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Vaughn Explains Bar on Espionage By Peace Corps

By the Associated Press

Jack Hood Vaughn, director of the Peace Corps, says there are no spies in the Peace Corps, contrary to Communist propaganda agencies which insist there are.

"As far as I know," Vaughn said yesterday, "the Peace Corps is the only federal agency that from the beginning has taken the position . . . that there will be no involvement of any kind with intelligence agencies."

He appeared on Metromedia's "Opinion: Washington."

Vaughn said it is a Peace Corps rule that former volunteers may not join a U.S. intelligence agency until they have been out of the Peace Corps for five years or more. Nor may a volunteer be assigned to military intelligence if he is drafted, Vaughn said.