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TORONTO, FEB. 19 (AP)-SEN. DALE MCGEE, D-WYO., TODAY DEFENDED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACTION IN SUBSIDIZING STUDENT GROUPS AS AN "UGLY NECESSITY FOR THE REALITIES OF THE TIMES."

SPEAKING ON A CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORP. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM, MCGEE SAID THERE WAS A NEED AT THAT TIME FOR SUCH INTELLIGENCE ACTION "AND PROBABLY THERE STILL IS TO A LARGE DEGREE."

HIS COMMENTS FOLLOWED AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL WOOD, FORMER DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, (NSA) IN THE UNITED STATES.

WOOD SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION OF OFFICERS THAT APPOINTED HIM TO HIS POST THAT HE BE MADE A CIA AGENT, BUT THAT A SUBSEQUENT CIA INVESTIGATION FOUND HIM POLITICALLY UNRELIABLE AND HE WAS NOT MADE "OPERATIVE."

THE CONTROVERSY BEGAN WITH THE SPOTLIGHTING OF THE UNDERCOVER LINK EARLY LAST WEEK BY RAMPARTS MAGAZINE. SINCE THEN NSA OFFICERS SAID THE CIA LAID AN "ETHICAL TRAP FOR YOUNG MEN OF GREAT INTEGRITY" WITH MONEY, DRAFT DEFERMENTS AND THE THREAT OF JAIL.

THE NSA LEADERS SAID THEY RECEIVED BETWEEN \$1 MILLION AND \$2 MILLION IN HIDDEN CIA FUNDS THROUGH 21 FOUNDATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

IN RETURN, THEY SAID THE CIA GOT STRONG U.S. STUDENT REPRESENTATION AT WORLD STUDENT CONFERENCES, INFORMATION ABOUT POLITICS AND STUDENTS ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN LANDS AND A LINE ON THEIR RISING YOUNG LEADERS.

MCGEE SAID INTELLIGENCE IS NEVER A PLEASANT OPERATION AND DECEPTION IS "PAR FOR THE COURSE" IN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING.

HE SAID THE CIA SUBSIDIZATION BEGAN AT A TIME WHEN STUDENT MOVEMENTS WERE "VERY EXCITED AND DELIBERATELY SHAPED FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD."

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CORRECTION--ABOVE FIRST GRAF READ IT XX "SEN. GALE MCGEE XX (STED DALE)

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