

CIA Staff Is Told Prosecution Possible

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Chicago, Feb. 15 - The CIA has warned employees that they may be prosecuted for past agency practices and has reminded them of their "constitutional rights to remain silent" if questioned by the Justice Department, the Chicago Tribune said today.

The newspaper said the agency had issued an inter-office memorandum advising employees to retain private counsel and had implied that in case of prosecution, they would be on their own.

The memorandum, dated 6 Feb, was signed by David Blee, deputy director of the agency's Clandestine Operations Division, which has been accused of carrying out illegal spying in the United States, the Tribune said.

Under its charter, the agency is confined to spying overseas, but it has been accused of ~~carrying out~~ spying on Americans during the Nixon administration.

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