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HARRIS-CIA (220)

STILLWATER, OKLA., APRIL 16 (AP)-SEN. FRED HARRIS SAID TODAY PRESIDENT JOHNSON SHOULD REPRIMAND OR DISCHARGE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE REPORTED USE OF A UNIVERSITY PROJECT IN VIET NAM AS A COVER FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRAT SAID HE HAS ASKED CIA OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO HIM IN A PRIVATE MEETING IN HIS OFFICE MONDAY. HARRIS IS CHAIRMAN OF A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RESEARCH.

THE MAGAZINE "RAMPARTS" SAID IN ITS APRIL ISSUE THAT THE CIA USED A MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PROJECT IN VIET NAM AS A COVER FOR ITS OPERATIONS. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS SAID THE PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN MERELY TO PROVIDE ADVICE FOR SETTING UP POLICE ORGANIZATIONS AND A CIVIL SERVICE PROGRAM IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, HARRIS SAID SUCH RESEARCH "IS ALREADY SUSPECT AND UNDER ATTACK IN THE HOST COUNTRY BECAUSE IT IS THROUGHT TO BE SOME PART OF THE UNITED STATES' MILITARY OR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES."

"THERE SHOULD BE NO USE OR INFILTRATION WHATSOEVER BY THE CIA INTO UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES," HARRIS SAID. "TO DO THAT WOULD BE TO INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES IN UNNECESSARY RESENTMENT AND CONTROVERSY AND DAMAGE OUR IMAGE AND FOREIGN POLICY.

HE SAID THE PRESIDENT SHOULD "SHARPLY REPRIMAND OR DISCHARGE THOSE WHO HAD ANY PART IN THE CIA INFILTRATION" AND SHOULD "MAKE IT POSITIVELY CLEAR TO THE CIA THAT THEY ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN FROM USING ANY UNIVERSITY PROJECT ABROAD AS A COVER FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES."

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