

FBI Has Probed Quaker Agency For 55 Years

Washington

The FBI has been keeping a file since 1921 on the activities of the American Friends Service Committee, the Quaker pacifist and relief agency, the committee said yesterday.

"Since our earliest relief work we have often been investigated by the FBI or the attorney general's office, only to be inevitably 'cleared' as a genuinely religious, humanitarian organization," the committee said.

The committee's report, summarizing 1300 pages of files obtained under the Freedom of Information Act from ten federal intelligence agencies, called for the abolition of the CIA and the internal security division of the FBI.

An 11th federal agency, the National Security Agency, refused to supply any files it might have kept, the Quakers said.

The material "indicates an inappropriate intrusion by the government into the beliefs and activities of the AFSC," said Louis W. Schneider, executive secretary of the organization.

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