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WOOD: "The best prerogatives in the world to hide behind, sir."

CALLER: "Well, I wouldn't hide behind them. I'd certainly work for them and I don't think you are. I think you're damaging things."

CANNON: "Okay thank you very much for the call..."

CALLER: "Thank you."

CANNON: "On WBBM Michael Wood is my guest, former member of the executive board of the National Student Association who yelled fire last February announcing that the National Student Association was a CIA front. Now, this is Don Cannon at nine seventeen on America's largest town meeting of the air. These words and then back with your calls."

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CANNON: "Now, this is Don Cannon talking with Michael Wood and with you at WBBM 4-8660. Go ahead please, you're on the air."

CALLER: "Hello, yes. I'm with Northwestern University--a graduate I have a lot of respect for the--your guest for his eloquence in speaking and I happen to agree with his rights to express his views but I happen to think that fortunately a little naive, I guess we all are in some things. I happen to think you are on this. I think unfortunately we do live in a world where pure good practices are not really reciprocated one hundred per cent. And I think FDR learned that at Yalta and I hope that you're not so dogmatic and inflexible that, which you seem to be on your views as to not allow other peoples views to have any influence on your--you seem to be set in your views and refuse to let anything from the other side be influenced on you. You think that anybody who has an opposing view is controlled by either the CIA or is--or has been bought by the government or else is ignorant which wouldn't be logical."

WOOD: "Whether or not it's logical, I don't think that completely. I must say in my partial defense that when we were discussing this whole relationship, I listened very carefully to the views as they were presented to me. After that when I went to Ramparts Magazine, I made a hard bargain with them that before the story was done, after we had collaborated research, that we offer the National Leadership of NSA the opportunity to write the story. At that time I again went to probably the most harrowing week of my life in which I did nothing but listen to their views."

CALLER: "Well son, we all go through harrowing experiences every one of us has these experiences all through their lives."

WOOD: "All I'm trying to say is that I did listen to their views. After having said that, I think it's important to say that what I have seen the CIA involved in is enough to curdle the blood. I'll give you an example if you're interested. During the Algerian independence movement, the state department of this country was allies with France, but the CIA at the same time knew that the independence movement was going to come to power. They therefore set up National Student Association Algerian scholarship program, which brought Algerian students, refugee students from the independence struggle to this country. At that time, they were cultivated. If our other experiences with the

CIA are adequate indicators, they were converted into agents and sent back into the Muslims. I know that--"

CANNON: "He hung up the phone but he'll be listening on the radio."

WOOD: "I know that when I went to work for NSA the summer of '65, NSA officers were prepping because former participants in the NSA-Algerian scholarship program had been critical--crucial to the success of the Brunadian Coup of the Ben-Bella government in Algeria. In other words, what NSA was doing, although it wasn't actually firing the guns, it was allowing itself to serve the CIA to the extent that those people who were brought up were brought out to become counter-revolutionaries. NSA was building counter-revolution. In my mind that's an absolute disgrace, horrible. I believe that the people of Algeria, as the people everywhere have the right to make their own decision. They sometimes don't do it as well as they could. Surely the United States has it's own ways. We taught Indians. We had a Civil War. It's not our business to be intervening in those countries and that's what NSA was doing. And that's what the United States was doing."

CANNON: "Michael Wood, you've said a couple of times that people of countries have the right to make their own decisions but you make it seem or make it sound as if the United States is the only country preventing these people from making free independent choice."

WOOD: "No, it's the only country that I have any political influence on. If I was in Russia and I found out that Russia was doing the same thing I'd raise hell about that too."

CANNON: "You'd wind up in Siberia in about two minutes, too."

WOOD: "I don't think it's as severe as all that. The fact of the matter is that I am not in Russia. I'm a United States citizen with my obligation as I was taught in grammar school to observe the facts, analyze them and then like Daniel Boone, once I know what's right, go ahead and follow what I think is right. That's what I'm doing."

CANNON: "But, you do agree that the communist are quite adroit at preventing people to express free choice and they've done this in many countries. You will admit this?"

WOOD: "I don't know. It seems clear to me that Stalin was one of the (WORD INAUDIBLE) Stalin, communism as defined by Stalin is horrible but I don't think that the Russian people..."

CANNON: "Mao is a Stalinist, what's the difference?"

WOOD: "Well, I don't think Mao is a Stalinist."

CANNON: "Well, he's a..."

WOOD: "Well, I think we're talking..."

CANNON: "He says he's a Stalinist."

WOOD: "We're talking about a doctrine because the United States government doesn't allow me to travel there and find out."

CANNON: "I'm hum..."

WOOD: "They don't allow you to travel there unless you have press credentials. So, we really can't talk about China and my tendency is to believe-to think the best of them until I have reason to believe worse of them. I now find out that the government lies. Totally lied about the NSA thing. How do you expect me to believe them when they talk about other things. So, what I'm saying is that, I no longer am going to believe what the government says. I'm going to wait and find out myself."

CANNON: "Well, the best definition since you won't be able to go there is you'll never find out."

WOOD: "Maybe I will go whether the government likes it or not. Because I think that's another basic right of the individual to travel."

CANNON: "We're on WBBM, go ahead, please."

CALLER: "Yes."

CANNON: "Go ahead."

CALLER: "Since the CIA seems to be under discussion tonight and I wanted to make it clear that the CIA is for the protection. It is in the plans section and the intelligence section. I just can't believe that they're both as bad as you've indicated tonight. The plans section which is sometimes called the ...and psychological warfare and the rest. While intelligence is strictly intelligence defined as the enemies capabilities and intent."

WOOD: "I agree. First of all in that you're very correct in saying that the CIA is split into those two big basic operations. All the secret or the covert or the black operations are launched in the plans division. That includes high level espionage like the NSA thing. It includes the control of international political forms. It includes the control of government parallel to their activities, psychological warfare and all that. The other half of the CIA is engaged primarily in academic research of publicly accessible documents. Simply to correlate information and to provide the United States government with information...I have no objection with that..."

CALLER: "Fine, I'm happy to hear you say that. We might also agree that whether or not you and I like it the country has chosen about seventy six billion dollars has been--our national defense budget and I presume our enemy is communism. This being the case, then many of our actions have to be based on the best possible intelligence, and this intelligence really untold, has an annual budget of about five billion dollars which covers the thirteen intelligence sections and other information up to the top of the national intelligence board. And then this summary went up to the National Security Council so our actions at the top level should be based upon the best intelligence possible. Would you agree to that."

WOOD: "You said exactly what I agreed to before, that we should gather intelligence but by legitimate means. I do not believe that we should gathering intelligence by illegitimate means which is to say turning generals of chiefs of staffs against their governments and so forth."

CANNON: "Let me just jump into the conversation here if I can."

You say let's gather intelligence by legitimate means, that sounds nice but I'm sure that if..."

WOOD: "It is nice."

CANNON: "Follow the request with the Soviet Union saying, 'Dear Soviet Union, please let us know where your missiles are and where they're pointed and so forth and so on,' what are legitimate means of gathering intelligence?"

CALLER: "Well, it's a valid question because we're comparing an open society in the United States as compared to the social society of the Soviet Union and the satellites."

WOOD: "That's a whole--another discussion. I don't think it's as closed and shut as that."

CANNON: "Well, they haven't been willing to let us in to inspect their defenses so how do you get legitimately their defense capabilities?"

WOOD: "Why do we need legitimately to know their defense capabilities, if their defense capabilities?"

CANNON: "Offense capabilities."

CALLER: "I would suggest."

WOOD: "Let me ask you this, do you seriously believe the United--the Soviet Union has an interest in destroying the strongest industrial nation in the world. If they want the United States, it seems to me they'd take it over and have all those machines and factories to turn out goods for them."

CANNON: "I wouldn't want to be in the position of making the assumption, I can't jump into Kossygin's or Brezhnev's or (NAME INAUDIBLE) head, I can't say what they're thinking, all I know is that they do have enough rockets and weaponry to do us in as we have them. And I think it's important that we know what they've got."

WOOD: "I think it's more important--"

CALLER: "...Get basic...you see military warfare is one of the five instrumentalities of warfare because we stand out with economic warfare, political warfare second, psychological warfare third. Then follows the battle for mens minds, the, you know, the psychopaths, and, in the cold war."

CANNON: "Let me ask you something?"

CANNON: "Are you with the CIA?"

CALLER: "Oh which is Naval Intelligence."

CANNON: "You sound like you know what you're talking about."

CALLER: "Well, I'm not trying to agree but I think that it's a technical topic and we have to have a technical basis."

WOOD: "I believe in the proper application of technique. I'll give you an example of what I think I'm saying. That is that chemistry is a technology, is a science you use that to build better lives for people. That's one thing. To use chemistry to create biological warfare or instruments of destruction, I think that's an illegitimate use. But, I think there are legitimate uses in intelligence procedures and illegitimate uses."

GALLER: "Well, can we just take the time to go three giant steps backward and say that the first warfare that we had was landwarfare and then came second sea and then air was third dimensional warfare. Fourth dimensional warfare that the enemy has, was the battle for mens minds, by many different names, but then the fifth dimensional warfare, that the enemy has and we don't have is the putting of all the four dimensions of warfare on one big weapons mount. Firing insidiously. And this is the purpose of the CIA to decide whether to shoot economic bullets, political bullets, psychological bullets, cybernetic bullets, or military bullets."

WOOD: "Well, we have a fundamental difference which is I don't think we ought to be shooting any bullets at people."

GALLER: "Well, then you lose by default. You see, if you and I.."

WOOD: "You know, let me say this sir. When any enemy of the United States is at our shores, or has boats, or has offensive weapons which are in process of starting to destroy us or damage us, I like any American citizen will rise up in defense. But, at this point, we're not doing that, we're not defending ourselves. We are the aggressors of the world."

GALLER: "Well, would you say that we are now at war even if you forget about Viet Nam, we are in some kind of cold war, whatever you choose to call it."

WOOD: "I think that it is an illegitimate war. I think it is an immoral war."

GALLER: "But, we will lose by default if we don't return fire for fire. Whether it be political warfare or..."

WOOD: "Yes, but we're fighting with people of the world. That's who we're fighting. We're fighting the peasants in Latin America. We're fighting the ordinary people of the world."

CANNON: "Listen, I move by default here that we pause for the news at nine thirty. Thanks very much for the call. And I hope to see you tonight at our movie preview at the United Artist Theater at forty five west Randolph, all men and get there for the midnight show and mention my name and be admitted free of charge...It's a very funny picture, I'll be there in person."

Now, it's nine thirty on WBBM, the talk of Chicago. This is Don Cannon with Michael Wood, former member of the National Student Association. He was on the executive board. He's the man who blew the whistle on the CIA in the NSA. We'll be right back with your calls and comments at MOhawk 4-8660."

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CANNON: "Thank you Tom. We're back at MOhawk 4-8660. My guest, Michael Wood, former member of the executive board of the NSA who announced that the -- or broke the story to Ramparts Magazine that the NSA was a CIA front. He, --so far-- about the NSA about the CIA, he said the Central Intelligence Agency served nothing but evil purposes that it serves no real good, it basically is undermining the forces of democracy in the world, training our young people in espionage; intimidating our young people in the NSA. He says the primary purpose of the NSA is to make the world save for U.S. investments and I want to get back to something -- Our number by the way is MOhawk 4-8660. He's also implied -- he said explicitly that the CIA has corrupted the youth of the NSA, maybe the youths of the country, I don't know. Let's go back to Pearl Harbor, if we can. We had --one of the reasons by the way that we have a Central Intelligence Agency is Pearl Harbor. We had no Central Intelligence Agency during or before World War II. We had, essentially, each military branch had its own. The Army had its Army Intelligence, we had Naval Intelligence and so forth. There was no central organization and one of the reasons that we got so badly messed up at Pearl Harbor was because there was conflicting information and so forth and so on. Now, if we could go back to the sixth of December, 1941, the day before the bombing, would you say then, we could have used a CIA? Would it then have served a worthwhile purpose?"

WOOD: "It would have then served a worthwhile purpose. It would have kept a close eye to the sky, and to have intercepted the plans that were possible."

CANNON: "Just kept a close eye to the sky? I mean, not to penetrate the Japanese islands and find out what they're doing. We could have saved a couple of thousand lives."

WOOD: "No, I don't think -- I think that the consequences of doing this -- very beguiling, very intriguing inviting to do that because you really think that you are going to gain a greater benefit than the evil that you perpetrate. But, I, I'm afraid that what happens with agencies of that nature because they operate in secret and because they develop such elitist notions, they expand their prerogative to such an incredible extent that you have a -- what you have now which is not a CIA, that is watching the world simply to protect America shores from the attacks of other countries. But, and the America people from the attacks of other peoples but a CIA which is actively involved in the control of foreign governments, and I would say most -- I would say almost all of the underdeveloped countries -- governments are fighting or are in complicity with the CIA."

CANNON: "So, we had no right to know to know that the Japanese were sending a massive army into Pearl Harbor."

WOOD: "We have a right by legitimate means."

CANNON: "Well, again, how would we have found out by legitimate means that the Japanese were sending a huge armada of planes, battleships and carriers to Pearl Harbor?"

WOOD: "A very, very simple answer militarily, you put some boats with adequate communication systems to the Hawaiian Islands in between the Japanese Islands and the Hawaiian Islands and when you see planes flying to Pearl Harbor, you call the chief of staff in Hawaii and say, '"

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Put your planes up in the air, here comes the fellas."

CANNON:"Boy, that sounds awfully easy."

WOOD:"Well, I mean."

CANNON:"Our government is that stupid that they didn't do it.. I mean.."

WOOD:"It was, it was remarkably stupid. There's not a historian in the world that doesn't mean that that was one of the most remarkable stupid slips in defense, in defense mind you not adequate aggression but defense."

CANNON:"Of course, the Japanese didn't come directly from they're main Island to Pearl Harbor, they did every thing they could to deceive us and sort of go a round about route to get to Pearl Harbor. So, even if we had ships stationed along the way as you say we should have, we still might not have received the information in time."

WOOD:"Had we - if we are willing to invest five million dollars had we, which is about the amount of money that goes into intelligence, if we were spending five billion dollars, we could have put you know, thousands of ships between every - between the United States and every possible access that any foreign government could have to it. And the question is what is your purpose? Is your purpose to protect the United States or is your purpose to control the governments economy as a social structure?"

CANNON:"Well, by knowing what the Japanese were doing we weren't by controlling they're economy in anyway were we?"

WOOD:"No, but you know what we're doing in the Dominican Republic is what we're doing in Chile, what we're doing in governments through out the world, it's not simply knowing what they're doing. What we're doing is controlling those governments, causing labor strikes which bring down governments, example fifty three, the overthrow of Mosambec, democratically elected leader of Iran. He was democratically elected. What we did was we put the Shan of Iran in, if you want to compare tyrants, you know, if you want to compare, at least Mosambec, I don't know if he was a tyrant or not, but, at least he was a tyrant of the people's choice."

CANNON:"One of the most corrupt governments Iran's ever had by the way. Mohawk 8660, I'm not -"

WOOD:"That's what the--"

CANNON:"I know, I'm not justifying his overthrow but--"

WOOD:"President Eisenhower, President Eisenhower is one of the stupidest presidents that the United States ever had. But, he was elected by the people."

CANNON:"Mohawk 8660 is our number. Michael Wood is my guest. ---"

Hello. We're on the air. Go ahead please."

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CALLER: "Uh, Mr. Cannon?"

CANNON: "Yes."

CALLER: "Just to get the record straight about the directorship of the CIA, I believe that you or your guest said that the first director was Al Dulles."

CANNON: "That's the second I'm told."

CALLER: "Right, the first director was Admiral Roscoe Hillenketter and when the CIAA was organized and formed, the law that organized it specifies that the directorship of the CIA must be rotated between military personnel and civilian personnel. And Admiral Hillenketter was a first director uh--Allen Dulles came in somewhere, General Walter Beadle Smith was a director at one time, Admiral Rayburn was a director John McCloy was also a director, a civilian."

WOOD: "John McCrone."

CALLER: "McCrone."

CANNON: "Right."

CALLER: "I'm sorry. And now you have a civilian who is the assistant director, Richard Helm."

CANNON: "Right."

CALLER: "Now, I would like to ask your guest a question."

CANNON: "Go ahead."

WOOD: "Yes sir."

CALLER: "Does he compare the CIA in any form and manner to either the Gestapo or the Oakpoo(?) that were organized in Hitler's time and in Russia prior to World War II?"

WOOD: "Uh, yes. The only difference that I see is that the Gestapo operated against its own people. Uh--whereas the CIA operates against other peoples. The fact of the matter is that the CIA has no scruples about shooting, destroying people, launching, you know, revolutions, counter revolutions. They cause massive destruction throughout the world. Those are people who die and.."

CALLER: "Yes."

WOOD: "And as the old saying goes, 'Everyone has a Mother somewhere.'"

CALLER: "All right. What about the Oakpoo?"

WOOD: "I know nothing about the Oakpoo."

CALLER: "You know nothing about it?"

WOOD: "No."

CALLER: "In other words you're too young to know about the Oakpoo?"



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it." WOOD:"Well, and I haven't read the--whatever studies exist about

else." CALLER:"Okay, the Oakpoo was a Russian it's now called something

WOOD:"...I know, we've had about that but not much."

CALLER:"Let me ask you another thing Mr. Wood."

WOOD:"Yes."

CALLER:"Are you so naive as to believe that uh uh none of the western or eastern European countries have intelligence agents in our country right at the moment?"

WOOD:"Of course not."

CALLER:"Including England and France."

WOOD:"Of course not. I'm not so naive as to believe that."

CALLER:"And basically, would you agree with me that the CIA is a counterintelligence agency which is not uh uh really uh organized to handle intelligence questions in our own country, domestically, because we have many intelligence organizations, agencies here, right?"

WOOD:"Yeah, that is correct. The question---there are things that you are implying however by your remarks that I want to have a chance to comment on. Go ahead."

CALLER:"We also have other intelligence agencies in the foreign seas such as the ONI and the Army CID, Criminal Intelligence Division, which operates all over the world, right?"

WOOD:"I am not aware of those agencies but I pre--"

CALLER:"Well, the office of Naval Intelligence certainly does."

WOOD:"Oh yes, I know of that. And I take your word for it."

CALLER:"Uh --"

WOOD:"What's the point?"

CALLER:"The point is uh -how can you uh say that CIA is a disruptive organization when it seeks to protect our own shores overseas?"

WOOD:"(Laughs). You just said exactly what they're going. They're protecting our own shores overseas."

CALLER:"Right."

WOOD:"Shores that in fact we own by virtue of control, but those shores don't belong to us they belong to the people who reside in those countries. That's what I--"

CALLER:"Well, don't you want to protect our east and west coast?"

WOOD: "Oh yes I do. I think that's very important."

CALLER: "In other words, you would prefer to wait until they're in the three mile limit."

WOOD: "No, no."

CALLER: "Or wait until the Russians or the Chinese or whoever it may be might drop an atomic bomb on us."

WOOD: "CIA operations in Latin America or CIA operations in Africa, in no way impede the Chinese from dropping atom bombs on us or H Bombs. What we're doing in those countries is undermining a government and reinforcing unpopular governments and controlling social structures like the press. The CIA has control of the overseas press operations or the press union, I can't remember the name of it. They operate through the churches, they operate through the left-wing intellectual magazines which are distributed in those countries. They operate through the student organizations, through the peace organizationism through the womens groups. They prevade the societies of the third world and do everything they can to control those societies so that they will produce governments which are firendly to certain objectives of the United States."

CANNON: "Thank you very much for the call tonight, too, and I hope to see you in a couple hours for our WBBM Stag Preview... We're at Mo-hawk 4-8660 by the way. You still haven't answered the question. you say that yes we might have prevented Pearl Harbor by non-intelligence means if we had ships stationed along the way. Well, of course we don't have the luxury now, in the Inter-Continental Bakkistic game to have ships stationed along the way, the missles are too fast. How, - how legitimately in 1967 do we preform intelligence functions to gather information about the enemy?"

WOOD: "When the enemy makes that decision to push the button that launches the missles, no intelligence operation in the world is going to reverse they're course toward the Unc ted States."

CANNON: "I know that but I'm talking about before they make the decision, hoping they never do make it. How do we learn."

WOOD: "But, you're implying--"

CANNON: "The capabilities of the enemy?"

WOOD: "We know the capabilities of the enemy."

CANNON: "How do we know it by--because of intelligence?"

WOOD: "Well, they'll tell us. They release it in they're press releases."

CANNON: "The Soviets are releasing in they're press releases..."

WOOD: "They tell us quite- quite--they tell the world quite frankly that they have a nuclear capability that can distroy the United States. Well, what else do we need to know. At that point, you know, being able to predict at what time, at what specific time the Soviet Union is going to push the button to the controls of the United States in no way is an advantage. What id to our advantage is to try and work out our differences with them--the Soviet Union."

CANNON: "I mean, for example, you don't think it's important to know that the Soviet Union is actively engaged, as we are by the way, in the development of biological germ warfare weapons, this is not important to know?"

WOOD: "Uh "

CANNON: "They're not likely to announce it to us."

WOOD: "Well, it's important. The United States is the most grievous offender in creating uh insidious and obnoxious weapons. We've--in Viet Nam today we're violating so many codes, so many UN codes about legitimate warfare uh that to accuse to worry about what the Russians are doing is ludicrous. Maybe we ought to look at the sort of warfare that we're creating and let the American people know a little more about that and worry about that problem."

GCANNON: "Mohawk-8660. Don Cannon with Michael Wood, former member of the executive board of the National Student Association and we'll be right back with your calls."

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CANNON: "Don Cannon back on WBBM, Americas largest town meeting of the air tonight with Michael Wood, the man who blew the whistle on the CIA announcing that they were fronting the National Student Association and subsequently uh responsible for the disclosure of the fact that the CIA is involved or was involved in the founding of over a hundred domestic and foreign ventures ranging from even the National Council of Churches by the way, the Billy Graham Spanish Latin American Crusade which surprised me uh--Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers was accused of--and Victor his brother were accused of taking CIA money although Walter Reuther says, a funny thing, he said, when somebody asked him, did the CIA did the UAW ever take CIA funds? He said, 'absolutely not. It's a damn lie, to the best of my knowledge.' (LAUGHTER) Mohawk-8660."

Hello?"

WOOD: "That's what he's supposed to say?"

CANNON: "Hello."

CALLER: "Hello."

CANNON: "You're on the air go ahead, please."

CALLER: "I'd like to ask Mr. Wood if he feels that the people of China have free choice of government?"

WOOD: "I'd like to go and find out. It seems to me that our government which is supposedly free refuses to allow me to go there and find out. I think that it's much wiser for the American people to look to they're own government to see how free it is first. Once we solve that problem let's worry about China."

CALLER: "Then I would say do you think the people of Formosa have a free choice of government?"

WOOD:"I think not. Well, I don't know. It's hard to say whether they're just like that or whether they live under, you know, live under an idiot. It's really hard to say. And the Formosan government, there's a little dinky rock out in the middle of the ocean claiming to represent six hundred million people is one of the most ludicrous episodes in the history of the world."

CALLER:"All right. Then I would like to ask you this, if the communist government is the peoples choice of Chia why is there hundreds of thousands of--trying to escape from there. Yet, if the people of Formosa, which would be, definitely, and I think you called it an Uncle Tom government not one tries to flee from Formosa back to China."

WOOD:"I'd like you to quote your sources."

CALLER:"My own. I have been there. I have been there several times. My business takes me around the world. I'm not an employee of the United States Government.(LAUGHTER)I have not been paid one penny by the CIA. So, I'm not being paid--"

WOOD:"I want to commend you on that."

ANNON:"Are you complaining about that or what?"

CALLER:"Well, that's my own opinion. But, my point, you name me a country--"

WOOD:"I can't really believe sir that you sat there and counted a hundred thousand people trying to escape from Red China."

CALLER:"I have been through the slums of Hong Kong and seen the squatters on tops of roofs and on hillsides and shacks. And have talked to some of them who have escaped from China who tell me this. I can only take their word for it."

WOOD:"I'm sure there are people who have escaped from China. There were people who were exploiting the Chinese people. There were landed gentry and there are aristocrats. And there were exceedingly rich people in whose people the Chinese revolution was not. But the Chinese revolution was in the interest of the national people."

CALLER:"I see."

WOOD:"The real indicator as to whether or not that government that represents the people is what is going on in terms of the country. And I feel that if you look at the reports about China or if you look at the domestic progress that has been made in China since 1948 I think that you have to come to the conclusion that while the institutions that the Chinese people live under may not be perfect, that there is such a vast improvement over what they lived under before 1948 that, you know, they are in fact living in a condition of freedom relative to what they had before. And that does not mean that --"

CALLER:"If you excuse me, this is an exact contradiction to the people in Hong Kong who have escaped from China within the last two years. Now, certainly, your landed gentry hasn't had naything to do with China for the last fifteen years. And so I can hardly say that all these people who are trying to escape from China now and do escape everyday could hardly be escaping from the landed gentry. They're escaping from the communists and

they'll tell you so. I would suggest sir--"

WOOD:"You misunderstood what I said. Mostly--"

CALLER:"You said that they fled from China because they were oppressed by the previous conditions. But, this is people that are escaping today, not yesterday. People who were communists. And I would highly recommend for you--before you form an opinion on it that you go to Hong Kong and talk to these people."

WOOD:"Hong Kong happens to be a British colony. It's not Red China, it's the British colony and if people live in squalors there, the people responsible for that are the British."

CALLER:"I would suggest that you go there and see what the British have done to help these people who have come in to Hong Kong by the thousands but I would suggest that you talk to the people who have just left Red China. Then I would suggest that you go to Formosa where you see a rock out in the middle of the ocean, which is a tom-tom government and you look at the economic conditions of the people and the freedom of the people, they're free to work as they please and do as they please."

CANNON:"Well, let me ask you something, let me--I'm not an expert on Formosa--Formosa but how many political parties are there in Formosa, do you know?"

CALLER:"There are two active. There are about four."

CANNON:"But, isn't it a fact that Chiang-Chi-Shek will be succeeded by his son?"

CALLER:"Not necessarily. But, the point I'm getting at sir,"

WOOD:"Yes, but you see, you're dealing in--"

CALLER:"...but what I say, if this is so bad, this government in Formosa that these people in Formosa are so oppressed by United States government who has forced a government on them, why are they not trying to free--flee Formosa?"

WOOD:"I'm sure that the people who went to Formosa were very happy with what they got when they got there. They happen to be the wealthy landed interest in China before."

CALLER:"...that is entirely false. And without foundation sir. And really when you're making derogatory remarks about the United States, I wish you would stick to facts. You have not been to Formosa and what you have just said about Formosa being all landed gentry is--"

WOOD:"Of course, they're not all landed gentry but the people who control the Formosan government are surely those people who were the interest of the people who were driven out of China, the ruling class of China before the communist revolution of 1948."

CANNON:"May I ask you something?"

CALLER:"Yes sir."

CANNON:"I don't know, so I'm asking you, you've been to Formosa and you

know, when the Chinese Communist drove Chaing Chi Shek and the Nationalist off the mainland to Formosa did Chaing go to Formosa and was he elected at that time by a free election?"

CALLER: "No, he was not."

CANNON: "So, he rules by what decree, you talk about the freedom of the Formosans, by what legitimate right then is Chaing ruling Formosa?"

CALLER: "He has been elected since then."

WOOD: "By what legitimate right does he represent six hundred million people in the United Nations?"

CALLER: "By what legitimate right?"

WOOD: "By..."

CALLER: "Does North Viet Nam claim to rule all of South Viet Nam?"

WOOD: "It does not. The very reason that the North Viet Namese are refusing to negotiate with the United States is because they say that the only people you can negotiate with in South Viet Nam are the National Liberation Front which are indigenous people."

CALLER: "In other words, sir, you contend that the North Viet Namese people have a freedom of choice of government?"

WOOD: "I think that they have considerably more freedom in choice of government and what they're government does than the people in South Viet Nam."

CALLER: "Then I might also ask you that same question again, why is there so many people fleeing from North Viet Nam to South Viet Nam and why..."

CANNON: "Let me just interrupt here, that is, you know, I'm not an expert on Viet Nam but that is not quite correct. There are people fleeing south but they are fleeing from the North part of South Viet Nam to the Southern Viet Nam where there is no B-52 bombing."

CALLER: "Uh, beg your pardon, I suggest that you go to Saigon. I suggest that you talk to some of these people."

CANNON: "Have you been to Saigon?"

CALLER: "Yes sir."

CANNON: "Okay, listen, I appreciate your call. We have to run along though. Thank you ..."

Now, it's ten o'clock on WBBM the talk of Chicago 780, Americas original town meeting of the air. Don Cannon with Michael Wood. Michael, you wanted to say something a moment ago."

WOOD: "I think--I wanted to point out that while he was urging me to go talk to South Viet Namese and to the Chaing-Chi-Shek government in Formosa that he never once encouraged me to go talk to the government in Peking or to the government in North Viet Nam. It seems to me that it would serve the interest of truth to talk to both sides."

CANNON: "Now, your call is next at MOhawk 4-8660 to Michael Wood will be right back."

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CANNON: "Now let's continue with your calls and comments at MO4-8660. Go ahead please, you're on the air."

CALLER: "May I speak to Mr. Wood."

WOOD: "Yes sir."

CALLER: "Mr. Wood."

WOOD: "Yes."

CALLER: "I want to congratulate you. You know, before you spoke tonight, I thought the CIA was great. (LAUGHTER) Now, I think they're magnificent. You know, I can rest easier tonight thinking that they're at work all over protecting us Americans. I think they do wonderful work. They're not only--they're super magnificent. And we should thank God we have a CIA."

WOOD: "Well, I think that all the people who are all over the world who suffer at the CIA's hands thank God too."

CALLER: "Oh, I thank God that we have the CIA, the CIA is protecting our country and that's the main thing. And you did a wonderful work in telling how great they are."

CANNON: "Well, Mr. Wood has said some things that I would like to see you react to in terms of not generalizations but particular statements. He said that the CIA is up to no-god subverting uh governments in Latin America do you think it's a good thing that we overthrow a governments like Teddy Gagen(?) or the government of Guatamsala ten years ago, is this our function as a democratic country, this is what I'm asking?"

CALLER: "Anything that can upset and confuse the communists is legitimate and I believe that the CI is doing wonderful work and in that respect. I think they've got the communists talking to themselves they've got them so confused. I think it's marvelous."

WOOD: "What they are breeding overseas is an international movement of revolutionary people who are full sick and tired of being controlled and they are gradually rising up in revolution. That's what's happening--that's what happened in North and South Viet Nam."

CALLER: "They're rising up against the communists."

WOOD: "No. They're rising up against the United States."

CALLER: "No, come on."

WOOD: "The United States now sir, and this is--the United States has Green Berets in almost every country in Latin America. They are using Napon on guerilla peasants who are fighting governments which are supported ...it's the truth."

CALLER: "You're just telling fairy tales."

WOODS: "You can read it in the Congressional records."

CALLER: "You're too intelligent a man for that. But, I think you bringing the subject of this up is going to convince the American people how great they are."

WOOD: "I suggest that you read a speech delivered by General Schope(?) former Marine Commander. He was the commander of the Marine force, sir. The commander in the Marine Corp who said that the people in Peru, Columbia, and Bolivia are all rising up against governments which are--governments fronting for the United States and that in fact we're using special forces and Napom on them. Check the facts."

CANNON: "Thank you very much sir for the call. That's got to be the (LAUGHTER) the light of lines. Read General Schope, who is he, a Communist? (LAUGHTER) Gen. Schope is the former commandant of the United States Marine Corp and hardly a Communist. Yeah, you're right. There was a question asked, during the fourth of July week-end a local news reported asked some people in Chicago uh, what they thought of a statement that went like this, 'When people are fed up with a oppressed government, they have a right to rise up and overthrow it,' basically, though, it's from our own Declaration of Independence, and something like forty per cent of the people questioned said that they thought it was communistic inspired or definitely anti-American."

MOhawk4-8660. Hello, you're on the air with Michael Wood go ahead please."

CALLER: "Hello, Mr. Woods, I tuned in at the point when you mentioned that the CIA was supporting the Black Power movement, could you ..."

WOOD: "(LAUGHTER) No, I didn't say that they were supporting the Black Power Movement."

CANNON: "The NSA was supporting the Black Power."

WOOD: "Yes. NSA took a position on--in support of Black Power uh, at the last ...which was in 1967."

CANNON: "But, by definition, that isn't the CIA...supporting Black Power."

CALLER: "Yeah, right. I misunderstood you."

WOOD: "No, I didn't mean to imply that what I am saying was that it seems incredible to me that the CIA should be working through an organization which supported Black Power."

CALLER: "I see."

WOOD: "That was what I said."

CALLER: "Okay then, thank you."

CANNON: "Thank you very much for the call."



I think there's something that we ought to pursue back in this because you said before basically that the CIA was calling the shots within the NSA, so that if the NSA is indeed supporting Black Power, ...then the CIA is supporting Black Power."

WOOD: "That--a complex answer has to be made to that question. The CIA was calling the shots entirely on the international program of NSA. It was also controlling the election of two principal offices, one was the presidency, and another was the international affairs vice-presidency. Generally, they're policy was in respect to the national affairs pol--vice presidency was that they would allow the kiddies to have that one to themselves. Now, they weren't so concerned about resolutions on Black Power in fact, the more radical the better, because that provided again good cover for agents operating under the cover of NSA overseas, you know the students of the world support the concept of Black Power. Uh, by large revolutionary which they want to infiltrate and subvert."

CANNON: "MOhawk 4-8660. By the way if you're on at six o'clock tomorrow morning, I'll be sitting in again for Jerry Williams in between nine and ten tomorrow we'll be talking about water flouridation. We'll have two doctors with us that one locally and one from the University of Kansas. It will be an interesting program if you're concerned with water flouridation, the pros and cons of it. It's a red-hot topic we'll be talking about it tomorrow morning on the Jerry Williams Show."

Now, let's get back to your calls at MOhawk 4-8660. Go ahead please."

You're on the air, go ahead."

CALLER: "Hello."

CANNON: "Hello."

CALLER: "Mr. Cannon?"

CANNON: "Yes?"

CALLER: "I've been trying to get on your program for about two years ...I'd like to ask this gentleman has he ever talked to any of those people over there about this oppression that they feel?" Does he believe in the old philosophy of the United States stay here, don't raise your head. Wait until they bomb us and then do something as they almost happened in WWII."

WOOD: "Oh well, the answer to your question is number one I've talked to people who I visited North Viet Nam, talked to people who visited Red China talked to people who visited Cuba. The reports that they give me are not the reports that I get from the United States government. Secondly, I thought that I made quite clear that between providing defense of the territorial integrity of the United States and of the welfare of the people of the United States and the act of subversion of the peoples of the world. Those are two entirely different things. I think the United States ought to provide for its own defense. I do not think that the United States has any business over throwing a government of British Guinea which has no capability of launching any significant military head against us nor the governments of Chile or Guatamala Iran, North and South Viet Nam and it goes on and on. That's not our business."

CALLER: "What is our business, wait for them to attack us?"

WOOD: "Do you think sir seriously that British Guinea can launch a--"

CALLER: "Well, I don't say they personally can do it. But, in 1945, I was in Germany in World War II and at that time, we were living in a German town, the German people told me at that time, that was in 1945 that we might as well just as well stay in uniform go with them because sooner or later we will be having trouble with the communist--Russians to be specific. Now, if those people, poor people could see it, then add our government is doing everything in its power to keep those people away from us, I mean, I would rather fight them over there than fight them over here."

WOOD: "Again, you miss the point entirely. The defense is one thing. Active aggression against governments that have no capability of hurting you is another thing. Now, the fact of the matter is that just very recently, uh, Alexis Kosegin and our...leader President Johnson came out smiling arm in arm from a semi-summit conference in New Jersey. It doesn't seem to me that they're on terribly odd terms. Now, they have a few disagreements uh but they're not a viable active threat at this point. Surely if they (LAUGHTER) if they were, you know, we wouldn't have that sort of intercourse."

CALLER: "Yeah, but sure they come out smiling. What do you think they're going to do come out scowling at each other. I mean, those two upper people."

WOOD: "I suggest you think, whose side are they on?"

CALLER: "Whose side is who on?"

WOOD: "Them--then."

CANNON: "Maybe they should have Indian wrestled on the lawn..."

WOOD: "You know the government, the Soviet Government has--is not at this point an aggressive government."

CANNON: "Well..."

WOOD: "Well, I'll go through it, how many--tell me how many countries do they have armies in?"

CANNON: "You're defining aggression only as having troops on foreign soil."

WOOD: "They have an idea, they have an idea which they talk about just like people who have lutheranism in they're soul or have baptism in they're soul have an idea and they go out and they..."

CANNON: "Well, the fact that they're sending their missiles and their guns to North Viet Nam."

CALLER: "They're not exactly playing patty-cake eith --"

WOOD: "They're providing armaments in North Viet Nam for the defense of a sovereign nation."

CALLER: "What they're doing--what they..."

WOOD: "A nation that's literally having the duffings bombed out of it. I use that for lack of permission to use a nastier word."

CALLER: "Yes. Well, you must have used a nastier word before accordigg to one woman that called up."

WOOD: "All right."

CALLER: "But, uh,, what I can't understand is why you want to wait-- want us to wait until they do something! I mean the best defense is an offense. And anything you do, in any sports you have, in any country, the best defense is an offense. And our offense is to have a CIA no matter what we have to do."

WOOD: "No matter what it's doing, where it's knocking about."

CALLER: "That's your idea of what they're doing. I mean,--"

WOOD: "The fallacy--the big whole in your argument sir is that at any moment the Russians so chose, they could push the button that would distroy us."

CALLER: "Yes."

WOOD: "That's military fact."

CALLER: "Yes, but--"

WOOD: "So, that our activities in Latin America, via the CIA or in South east Asia or in Africa in no way protect us from that attack. And that's a fact. So, the thought that somehow we're defending ourselves against Russian communism is ludicrous."

CALLER: "No, it isn't because like I say, we have to be prepared. What happen if--"

WOOD: "I was a Eagle Scout and our motto was, 'Be prepared,' and that's the gospel I preach."

CALLER: "Be prepared."

WOOD: "Be prepared."

CALLER: "And be prepared and know what they're doing."

CANNON: "You were an Eagle Scout you say?"

WOOD: "Yes, I was."

CALLER: "Yeah, well, you wern't a..."

CANNON: "Did the Boy Scouts make you a leftie?"

WOOD: "Pardon me?"

CALLER: "You wern't a very good Eagle Scout then because..."

WOOD: "That's not what my mommv thought."

CALLER: "Because the only way we can be prepared is know what is going on and if we have to have subversive, if we have to have agents finding out anyway we find out is the only way that we can protect ourselves. In World War II or any other war, if this country had stayed back and mined they're own business, we would have the Russians at our throats right now. If we hadn't of gone over and helped England at WWII they would not--you mean to tell me that Germany.."

WOOD: "If I recall the speeches of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Russians were our brave and honorable allies. They lost twenty million men on the Eastern front. Uh, as allies of the United States Government during the second world war."

CANNON: "Thank you very much for the call, we have to move along. It's a quarter past ten.....Speaking of Roosevelt now, there's an example of where the concept of being nice to your neighbor bckfired. He was a man who believed that somehow if I'm nice to Joe Stalin, everything will work out and he was and it didn't. You're trying to apply the same concept now. And what makes you think it will work now anymore than it did then."

WOOD: "I think Roosevelt could have a wee...about the personality and the intentions of Joseph Stalin."

CANNON: "Then you admit that Stalin was a beast."

WOOD: "I think that Stalin was an iniquitous man."

CANNON: "But, we still had no right having a CEO then either."

WOOD: "Now wait a second. We don't disagree on that point. The question is who has the responsibility of taking an iniquitous man out of office? Is it our responsibility or is it the responsibility of the people of the Soviet Union?"

CANNON: "Well, of course, the CIA was not out th get Stalin out of office. Certainly they would never take on anything as ambitious as that. But, let's go back,, we're going back ten or fifteen years, even the moat, even the critics of the CIA, congressional and otherwise uh, when this thing broke, many of the liberal congressmen were concerned about it, practically all of them said that yes at one ptime the CIA did have a very necessary function during the hard years of the cold war and not perhaps so much now. You won't even go that far, that--yet you admit yourself that Stalin was a monstor, that communism was a grave threat back in the early fifties. But..."

WOOD: "I do not think that communism was a grave threat in the 1950's. I think that if you sit down with a copy of Carl Marx and study communism and see what communism is you'll be hard-pressed to say that communism was a grave threat. I think that you'll say Joe Stalin was a grave threat in the fifties. That we have no disagreement on."

CANNON: "...Since he represented international communism at the time, I think that we can talk about one and the same thing."

WOOD: "That's very facile if you do that. You can not apply that same model however to today. What you have going on in ...is entirely different."

CANNON: "No, I realize that, but you say the CIA has never had, never had a legitimate function. Even during the days of Stalin?"

WOOD: "Okay. Tell me what the CIA did during the days of Stalin that was legitimate?"

CANNON: "Well, you're the expert on the CIA, I'm not."

WOOD: "What we did was is we set up a international, I can talk about what they did in the international student world."

CANNON: "Um hum."

WOOD: "Uh, they set out to try to do, you know, to fight ideological warfare, not with Joseph Stalin. They did not launch a massive campaign to criticize Joseph Stalin, what they did was sat about to buy off the foreign student leadership. They weren't even willing to engage in intellectual debate with communists. They pulled out, they pulled themselves out and with them the traditional unions of western Europe out of the international union of students which was the international union of students it was like the student equivalent to the UN. Doing that they sat up another one because they could not compete intellectually uh with the ideas that the Russians were presenting."

CANNON: "Mohawk 4-8660. You're on the air now with Michael Wood. Go ahead please."

CALLER: "Three cheers for the CIA."

WOOD: "Hum?"

CANNON: "...the Ramparts cover, remember the Ramparts cover. (LAUGHTER) A few months back. Okay, would you be more explicit with your comment. 'Three Cheers for the CIA?'"

CALLER: "I think that your guest has the ... I was de-- I was so furious this evening when you put the traitor on that radio. But, as he talked, and showed his true colors, I thought that he really had done a service to the country and the CIA. He he had ever sat through listening to the radio on the night of Pearl Harbor, and he advocates, that we wait until they come to our shores, and when he can so naively say that we can find out from Russians what they print in the newspapers, when we know that what it prints in its newspapers is absolutely false about us, how can he ... and so it really became ludicrous to think that a man that caliber could make so much trouble and make the whole world think that our CIA was not doing a marvelous job."

CANNON: "Well, let's give Michael equal time to defend himself."

WOOD: "I feel that I need not defend myself against such remarks. I've said quite clearly that we should defend ourselves and that we should provide adequate defenses."

CALLER: "Adequate defenses a few miles off the shore."

WOOD: "No, no, no..."

CALLER: "How did we know that they were going to strike Pearl Harbor?"

WOOD: "Tell me how many thousands of miles of water there are between the coast of California and the coast of China?"

CALLER: "Yes, but you said that..."

WOOD: "We could boats out there now."

CALLER: "In Hawaii. Sure, we have them over in Hawaii but we didn't have the intelligence or the CIA working for us enough to know that's what was happening."

WOOD: "If they had had boats five miles off of the Japanese coast."

CALLER: "...You've really shown me what you are and I hope that all the other people listening in can see that you're a traitor to the United States and not even wanting to know what is happening around the world and I hope that they give you a B-54 to Russia and stay there."

CANNON: "Thank you very much for the call. We appreciate your call. I'm not sure that Michael would appreciate your comments."

WOOD: "She doesn't seem to understand that I don't want to go to Russia."

CANNON: "Mohawk 4-8660 on WBBM...."

This is Don Cannon now with Michael Wood. Hello. Go ahead you're on the air."

CALLER: "Mr. Wood I'm an ex-Marine and I find your previous comments on the conduct of the...Gen. David Schope kind of disconcerting. Now, I happen to come across a newspaper called The West Side Torch."

WOOD: "Yez."

CALLER: "Three or four months ago which they had produced something supposed to be written by Gen. Schope that he thought that America should keep her dirty blood-stained fingers, money grabbing fingers out of Viet Nam. Do you have any real proof that Gen. Schope is aligned with the general--anti-Viet Nam leftist ideology on the subject of Viet Nam?"

WOOD: "Well, what he said on that occasion which was at a junior college in Los Angeles was entered into the congressional record by a U.S. Senator. That's where I read it, was in a reprint of the congressional record. I can only, you know, I don't know the man personally, all I can do is read his remarks."

CANNON: "And he's not, Gen. Schope is not a leftist, I don't think. But, he has been a critic of our involvement in Viet Nam."

CALLER: "Well, this is generally the leftist position, that we should keep our dirty, blood-stained, money grabbing fingers out of Viet Nam, I wanted to know also."

WOOD: "It was a remark of that one not precisely that."

CALLER: "Yeah."

I want to know also if you remember a former Marine officer named Colonel Evans Carlson?"

WOOD:"No sir I don't."

CALLER:"Well, he was commander of a so-called 'Carlsons Raiders.' It raided the...islands in 1942 it so happens that Colonel Carlson turned out to be a communist. He was on the staff of the Institute of Pacific Relations and a member on the staff of the magazine, 'Amorasia,' which was quite scandalous back in the early fifties."

CANNON:"You forget..."

CALLER:"This is..."

CANNON:"...was he a card-carrying communist. Or are you assuming just because he belonged to the Institute that he was a communist?"

CALLER:"That's something I have no proof of but..."

CANNON:"Well, how can you call him a communist then?"

CALLER:"Well, in the office of Amorasia, for instance, they came up with very top secret documents which weren't supposed to be there and they had contacts with Soviet agents of the United States and every thing else. So, I'm just saying that it's not impossible, on the subject of the CIA."

WOOD:"You forget sir that the communist were our allies during the second world war Hubert Apdecker, who was an acknowledged communist was a major in the United States Army here."

CALLER:"Yes. That may be quite true. It's funny how the tables turned after WWII. I thought that was very short time sight on the part of the United States. Not, that we both fought Hitler, that had to be done but that we trusted Uncle Joe that far. Now, on the subject of the CIA, I would just say shortly that the CIA could face itself up tomorrow if the KGB and the GRU also did it. But, we know that the KGB and the GRU is in business to do what the CIA is in business to stop. And I'm very glad that the CIA is there. I just wish that they hadn't supported some of the organizations that they did. I'm very sad that they gave money to the NSA and to uh Norman Thomas group and to other left to center groups,.I don't think that helps they're cause one bit I--they can see they got the stab in the back from the NSA so I think it was kind of a waste of CIA money."

WOOD:"Richard Russell who is not rekown in the United States for his left wing sentiments "

CALLER:"The senator from Georgia?"

WOOD:"Right. Has said after his briefing by Richard Helm that the United States --that the NSA program of the CIA was one of the most valuable dollar for dollar programs that the CIA had."

CALLER:"Now, they got the old knife in the back. Well, I hope..."

WOOD:"Well."

CALLER: "I see the CIA's failed--I mean the NSA, National Students Association spacing itself out on more and more campuses every month and I think this is a lot to do with the young Americans freedom who are violently against the NSA because of they're left wing stance and they're whole..."

CANNON: "Let me ask you something, will you please. You say that you see the NSA spacing itself out, I haven't seen any figures come up."

CALLER: "Well, the campuses where the NSA is represented are becoming fewer."

WOOD: "That's not true."

CANNON: "Now, hold it a second, now you've made a statement, now you want to just check it because to my knowledge, after the CIA, NSA link-up was exposed a grand total of two colleges dropped out at the time. Twenty six have joined. Now, where do you get your figures?"

CALLER: "Now, wait a minute, don't turn the tables on me like that. They're not dropping out because of the affiliation with the CIA, they're starting to drop they're affiliation because of they're general left-wing stance with general condemnation of American foreign policy."

CANNON: "Well, so far the number I have is two where do you get your number?"

CALLER: "Well, I read it in the new (NAME INAUDIBLE) which is the young Americans for Freedom. (LAUGHTER)."

CANNON: "Very unreliable document."

CALLER: "No more unreliable than any of the left wing."

CANNON: "Time Magazine is my source, is that left wing?"

CALLER: "Time? I didn't say that, no it isn't."

CANNON: "Well, that's where I get my information."

CALLER: "Well, they have been dropping off for the last two years. Now,"

WOOD: "That is absolutely correct, that is correct."

CALLER: "...students are just as radical as some people would like to make them think because uh, show them to be affiliated with the CIA, they're all going to run away from the CIA."

WOOD: "Sir I--I."

CALLER: "The majority of American students are quite in favor of CIA operations, except I think the CIA backed the wrong group."

WOOD: "I want to give you a very short critical education which



to say that NSA despite its fostering is not a left wing organization and was not a left-wing organization. It was enforcing throughout the world the very policy that you would enforce. The only reason it was enforcing it rather than the right wing rather than the young Americans for freedom is because they were slaughtered in the young Americans for freedom."

CALLER:"They were?"

WOOD:"The young Americans for freedom would never be believed by anybody abroad."

CALLER:"Well, that's because--"

WOOD:"NSA..."

CALLER:"Doesn't grovel before foreign students like the NSA has been doing. It doesn't sit there and listen to condemnations of they're country. The young Americans for freedom would speakup and say,'now, listen you may not necessarily..."

WOOD:"That's why they would be exceedingly bad intelligence agents."

CALLER:"Well, I worked four years in Japan my friend and I understand foreign students quite well. I am a graduate of a Japanese University and that's a radical country sometimes for students. But, I can say, that in my dealings with foreign students, if you hold your countrys position high, you'll get a lot less brick bats than if you get on your knees and start groveling and apoligizing for everything you've got. And I'm a graduate of a Japanese University so I..."

WOOD:"I don't apologize for what my country does, I condemn it."

CALLER:"Yes, I realize that. I think that you're just giving stock and trade to American ~~unbelievers~~ and just coining these little condemnations that you yourself...they have no more respect for you. They just think you're a fool."

WOOD:"I do not seek they're respect, I seek my own respect."

CANNON:"Thank you very much for the call we have to run along. Thank you very much. I want you to hang on for a second and talk to Paul (NAME INAUDEBE)our producer. And thank you."

Mohawk 4-8660 here on WBBM, the talk of Chicago. Mohawk 4-8660, let's pause for just a second and then we'll be right back after these few words."

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CANNON: "Now, let's get back to your calls at MOhawk 4-8660.

Go ahead please."

CALLER: "Hello?"

CANNON: "Turn your radio down if you will and you'll be on the air."

CALLER: "Hello."

CANNON: "Yes."

CALLER: "I would like to say a good word for your man on the show tonight. If I were a student and I was uh, earnestly thinking and living up to American principles which are taught to us in school, from the fifth grade as you mentioned, and I found out some government agency or anybody else was using me for a stooge, I would be just as serious as he is."

WOOD: "Thank you ma'am."

CALLER: "And I think I'm a pretty good--pretty principled type of American myself and I think that the Russians won't be doing very much research in germ warfare if we had some of the soggy brains that cant stand to have someone stick up for his American rights like all these people that are so terribly indignant at this young man protest about being used. I uh think that he has granted rather freely that uh--he has criticized espionage but I think it's quite different to be an intelligence agent finding out what's happening--or what they're doing before Pearl Harbor than it is to use an American student when they don't know it. Now the voice of America has been a very successful program that has worked in the open. May be secret in the other countries but we know about it and I think that to fool our own people and not to have a...to mention, I think he's terribly right about this and it's extremely horrible to me to think that our fellow citizens can't see this point. It's uh like MacCarthyism, it's kind of seriously infested too many people. I don't know that I agree with him about everything, all the other points. I too think that it's a different thing to--it's a different thing to collect information and I think Joe should be a little more careful about his thoughts in this point, too. It's a different thing to collect information than it is to give money to political parties and participate in the overthrow of governments and things like that. And I think that he has given a very creditable uh complaint."

CANNON: "Okay, listen I appreciate your call."

CALLER: "Okay."

CANNON: "Thank you very much."

CALLER: "I thought there ought to be some opposition."

CANNON: "Okay, thank you."

CALLER: "Okay."

CANNON: "MOhawk 4-8660. Go ahead, you're on the air."

CALLER: "Yeah, the last part..."

to say. (LAUGHTER) I agree with you. I would say, is it Mr. Woods?"

WOOD: "Yes."

CALLER: "I would say about seventy five per cent. One think that I do believe and my question was what happened to the good old spy system. The CIA was originally a spy system, right?"

WOOD: "Well--"

CALLER: "I mean our intelligence people are supposed to be over-- I think we should have people in all countries that we possibly can to find out what is being done that would harm us. This I do disagree with you just a little bit but the rest of the points I do agree on. And I can't see why if we're just supposed to have Central Intelligence over there to watch out for our welfare that somebody doesn't attack us like Pearl Harbor. This can be done in many ways without creating a revolution and trying to overthrow little governments into our way of thinking in supporting peace and all those things. And I do agree on this again. And also I would like to know where is Red China different from Hong Kong?"

WOOD: "Where is it different from Hong Kong?"

CALLER: "Yeah. When they say Red China and then they say Hong Jong."

WOOD: "Hong Kong is a peace--is a enslave on the mainland of China which is still owned by the British government."

CANNON: "...of Britain."

WOOD: "Right."

CALLER: "Yeah, it's a British Hong Kong isn't it?"

CANNON: "Right."

WOOD: "And it's not part of the--it's not under the jurisdiction of the government of the--of China. That--is that the question you asked?"

CALLER: "Yeah, I was just wondering because the man before was saying--I didn't get the whole part of it--I missed part of it. Did he say people were fleeing Red China to go to Hong Kong?"

WOOD: "That's what he was saying, yes."

CALLER: "Oh."

WOOD: "I'm sure that's true. There are American boys right now who are fleeing the United States to get to Canada. And there are people who go to Mexico every year."

CALLER: "Yeah, well I agree with you very, very much. That's the only point that I do think that we should have people but not to create a revolution. In other words, what really did happen to the good old spy system? Our spy system now is people who are creating revolutions. In other words, we should have people checking and watching out. And the rest of it I agree with you. And I don't see why we should be using any of our young people for any political things for anybody at all and

gains for anybody at all and not when you're talking about lives. This is where I do agree with you very much so."

CANNON: "Okay, fine."

CALLER: "Yeah, bye now."

CANNON: "Thank you very much for the call."

What about the fact Michael Wood that the National Student Association and many students who went overseas and organized blocks very creditably represented the United States in debates with communist youth and came out looking very good. Do you think all of this is for the fact that it has been underwritten by the--underwritten by the CIA?"

WOOD: "Well, I don't think--except your pieces that they very creditably represented the youths of the United States. I would say that in fact they did a rather uncredit--a very poor job of representing the true interest of the people."

CANNON: "One magazine article I have before me says that the fulminations against the CIA last week was based --last week, last March was based largely on the assumption that students had been manipulated for espionage purposes. But, most critics chose to ignore the successes of NSA delegates in representing the USA abroad with vigor, eloquent and sophistication."

WOOD: "I think it's important to point out that that is read from Time Magazine which I do not find to be a very reliable source... I can tell you clearly that that article is riddled with inaccuracies and in fact maliciousness as well. In fact, the United States in the National Student Association officers overseas oftentimes were disruptive. The purpose in the international student conference was to play a log rolling game very much like a politician. To buy and sell students. What they do--they trade--they trade so many scholarships for a vote on this issue to a certain country. Or they would promise uh a seminar or a Pan-African Student Unity to the--say the Nigerian government. If that Nigerian government would drop its complaints about certain actions of the United States."

CANNON: "Um."

WOOD: "It was dealing at that sort of level. At the same time, it was providing the cover through which the CIA could convert those students to agents of the United States government and turn them against their own governments in preparation for a time when they would be useful instruments to overthrow a government or to insulence a government for the United States. Now, that is entirely different from the sort the sort of impression that Time Magazine conveys which is a sort of CIA supported apple-cheek smiling young Americans who are over debating in good old college style. That's not what they were doing. They were in good old American style they were buying and selling except that they were buying and selling people and student unions."

CANNON: "Hello, this is Don Cannon go ahead please. You're on the air."

CALLER: "Yes, I uh, Mr. Wood has made a great many statements this evening that I would take exception to--would really like to argue with him."

but, because you move so quickly, you're unable to jot down notes and things fast enough but they asked me to turn off the radio and I turned it back on because I was waiting so long and I think they must have been discussing it now, something that pertained to the question of the issue that I wanted to raise with him. And that, just a few minutes back, he did say something that stuck with me and I was able to get through to you and I would like to ask him about that. Now, you said on a--in connection with a number of foreign countries that these people made have had very poor governments but they elected them themselves and that, you know, that was unfortunate but, it's for the people themselves to overthrow the government. Now, are we to not try to influence those people in any way and to only set an example. By, you know, what a marvelous country we have here ourselves and wasn't that the CIA was trying to do through the NS4?"

WOOD: "You know, I believe in certain Christian principles. One of the primary ones which is do unto other as you would have others do unto you. And I ask you to ask yourself this. Would you like another country, regardless of how virtuous or how ignominious to buy elections in your country, to give money to the Republican or Democratic Party, that can take over your--the institutions of the press in this country? Would you like a Canadian government to that or the Guatemalan government to do that or the Russian government? I don't think you would."

CALLER: "Well, I may not like that type of situation but because we are free enough government..."

WOOD: "You think we're free."

CALLER: "...Right now and it may be, for all I know maybe that's being done..."

WOOD: "Are you condoning it?"

CALLER: "No, but I want you to answer me is how is it that those people are going to overthrow or not elect these evil governments if they aren't somehow influenced."

WOOD: "Well, first of all you presume that they're evil."

CALLER: "You were the one who said that they were evil."

WOOD: "No, no. No, no. I said that Joe Stalin was evil. I **DID NOT** say that ~~Chubby~~ Jagin (?). I have the utmost of respect for Chedy Jagin. He was democratically elected and I think that he was a good government. But, his fatal flaw was that he fought it on a nationalization program of certain interest in that country. And was after that was after that overthrow. The same situation happened in Iran when Mosabec started on a mob program of nationalization of oil interest. At that point he was brought down. The same thing happened in Guatemala when plantations were starting to be--or Nicaragua actually when plantations were starting to be nationalized...that government was brought down. Those governments in those actions I support. I think they were good governments and I think that the governments that replaced them uh which have the support of the CIA are bad governments or were bad... governments at the time."

CALLER: "Well,--I can't argue with you."

CANNON: "Listen, I appreciate your call."

CALLER: "All right thank you."

CANNON: "Hope to see you next Tuesday at our movie preview for the gals.!!..."

Now, you're on the air go ahead please."

CALLER: "Yes sir. Good evening gentlemen."

CANNON: "Yes?"

CALLER: "I didn't listen to about an hour and I'm a little bit upset by the fact that so many people who've called in seem to be hysterical brainwashed terrified. We are the most powerful nation in the world and we should have in our schools to try and help other people throughout the world to try and live peace abiding instead the CIA which more or less has taken over our foreign policy, has tended to overthrow every government in the world which has tended to show just a little bit of democratic inclination. Now, somebody called before and uh announced Gen. Carleton--Evans Carlson. Colonel Carlson was one of the outstanding heroes of WWII. And has rededicated the communist because he was not uh, what you may call, ultra-conservative. He looked back on those days and said that certain things happened and that's it. And people who've insisted on living in with their own ideas with their pre-historic ideas insisted that he was too radical to be accepted as a decent American. Now, may I give a quote from a book by the name--by the name of, 'Arrogance of Power,' by Sen. Fulbright? I think this publication by Sen. Fulbright is one of the most remarkable I've ever read as regards American foreign policy. Oddly enough, I mentioned to someone the other day that Sen. Fulbright is against the Viet Nam War and this particular party said, isn't he a radical? (LAUGHTER) Well, it sort of stunned me because it seems that so many people in our country have been brainwashed to the point where they have no sense of values. If you're against the Viet Nam War, that makes you a communist. If you're for the Viet Nam War, that makes you a super-patriot and uh, I can't make heads or tails out of where we're headed. Like Gen. Shoup, he denounced our war in Viet Nam, and yet he is an outstanding man with the Marines. What's happening?"

CANNON: "...General at the University of Wisconsin, Gen. Hughs, former Army General, highly decorated, who's also a critic of the war. We're hoping to have him on the program some night in the future too with another general who is a congressional medal of honor winner, and that should make a very interesting debate. Ten forty five on WBBM, the talk of Chicago. My guest is Michael Wood, formerly of the National Student Association. You are--have been an outspoken critic of the CIA involved in the internal affairs of other countries particularly you mentioned the CIA involved in overthrowing the Jagan government in British Guiana, what was formerly British Guiana in Guatemala and some other governments, what about in 1956 when Nasser tried to over throw uh, what's his name (NAME INAUDIBLE) in Lebanon and the Iraq government. Now, did we have an obligation then and the CIA was involved in this I'm told, to help prevent the overthrow of the governments or should we have just let it be overthrown by Nasser?"

WOOD: "If the United States government desires to form an alliance an open alliance with Lebanon's government, and then to fight with the Lebanon government in the sense of a nation that was under direct attack uh from Nasser. I think that that, you know, that that has a --entirely a different question from the sort of alliances that are made which you and I never see and therefore have no chance to criticize. If that form of alliance is made and you and I can get up and talk about it--we can fight about it, through that process of debate which is a very healthy thing, we can try to bring about some consensus of whether we're doing the right thing or not. But, if the CIA does that without or knowing that it's doing it, we haven't, you know, we haven't... to analyze the action, to analyze the--what our government is doing. That's totalitarianism. That's fully totalitarianism because we do not have a right of review, we don't have a right to debate. We have no right to formulate that policy, to be involved in the think that goes into it. And that's clearly anti-democratic."

CANNON: "But, basically, the world is a pretty anti-democratic place to operate. Isn't basically the whole hang-up, you've got our democratic country living in a very undemocratic world and how do we operate as a democratic world?"

WOOD: "I don't find this a very democratic country first of all."

CANNON: "Relatively speaking, relatively speaking."

WOOD: "It depends on what you define democracy. I would say that the Cuban government at this time is more reflecting the desires of the Cuban people than the United States government reflects the desires of the American people. You have in this country at this time twenty million Negroes who are rioting every summer and it is now a traditional part of the American way of life that we have inter-city riots. You have that band of students that bravely asserted the American way of life in the sit-in movements, now armaments... prepared for eventually guerilla activity. Why is that happening? All they want is a decent opportunity in this country."

CANNON: "...you made a statement about Castro."

WOOD: "Mass alienation among the young."

CANNON: "You have obviously one party, a totalitarian government in Cuba. You have no free press. You have no means of knowing what the Cuban people think and many of them are fleeing Cuba."

WOOD: "The primary reason we have no means of knowing is akin, I'm not allowed by the state department to go and find out. I have to violate the state department ban to get there and find out."

CANNON: "Mohawk-6660. Go ahead, you're on the air."

CALLER: "Yes, I would like to say that to all these people that called up talking about, 'well, you should appreciate the need for the Central Intelligence Agency because, it was because we didn't have an agency like the Central Intelligence Agency that we were able to have that surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.' Well, I think that this is past and ridiculous. First of all, the world has changed drastically since 1945. In 1945 there was no cold war as we know it."

in 1945, we didn't have nuclear power. Uh, Japan or any other small country to day wouldn't dare send a plane over to--to bomb, you know, one of our territorial possessions or our country. I mean, that's silly. The only country that would dare to do this is Russia and all the intelligence in the world couldn't do us any good because once they push the button we've got fifteen minutes, you know, and you can do what you want, but that's the way it is. Secondly, however, I do agree that there is a need for an agency perhaps like the Central Intelligence Agency if it does do espionage for us, then fine. I think that there is certain information that we should know, certain moves that we should be aware of for defensive reasons. But, the activity that Mr. Wood has described, the subversion activities of the CIA buying governments, starting revolutions, I can't condon. I think its immoral. And then the answer that people give you back saying, 'well, the Russians are doing it and also we've got to do it.' Well, I don't agree with that because if we start doing everything the Russians are doing, what's going to make us any different from the Russians. How can we possibly justify ourselves in the light of our foreign policy, uh against the Russians. If we're all doing the same thing, we're all playing these stupid little games, we're all in here subverting the governments of countries. We're all-I don't know, it just seems very, very wrong to me. Would you like to comment, Mr. Wood?"

WOOD:"Well, the only point at which I disagree with you is that I don't we ought to engage illegitimate means to gain information. I think that what we need to do however, is to examine our own foreign policy if--I believe and I believe very seriously that if the United States rectifies its foreign policy that we will have no need for intelligence. That if we cease--if we cease our policy of controlling the world, controlling the market, the labor, the cheap labor in foreign countries, and the incredibly cheap raw materials and we allow those people to join together, raise those prices, control their own labor market, and control their own lives uh, that we won't have any need for that sort of illegitimate espionage."

CANNON:"Thank you very much for the call tonight, too. NO4-8660 on WBBM, the talk of Chicago."

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CANNON:"This is Don Cannon, you're on the air go ahead please."

CALLER:"Yes, I would like to ask Mr. Wood a question--"

WOOD:"Yes sir."

CALLER:"In reference to his association to the National Student Association."

WOOD:"Yes sir."

CALLER:"You have made allegations to ward the CIA as to what they have done and that the NSA was a front for the CIA. At the time that you were a member were you ever asked to perform any acts of espionage? Or to perform any act that would be detrimental to another country? Did you ever at any time--were you ever approached by the CIA to perform any act that would hurt anyone in another country? Or did you just secondhandedly here that the CIA was running this organization?"



WOOD: "I was never approached because the CIA refused to make me an agent. In their words, I had a nineteenth century sense of morality which I suppose meant that I believed in truth and justice which are nice nineteenth century principles. I never had an opportunity to do any dirty work for the CIA. However, it's not a matter of dispute whether or not the CIA had the NSA infiltrated, the state department admitted it and the NSA admitted it and the CIA even admitted that they did not back handedly, which is a first, that they were involved. And there's absolutely no question that they were involved. Now, in answer to your second question, was I ever approached personally to do any harm to another--to people anywhere else. And twisted in that question is the other question....to other peoples in other countries. The answer to that question is by and large no. NSA didn't themselves take up bayonets or take up, you know, silent pistols and shoot peoples. That's pretty rough stuff to expect young kids who have just been brought into the CIA to do. But, what they did was set up things. If you study the mafia or the syndicate you see the same sort of technique. They have other people to set up an operation and other people who implement it. That's what NSA was doing."

CANNON: "Thank you for the call tonight. We're out of time. Michael Wood, my thanks to you for joining us."

WOOD: "I thank you."

CANNON: "Don Cannon. Thank you very much and good night."

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