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# **CO-OP GROUP GOT** C.I.A. CONDUIT AID

### But Aide Says Its Program Abroad Was Unfettered

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Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, May 15 -Foundations identified as channels for funds of the Central Intelligence Agency have financed the development of co-operatives in a number of countries.

An examination of tax rec-ords showed that from the be-ginning of 1963 through 1965 such foundations contributed \$526,500 to the Fund for Inter-national Cooperative Develop-ment.

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The fund's executives are also officers of the cooperative league, the largest American cooperative federation. The league has 24 state, regional and national agricultural, insurance and consumer cooperatives as affiliates. Stanley Dreyer, president of l cooperative

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