

U.S. Limits 'Reporting' On Travelers

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The State and Justice Departments laid down a new set of guidelines yesterday to guard against interference with the rights of Americans traveling abroad.

The revised procedures, prompted by the controversial case of Harvard Professor H. Stuart Hughes, were disclosed in a Senate speech by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Kenney read a letter from Secretary of State Dean Rusk outlining the new Justice-State Department "guidelines" designed to restrict reporting by U.S. embassies on activities of Americans traveling abroad.

The Massachusetts Senator, whose inquiries helped spark the review, told the Senate: "It is clear to me that the procedures that created the Hughes and similar cases will no longer be followed."

In a news briefing following Kennedy's release of the Rusk letter, State Department spokesman Marshall Wright pretty much confirmed the Senator's appraisal.

Wright said the revised policies assure that in the future there will be no "unevaluated information" transmitted to U.S. embassies concerning Americans traveling abroad.

A plain language from the See HUGHES, A16, Col. 1.

briefing was that future requests for embassy "reporting" on individuals will no longer come from the Passport Division, or be made as a matter of "routine."

The "responsible" office under the new policy, it was indicated, will be the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

The storm resulting in yesterday's broad revision of procedures was touched off by disclosure that the FBI, acting through the State Department's Passport Division, had asked the Paris and Moscow embassies to check up on Professor Hughes' activities.

The message to the embassies described Hughes as a man who "reportedly in the past has had strong convictions toward communism."

Sen. Kennedy told the Senate he may differ with Hughes but that he is a man of character and integrity, and no threat to the security of this country.

Five-Point Revision

The Rusk letter, made public by Kennedy, disclosed that Rusk and Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach,

fully agreed on this five-point revision of guidelines:

- In the future the Justice Department will ask for information on Americans traveling abroad "only in cases where an important national interest would be served by the transmission of information that may be received."
- American diplomatic missions will "engage in no surveillance" but simply forward relevant information "on appropriate instructions from the State Department." Rusk denied American embassies ever have engaged in surveil-

lance or actually "shadowed" U.S. travellers.

- Requests for information about travelers "will be initiated in the Department of Justice by a responsible officer." A "responsible" State Department officer will similarly handle any request made to diplomatic mission.

- Requests for information and any reports received will be handled on a restricted basis both at origin and destination, with distribution closely controlled to assure appropriate protection.