

C.I.A. as Law Violator

To the Editor:

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It should also be noted that the C.I.A. has violated basic international law and numerous treaties of which the United States is a signatory. Article XV, for example, of the Charter of the Organization of American States (O.A.S.) reads: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other state." The Senate ratified this charter in 1950. Consequently the C.I.A. in Chile and elsewhere in Latin America has been consistently abrogating the foreign policy of the United States as established by the Executive with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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