## Patman Balked in Probe of CIA Funds

brought to light by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.), Patman did

back in 1964. his best to dig into the CIA mystery but ran into

stone wall Pearson Here is what happened when he cross-excials on Aug. 31, 1964:

- "On Aug. 10 I tion on the Kaplan Fund for sensitive matter; liabilities may be involved.

"Mr. Rogovin (assistant to Mr. Harding?

IRS head) "I have not understanding . . would be improper for me to comment on the material in sentative of the CIA here?" that file.'

Patman-"We want you to edge, sir." produce the file and, of coarse, there are ways we can

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The manner in which the CIA was able to hush up its channeling of public funds to the cital want a subpoena issued for the fund was in trouble with

do that. One is by a request, Milan Miskovsky (a CIA offinate of the cital who talked to the IRS channeling CIA funds, but he about the Kaplan Fund) that knew very little about it."

Rogovin—"I spoke to Mr. channeling of public funds to the file. Are you going to the IRS?"
tax-exempt foundations was produce it for us?"
Rogovir

Harding-"Well, the investigative file is in New York."

Patman-"We made it rather plain that we wanted to have it at this time. We are going to have to request you going to have to request you the general counsel, Lawrence they never follow through to produce that file. Will you Patron "Houston." do it?"

consult and answer that question later.'

## Let the CIA Answer

Rogovin - "The Revenue amined Internal Revenue offi- Service's action with respect to the Kaplan Fund has not been terminated, nor have we foundation's funds are used in have the conviction that the asked you to explain the fact changed our legal opinion be- accordance with the law. Has expenditure of public funds is that the IRS has taken no acceause of the CIA. That was a the IRS examined the Kaplan the public's business. tion on the Kaplan Fund for sensitive matter, we were Fund to determine and the Patman several years, despite the fact dealing with it in a sensitive the CIA funds—which are, of Fund tax

IRS Commissioner Chaplin) fact that the Kaplan Fund has you answer that?" indicated that the fund's oper-been under investigation by ations with the CIA was the the IRS for a number of years edge. reason for the lack of action prior to the CIA-Kaplan Fundon the part of the IRS. Have IRS arrangement, can you tell you brought the file with you, us why the CIA chose this fr. Harding?"

fund to operate as a conduit not."

Bertrand Harding (acting for channeling funds?"

Pat

Rogovin brought the file. It was my would best be answered by a that it representative of the CIA.' Patman-"Is there a repre-

Harding-"Not to my knowl-

(Laughter)

Patman

Rogovin-"Yes, sir."

Patman - "And he is the only one at CIA that you fidence about." dealt with?"

Rogovin-"No, I dealt with

Patman "How much Harding—"I would like to money did the CIA channel longer have any obligation to through the J. M. Kaplan them.

Rogovin-"No, I do not."

## Was the Law Violated?

we were Fund to determine whether that millions of dollars of tax fashion, and there was some course, public funds—were ac-liabilities may be involved. time delay as a result."

Fund tax returns for 1961.

1962 and 1963 in which there Patman—"In view of the lan Fund? Mr. Harding, will CIA money. He also submit-

Harding-"Not to My knowl-

Patman - "You have not gone into that at all?" Harding-"No, sir; I have

"I believe that knowledge of it?"

edge of it."

"Is there a repretion of the CIA here?"

"Not to my knowler"

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"Did you tell stated that the Kaplan Fund with the addresses right away, by tomorrow?"

"Harding — "If we can locate the returns."

The returns were never located.

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Rogovin-"I spoke to Mr. Miskovsky and advised him of the questioning and what I had spoken to you in con-

Patman-"I, too, considered it confidential. But when they promise information

"Our study of the Kaplan Fund's operations indicates a large possible tax liability, as Patman—"The IRS has the regulations and abuse of its responsibility to see that a public trust . . . I, personally, well as violations of Treasury

> Patman presented Kaplan ted evidence showing that the fund had received tributions various groups.

Patman-"The addresses of these donors do not appear on Patman — "You have no knowledge of it."

Harding—"I have no knowledge of it."

Have no knowledge of it."