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Broadening the CIA

For years it was held that the Central Intelligence Agency was an elitist organization staffed almost completely by Ivy Leaguers, especially in its upper echelons.

Under Allen W. Dulles, Princeton '14, it was reported that 18 of the top 20 intelligence staffers were old Princetonians. In addition to William Colby, class of '40, who was a recent director, and Frederick M. Janney, class of '41, director of personnel, there are about 70 Princeton alumni in the employ of the CIA.

There are also a goodly number of Yale and Harvard alumni. But in recent years the agency has attempted to broaden its recruiting spectrum.

Last year it hired 400 employees from 150 different colleges and universities. This summer its 50 interns represent 35 different institutions.

"We do not concentrate our recruiting on Ivy League campuses," reports an agency spokesman. "Just look at where our employment offices are located: Austin, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Portland (Oreg.), Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, and other cities."

During World War II when the Office of Strategic Services, the CIA precursor, was organized by the late Wild Bill Donovan, most of its men came from the Ivy League. Today the trend is more

democratic, although the CIA top rung is still heavy with Ivy Leaguers. Incumbent CIA director George Bush is an old Yale.