

Johnson Indorses Actions of CIA

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Johnson today indorsed a finding that the Central Intelligence Agency did not act on its own in sub-

sidizing private organizations but rather followed policies established by the National Security Council.

A report to the President,

made public on his instructions, said the CIA subsidies to private groups were initiated by the Security Council and had been under continuing review by top Federal officials.

The preliminary report, dated yesterday, was signed by Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, head of a three-man panel assigned by President Johnson to review relations between CIA and private organizations. The final report will be ready next month.

DISCLOSURE

The committee was established after disclosure that the CIA had contributed heavily to projects of the National Student Association, including the sending of students to overseas meetings.

"It is vitally important," Katzenbach wrote, "that the current controversy over its (CIA) support of certain private organizations not be permitted to obscure the value, or impede the effectiveness, of competent and dedicated career officials serving this country."

The State Department officials said CIA "has been, and continues to be, indispensable to the security of this Nation."

PERSONNEL

Making the inquiry with Katzenbach are CIA Director Richard Halms and John W. Garner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

In a key passage of what was described as a preliminary report, Katzenbach wrote:

"The support provided by the Central Intelligence Agency," he told Johnson, "enabled many far-sighted and courageous Americans to serve their country in times of challenge and danger to the United States and the free world."

Ex-CIA Man at UC 'Was No Spy'

The University of California professor who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency said today that his job did not involve spying.

"It's a big house with many mansions," said Raymond J. Sontag, professor emeritus of history at the Berkeley campus.

He said that in 1951-53 he helped "prepare intelligence estimates for the National Security Council," a job so unsecret that it was described in the Readers Digest.

As a noted scholar in modern European history, he was given the job of editing and sorting the official papers captured from the German Foreign Office after World War II.

Sontag's disclosure came in a letter to the student newspaper, the Daily Californian, as part of the debate over surreptitious subsidies from the CIA to the National Student Association.

STUDENT TARGET

Student Body President Dan McIntosh, who formerly resided in Sontag's home in Berkeley, was the target of Sontag's letter.

McIntosh returned over the weekend from emergency sessions of the NSA's National Supervisory Board in Washington, D.C., and was quoted as saying the "CIA duped students and used them as spies."

Sontag said he found "the



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outrage of my good friend Dan McIntosh nauseating."

He argued that only the CIA, which has no line-by-line budget scrutiny in Congress, could effectively subsidize international activities of liberal groups such as the NSA.

RESPECTED

Sontag is regarded as one of the most distinguished and respected members of the UC faculty.

He said that if anyone in government, from the President on down, wants to "encourage some activity without impairing the independence of the activity, his method is subsidy by the CIA."