

## Sen. Harris to Check CIA Activity In University Research Abroad

Sen. Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.) warned the Central Intelligence Agency yesterday that he would check into any reports that it was involved with university research projects in foreign nations.

Harris met privately yesterday afternoon with two CIA representatives after the Senator demanded that the agency explain charges that it used a Michigan State University project in Vietnam as a cover operation.

In a related development yesterday, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) told the Senate that the CIA said its officers had participated in the Michigan State University program "in the training of Vietnamese police services, not in clandestine CIA activities." *WHY NOT FBI?*

He said the CIA reported that in 1955 the National Security Council had asked John Hollister, then chief of what

is now the Agency for International Development, to improve the internal security capacity of police in a number of foreign countries.

At the same time, the CIA reported, the National Security Council asked the CIA and other Government agencies to assist this effort. In Vietnam, the aid agency contracted this program to Michigan State, received CIA assistance.

Saltonstall is a member of the Senate Armed Services committee on the CIA. An aide said that the Senator had made the statement on his own initiative and had not been asked to do so by the CIA.

Harris said that Saltonstall's version of the CIA explanation was substantially the same as the one he had been given.

In an interview yesterday, Harris explained that his concern stems from his assign-

ment as Chairman of the Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Research.

Harris is expected to hold hearings soon that very likely will include CIA activities if evidence indicates CIA involvement with university research projects.

Harris said yesterday that he is "open for business" in receiving such evidence.

Harris's unusual meeting with CIA representatives yesterday originated last Friday when Harris requested that the CIA explain the charges.

The CIA refused to meet with Harris, explaining that it met only with the Congressmen on the special Congressional CIA subcommittees.