted, the police department's intelligence division has spent \$1.7 million in manpower costs to monitor peace demonstrations and other "non-criminal" activity. In contrast, the division has spent only \$582,000 to investigate organized crime over the same period, and nearly half of those



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CHIEF MAURICE CULLINANE Acknowledges training

funds are being spent during the current fiscal year ending July 1.

Cullinane acknowledged that the CIA had trained 12 police officials in intelligence activities — a practice Wilson stopped in November 1969.

In addition, three other police officials attended a CIA school on photography in January 1973 and two officials were instructed on the dismantling of explosive devices in November 1969, Cullinane wrote, adding that this was "the extent of such (CIA) training." None has taken place since January 1973, he wrote.