

# Mondale Seeks to Strip CIA Of Authority Over Espionage

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Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.) proposed yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency be stripped of its authority to conduct traditional espionage.

A ranking member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Mondale said he felt the CIA's clandestine operations, its "whole 'dirty tricks' department," should be taken out of the agency and turned over "to a politically responsible official of the executive branch, such as the Secretary of State."

"There have been many suggestions to take such covert action—the overthrowing of foreign governments, all that sort of thing—out of the CIA, but to leave the covert collection, or espionage job, in the agency," Mondale said in a speech prepared for delivery at Denison College in Granville, Ohio.

Any such effort would be impractical, Mondale said.

"You really can't draw a line between espionage and covert action," he said. "People who will give you information and betray their country in that manner will also do odd jobs for you later on, if you want some covert activity...the whole apparatus of secrecy—safe houses, secret writing, clandestine contacts—is the same in both cases."

Offering a 10-point program to curb abuses of power by the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies, Mondale also proposed a substantial cutback in secret U.S. operators abroad responsible for all the intelligence operations going on in their respective countries.

"Some might argue that there are certain ambassadors who can't be trusted with this kind of information," Mondale said. "Well, my view is that maybe this will lead to a better class of ambassadors and end the

practice of using our overseas posts for political payoffs."

In his speech, Mondale disclosed that in the course of the Senate committee's foreign assassination inquiry, former CIA Director Richard M. Helms and former deputy director for operations Richard Bissell claimed they had "higher-level" authorization for attempts on the life of Cuban premier Fidel Castro, for "developing capabilities" against the late Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, and "for setting up and running an institutionalized assassination capability within the CIA called 'executive action'."

Helms and Bissell worked under the late CIA Director Allen W. Dulles during the period in question. Mondale said neither Helms nor Bissell would say, when pressed, that any President or anyone ever representing a President ever gave them "specific orders to undertake an assassination or develop assassination plans and capabilities."

## Guard Shot in Face

A shopping center security guard was shot in the face yesterday when he accidentally ran into two men who had just robbed a bank, Prince George's police said.

Charles E. Goddard, 50, a McCracken Security Agency guard, was taken to the Greater Southeast Community Hospital where his condition was listed as satisfactory. He was wounded in the face and upper torso by a shotgun, police said.

Goddard, who worked at Iverson Mall in Marlow Heights, was shot as he stepped around a corner of The Bank of Maryland, which had just been robbed. According to police, he almost bumped into two men who had just taken an undetermined amount of cash from the bank. The robbers fled.



Mondale: Offers 10-point plan to curb intelligence abuses.