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# CBS CONFIRMS CIA TIES

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LOS ANGELES — Richard Salant, president of CBS News, says a network investigation has revealed four areas of CIA contact with the CBS News Division.

Salant, president of CBS News since 1961, said in an interview yesterday that these practices occurred in the 50s and early 60s and that in those cases in which he had knowledge, he stopped the practice.

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