

CIA conducted many plainly unlawful acts

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency conducted a number of "plainly unlawful" domestic operations, including opening of mail and surveillance of U.S. citizens, which violated the rights of Americans, according to the Rockefeller Commission. In a 300-page report made public Tuesday, the panel headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller disclosed for the first time that the CIA had administered drugs to unsuspecting human guinea pigs, monitored long-distance phone calls, infiltrated a congressional campaign and contributed

its secret funds to a White House political project.

Some of these activities, which have all been terminated, "were initiated or ordered by Presidents, either directly or indirectly," the commission found.

However, the eight-member panel concluded that "the great majority of the CIA's domestic activities comply" with the agency charter barring it from internal security functions. The commission offered 30 recommendations, including creation of a joint congressional committee to oversee all CIA operations, designed to

prevent future violations.

A CIA spokesman declined immediate comment on the report as agency officials studied the document.

The report, which is the result of a five-month investigation ordered by President Ford, described in detail a number of already reported operations such as the gathering of files on antiwar radicals and other domestic dissidents. However, the report also described the following previously undisclosed domestic activities which the

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commission said were either illegal or improper:

— "A clearly illegal" program to test the influence of drugs on humans, including the administration of LSD to persons without their knowledge. The program lasted from 1953 to 1963 and on one occasion an Army employe was killed when he jumped from a 10th floor window several days after being given a dose of LSD. The commission received other reports of test subjects becoming ill for hours or days and of one person requiring hospitalization.

— The infiltration of a CIA agent into the campaign of an unidentified congressional candidate sometime during the 1970s. The agent furnished the CIA with reports "of behind the scenes activities in the campaign."

— The collection of information on long-distance phone calls in 1972 and 1973 between Western Hemisphere countries, including the United States and two unidentified foreign countries. The agency contended that no use was ever made of the information, which did not include the content of conversations, but the commission cited a March 1972 memorandum which "indicate CIA