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**FBI Kept File on Quaker Agency Since 1921**  
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The FBI has been keeping a file since 1921 on the activities of the American Friends Service Committee, the Quaker pacifist and relief agency, the committee said yesterday.

"Since our earliest relief work we have often been investigated by the FBI or the Attorney General's office, only to be inevitably 'cleared' as a genuinely religious, humanitarian organization," the committee said.

The committee's report, summarizing some 1,300 pages of files obtained under the Freedom of Information Act from 10 federal intelligence agencies, called for the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency and the internal security division of the FBI.

An 11th federal agency the National Security Agency refused to supply any files it might have kept, the Quakers said.

Founded in 1917 by the Society of Friends to provide a wartime opportunity for service for conscientious objectors, the service committee shared the Nobel Peace Prize following World War II for its postwar relief efforts in Europe.

"Operating openly, taking pains to notify the government of our activities especially when they involved public demonstrations or acts which are in protest of government policy," the group said. "... The AFSC is at a loss to understand how secret or overt surveillance of its activities, and that directed at Friends' and other peaceful group, can be in the public interest."