

Project 'Cover' Use By CIA Is Attacked

STILLWATER, Okla., April 16 (UPI)—Sen. Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.) today called for a presidential ban on the use of universities or their projects as covers for Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operations.

In a speech prepared for the state convention of the American Association of University Professors, Harris said that those in the CIA who were involved in a Michigan State University case should be severely reprimanded or fired. He said he called a Monday meeting with CIA officials to discuss the case.

CIA operatives worked in a

Michigan State aid project in South Vietnam with university status and rank. The project was carried out between 1955 and 1959.

Harris said "President Johnson should make it positively clear to the CIA that they are expressly forbidden from using any university project abroad as a cover for their activities."

As chairman of a Senate Subcommittee on Government Research, Harris is directing an inquiry into the \$32 million U.S. program of social and behavioral science research in foreign countries.

Harris said such research "is already suspect and under attack in the host country because it is thought to be some part of the United States military or espionage activities." He added:

"There should be no use or infiltration whatsoever by the CIA into university research projects in foreign countries. To do that would be to involve the United States in unnecessary resentment and controversy and damage our image and foreign policy."

"Any CIA involvement in university research projects abroad," Harris said, "also damages irreparably the effectiveness of such research."