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U.S. Surveillance Of Viet War Critic Lynd Is Disclosed

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Secretary Dean Rusk expressed serious dissatisfaction yesterday with present State Department methods for handling surveillance checks on Americans traveling abroad.

Rusk said he was especially disturbed by the Department's practice of transmitting to U.S. embassies unsubstantiated charges against Americans that have been passed along by such agencies as the FBI.

He implied that basic procedural changes are in the works and said he will personally "establish criteria" in collaboration with Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach to cover these activities in the future.

Lynd Under Surveillance

It has been learned in the

meantime that the Department's Passport Office, headed by Miss Frances Knight, placed Yale Professor Staughton Lynd under surveillance when he returned to the United States last December from an unauthorized trip to North Vietnam.

The purpose of the surveillance was to obtain, among other things, a record of Lynd's "anti-American statements," which were to be used as grounds for revoking his passport.

This apparently has been one of the objects of the surveillance tasks American Embassies have been assigned for the past 30 years or more.

Set Off by Hughes Case

The practice was uncovered this week in the case of Harvard history Professor H. Stuart Hughes. When the FBI learned that Hughes planned to visit Europe next fall, it asked the Passport Office to direct U.S. Embassies in Paris and Moscow to check up on his activities. The message sent to the embassies described Hughes as a man who "reportedly in the past has had strong convictions toward communism."

It was this sort of thing that Rusk denounced yesterday. "I can tell you quite frankly," he said, "I don't believe that we ourselves or anyone else, should be transmitting abroad unevaluated information which has not been subjected to a real judgment as a matter of policy here in Washington. I do intend looking this over, and I am sure the Attorney General agrees with

me that we must give every protection to the legitimate rights and privileges of American citizens traveling abroad."

Rusk said the Department
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transmits each month to its Embassies 8 to 10 surveillance requests originating in other agencies of the Government. In the past, they have been handled as a matter of ordinary routine, with the Passport Office paraphrasing the law charges made against the citizens involved.

Denies Shadowing

The Embassies, said Rusk, do not physically shadow any travelers. "There is no question of surveillance, or trailing," he said. "The only question involved was if you have any information, then pass it along."

It has not been explained why Hughes was to be the object of scrutiny overseas and the FBI declined yesterday to say it made the request.

In Lynd's case, however, the purpose of his surveillance after he returned to the United States was clear, according to his attorney, David Carliner.

Carliner said the Passport Officer admitted at a departmental hearing Thursday on the Lynd case that it had assigned an investigator, Colbert King, to monitor Lynd's speeches for "anti-American" statements. In particular, said Carliner, the Passport Officer was interested in Lynd's criticisms of American policy in Vietnam and cited two of his speeches — one in Montreal and one to the Women's Strike for Peace in Washington—as partial grounds for revoking his passport.

Behavior a Factor

Carliner said Passport officials testified that the behavior of American citizens here at home — including speeches—was a factor in de-

termining whether a passport should be granted.

"They are using the issuance of passports," Carliner said, "as a means to regulate speech."

The Passport Office declined comment on the Lynd case but Miss Knight, in interviews yesterday, said the furor over the Hughes case

was an attempt by her superiors to undermine her position.

"Some creeps are out to get me," she said in one interview. In another, she said:

"They don't have the guts to charge me with inefficiency or malfeasance. They simply don't want a woman in this job."