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**Criticism of C. I. A.  
Viewed as Menace  
By Patriotism Unit**

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The National Committee for Responsible Patriotism said yesterday that recent criticism of the Central Intelligence Agency "is a far greater menace to freedom and privacy" than the reportedly illegal activities engaged in by the agency itself.

The group called on individuals, public figures and organizations to speak out in support of the nation's intelligence

agencies and to write letters to members of Congress to do the same.

"The F.B.I., C.I.A. and other U.S. intelligence agencies are the 'good guys,'" the group said in a position paper. "They've done very difficult and dangerous work with only occasional flaws — far fewer than could have been expected under the very difficult circumstances in which they operate. Their ranks include many unsung heroes, and we owe them our very freedom."

Mr. Wiley said that the group also supports a strong C.I.A. role abroad. "In the national debate about our intelligence community, almost totally ignored is one critical factor: we

face an enemy that has already overrun half the world," he said.

The group, which was active in the late nineteen-sixties when it organized rallies and vigils in support of American men fighting in Vietnam, made its announcement at a news conference at the Commodore Hotel.

Charles W. Wiley, executive director of the group, said that the only objection he had to the C.I.A.'s activities, as reported in the Rockefeller commission's report last week, was the drug-testing program that resulted in the death of a Government employe after the agency administered a dose of LSD.