

Army Gave Police \$150,000 To Pursue Intelligence Plan

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The metropolitan police department received \$150,000 from the Army in 1968 that the police used "to gather intelligence information about illegal activities," Police Chief Maurice J. Cullinane has disclosed.

He said the money was supplied after the Army had explained to the police the Army's role in quelling civil disorders (such as in the 1968 riots) and said it required advance information about the possibility of such outbreaks.

"We said we had the ability to gather (such information)," Cullinane said, "but not the money. They transferred \$150,000 to the D.C. treasury."

He said the money, of which about \$2,000 is left, was used for such purposes as buying equipment and paying informants used in gathering intelligence about possible disorders.

Cullinane was interviewed Friday night after the police

had delivered to the office of E. Washington yesterday a report that Cullinane had ordered prepared Feb. 15 on activities of the police intelligence division.

The chief ordered his subordinates to prepare the document after the appearance of newspaper reports that undercover police agents had spied on local black leaders and antiwar activists in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Although he declined to comment on the substance of the report before it is transmitted by the mayor to the City Council, Cullinane disclosed, in response to questioning, new information with regard to files kept by the police and cooperation with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Cullinane said that although the police intelligence unit began in 1968 to amass files on demonstrations and demonstrators, the files themselves no longer exist.

What remains, he said, is a collection of names on cards

that were used in the past to index the files.

"There are no files," he said, "there are names on cards," a situation that he said was analogous to the card index in a library being kept while the books to which it referred were discarded.

Cullinane declined to list any of the names on the cards or to estimate the number of cards.

However, knowledgeable sources have said that about 18,000 or 20,000 cards exist, bearing names that include those of City Council Chairman Sterling Tucker, Council members Willie Hardy, Douglas Moore and Marion Barry and D.C. Del. Walter E. Fauntroy (D).

According to Cullinane, the names added to the index included names of persons listed in newspapers in connection with demonstrations, or seen by police at demonstrations, or listed on demonstration permits or on literature distributed at demonstrations.