

PANEL WILL STUDY C.I.A. ACADEMIC TIES

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—Robert A. Dahl, president of the American Political Science Association, said Wednesday night that he had appointed a panel of four political science specialists to investigate the extent of penetration of the academic community by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Declaring that he was "sickened and alarmed" by news reports that the agency had financed academic areas, Mr. Dahl said he had appointed R. Taylor Cole, provost of Duke University; Gabriel Almond, of Stanford University; C. Herman Pritchett, of the University of California, Santa Barbara; and David B. Truman, Dean of Columbia College, Columbia University, to make the inquiry.

He said the panel would begin its work "within the next two months." Its findings, he said, will be submitted to the association.

"The C.I.A.," said Mr. Dahl, "has penetrated academic and cultural circles through foundations and pseudo-foundations to which they channeled funds. There are bound to be evil effects from such practices."

Even if no improper influence is proved, he added, the position of United States scholars, their relations with foreign colleagues and their chances for research may be found to have "suffered grievously."

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