

Nixon Explains A Veto

Washington

President Nixon vetoed the U.S. Information Agency's \$216.7 million appropriations bill yesterday on grounds that it contained "an unconstitutional attempt" by Congress to undermine his authority to withhold confidential information on foreign affairs.

The legislation, which was sent back to Capitol Hill, would have allowed a cutoff of USIA funds if the agency refused demands by the House or Senate foreign relations committees for what the President termed "confidential internal information."

The USIA, which is the government's overseas propaganda agency, often receives documents and working papers from foreign policy agencies, and Mr. Nixon contended in his veto message that the failure of Congress to accept the confidentiality of such papers would prevent a free exchange of views between executive departments.

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