



WINSTON LORD
'Profound questions'

Kissinger Aide Urges CIA Curbs

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's top planner called yesterday for "tighter congressional scrutiny" of the CIA, especially its covert operations.

Winston Lord, director of the policy planning staff at the State Department, squirmed like a small boy caught at the cookie jar when a Commonwealth Club member asked bluntly:

"Why did we support the overthrow of the Allende government in Chile, and how close are the State Department and the CIA?"

The capacity audience guffawed when Lord said "I don't know what to say — whether we are close or we aren't at all."

Lord said that as far as he knew, the CIA did not actually foment the 1973 military coup that toppled the elected government in Chile but only provided money to Allende opponents.

"That's begging the question," he said candidly, admitting that whatever the CIA's role was, the United States got a black eye.

"We need something between diplomacy and sending in the Marines," Lord said, admitting he is "personally troubled" by cloak-and-dagger operations.

"They raise profound questions, both as to their effects and their morality," he said.

Lord, 37, is a graduate of Yale and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy who has accompanied Kissinger on most of his trips abroad.

He said he thinks Americans believe their government should "continue to gather intelligence," but the CIA needs "tighter Congressional scrutiny."

Lord told his Sheraton-Palace hotel listeners that nobody knows who will succeed Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung.

"It's all very uncertain," he said, adding that "Chou En-lai is ailing, physically if not politically."

Lord, who has made six trips to Peking, said firmly "we expect to continue good relations" with whoever succeeds the present leadership. "It's one of our highest priorities."

He said the United States is going through a period of adjusting to a new "age of ambiguity."

"A nation which first explored its own frontiers, and then stretched its presence around the world, now requires a new horizon. As our bicentennial approaches, America must maintain the vigor of youth, earn the wisdom of maturity and shun the weariness of old age.

"Our next frontier is to find peace within ourselves. Let us begin by restoring our self-confidence. In the past dozen years we have lost one president through murder, another through Vietnam and another through scandal.

"We have agonized through our longest and most inconclusive war. Our once predominant strength has been challenged, and our once predominant dollar battered. We have endured riots, assassinations, racial and generational confrontations, a cultural revolution, and Watergate.

"Yet we have surmounted these traumas," Lord said, "showing a resiliency that inspires the envy of others. Our democratic institutions have come through unprecedented trial with great vitality."