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New Delhi Report Says C.I.A. Helped Rightists in Elections

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NEW DELHI, June 12 — An official inquiry into the activities of the United States Central Intelligence Agency in India has concluded that the United States gave substantial sums of money to right-wing parties and candidates before last February's elections.

According to high Government sources, the inquiry found that the Jan Sangh and Swatantra parties were the major recipients of American funds, but that individual candidates of the governing Congress party also benefited.

In addition, the reports resulting from the inquiry say that the small Praja Socialist party received some American money.

It is understood that the reports have been studied by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Home Minister Y. B. Chavan. The sources indicated that both had accepted the reports as accurate.

Communist Spending Noted

The inquiry is also understood to have concluded that the amount of money spent by embassies of Communist countries in backing left-wing parties was much higher than the amount alleged to have been spent by the United States.

The sources refused to divulge the figures mentioned in the reports. They said the United States had spent "more than a few lakhs" and "considerably less than a crore."

A lakh would be 100,000 rupees (\$13,300) and a crore would be 10 million rupees (\$1.3-million).

As interpreted by the Government, the alleged American

spending was aimed at keeping the center of gravity of Indian politics as far to the right as possible.

The Jan Sangh (peoples party) is a Hindu revivalist movement that has been behind the agitation for a ban on the slaughter of cows. It has also taken an intensely chauvinistic line on India's dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir.

Economic Link Assumed

Asked why the United States would be interested in backing a party with these aims, the sources replied that the Americans presumably were attracted mainly by the party's conservative stand on economic matters.

The sources portrayed American officials as being upset by the Congress party's professions of socialism. Such an anxiety is hardly ever reflected in the conversation of American officials here.

The Swatantra (freedom) party, which draws most of its support from businessmen in Bombay and nearby states, advocates economic policies that would foster private enterprise. The Praja Socialist party is middle of the road — intellectually vigorous but politically weak.

The official reports on foreign interference in the election are said to have named at least one officer of the American Embassy who was alleged to have made a payment to a political party in December of last year, when the campaign was just getting under way.

It is believed that the inquiry was conducted by India's Central Bureau of Intelligence, which is under the control of the Home Ministry.

The Government is said to have no plan to make any report to Parliament on its findings. It also appeared that there would be no public protests to the United States or the Communist governments on the alleged interference in the elections.