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NEW YORK, FEB. 19 (AP)-THE NATION MAGAZINE SAID TODAY IN AN EDITORIAL THAT A SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATE INFORMATION SERVICE HAS RECEIVED LARGE GRANTS FROM A FOUNDATION THAT DISTRIBUTED CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

IN ITS FEB. 27 ISSUE, PUBLISHED TODAY, THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE SAID THE SIDNEY AND ESTHER RABB CHARITABLE FOUNDATION "GAVE FOUR TIMES AS MUCH" TO THE OPERATIONS AND POLICY RESEARCH, INC., (OPR) AS IT DID TO THE STUDENTS.

THE MAGAZINE ALSO SAID OPR HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN \$120,000 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS FROM THE PAPPAS CHARITABLE TRUST OF BOSTON. THE TRUST, THE MAGAZINE SAID, SUPPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC., WHICH THE MAGAZINE CALLED "A CIA FRONT."

DR. EVRON M. KIRKPATRICK, PRESIDENT OF OPR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ISSUED A STATEMENT FROM HIS WASHINGTON HOME QUESTIONING WHETHER FOUNDATIONS DISTRIBUTE MONEY ONLY FOR THE CIA.

OPR "HAS RECEIVED GRANTS FROM MANY FOUNDATIONS AND, THOUGH IT IS A FACT THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE TWO FOUNDATIONS NAMED," KIRKPATRICK SAID, "DOES ANYONE SERIOUSLY SUGGEST THAT THESE FOUNDATIONS DISTRIBUTE MONEY ONLY AT THE BEHEST OF CIA?"

KIRKPATRICK SAID OPR WAS A "PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION THAT DOES RESEARCH FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS . . . ON FOUNDATION GRANTS."

THE NATION SAID THE OPR HELPED THE USIS "DISTRIBUTE MORE PERSUASIVE BROADSIDES AND MAGAZINES AND BOOKS BOTH IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD." IT ALSO SAID THE GROUP READ AND GAVE EXPERT OPINION ON BOOKS WHICH THE USIS "PLANTED" WITH PUBLISHERS.

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KIRKPATRICK SAID OPR HAS SOLICITED THE OPINIONS OF SCHOLARS AND EXPERTS TO HELP IN SELECTING BOOKS FOR OVERSEAS USE.

"THE PROGRAM," HE SAID, "IS WHOLLY SUPPORTED BY USIA FUNDS; NO MONEY FROM ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR FOUNDATION HAS EVER BEEN INVOLVED."

THE MAGAZINE QUOTED KIRKPATRICK AS SAYING THAT OPR EMPLOYS MORE THAN 100 PROFESSORS "TO CREATE AND POLISH THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPAGANDA."

KIRKPATRICK, ALSO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, (APSA) REPLIED THAT THE OPR "DOES NOT SEDUCE PROFESSORS; IT DOES NOT SUBVERT GOVERNMENT."

THE EDITORIAL SAID MANY OF THE 100 PROFESSORS WERE MEMBERS OF THE APSA.

THE NATION SAID ASIDE FROM ALMOST \$60,000 A YEAR THE OPR GETS FROM THE USIS, IT ALSO RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE "PENTAGON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES."

KIRKPATRICK CALLED THE EDITORIAL A "GOTHIC TALE" WITH "A FEW TRUTHS CAREFULLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGH" IT.

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