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# How Bay Area Snoopers Worked

The Rockefeller Commission said yesterday the CIA's mail program in the Bay Area was conducted in San Mateo in three operations during 1970 and 1971, each lasting about three weeks.

The snooping procedure went like this:

"Late in the evening, CIA personnel went to the postal facility, where a special officer met them and opened the relevant bags of mail. The postal official remained present while the CIA representatives performed tests

on the outside of the envelopes.

"During virtually every session, the CIA officers, apparently without the knowledge of the postal officials, concealed selected pieces of mail in an equipment case or a handbag.

"The selected items were then taken surreptitiously from the post office facility, opened, photographed, analyzed, resealed and returned to the mail flow during the next visit to the facility," the report said.