

CIA Fully Vindicated

A White House panel appointed by President Johnson to study subsidies given various private organizations by the Central Intelligence Agency has put its stamp of approval on the CIA grants.

Mr. Johnson agrees emphatically with the study group's preliminary report.

The panel reported that the CIA did not act on its own but rather was carrying out national policies originated in 1954 and continued by succeeding Administrations.

It pointed out that the support by the CIA "enabled many farsighted and courageous Americans to serve their country in times of challenge and danger to the United States and the free world."

Serious damage has been done to the image of the CIA by this groundless smear originated in the hysterical, sensation-seeking voice of the

ultra left Ramparts, a west coast magazine.

This is not the first time Ramparts has attempted to discredit the CIA. Its leftist editors have tried on other occasions to infer that the CIA was undermining higher education.

Congress should investigate the hate mongers of the far left to reveal their continuing pattern of irresponsible attacks on their own government and to determine if there is a national conspiracy to harm the government by these repeated assaults.

Such a probe probably would show that many of the CIA critics are known pro-Communists or Communists. This could help blunt the effectiveness of this unending smear against the CIA, the FBI, the President and our troops in Vietnam.