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FULBRIGHT STIRS NEW C.I.A. ISSUE

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Senator J. W. Fulbright has asked the Central Intelligence Agency to take a look at the propriety of letting its analysts present official statements and conclusions to American read-ers in the guise of independent scholarship. The C.I.A. has promised him a full discussion. Mr. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-mittee, raised the issue in a re-cent letter to Adm. William F. Raborn, Director of Central In-telligence. The Senator said he was concerned about the lead article in the current issue of Foreign Affairs by George A. Carver Jr. Mr. Carver, a specialist on Vietnam affairs, is a full-time analyst for the intelligence agency and has recently been considered for service on the White House staff. His article, "The Faceless Vietcong," was a compilation of the evidence for the Administration's contention that the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam is a "contrived political mechanism" of the Communist party of North Vietnam. However, the editors of For-eign Affairs, who called special attention to the article in their advance distributions to the press, did not identify Mr. Car-ver as a Government employe. A Student and Author He was described as a student

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Saigon and attrio of Acsur-tics and the Problem of Mean-ing." The C.I.A. is known to have allowed a number of its em-ployes who have high standing in the academic world to write or even teach outside their reg-ular working hours. Pre-sumably, they are subject to the same constraints as other Gov-ernment officials and must have their writings approved as con-forming to official policy. Often, at least some Govern-ment connection is indicated. Mr. Fulbright said it was pre-mature to protest the Carver article or the agency's poli-cies. He inquired about the practice after a member of his committee staff raised the is-sue, he said.

In a reply received this morn-ing, Mr. Fulbright said, Admiral Raborn offered to meet with him to discuss the practice and the questions it raises. The Sen-ator said he hoped to hold the meeting soon. Mr. Carver's article reviewed the organization of the Viet-cong and its political affiliate, the National Liberation Front, and their links to the North Vietnamese Communists. He said his conclusion that the front had no indigenous roots and that it was subject to the ultimate control of Hanoi was "not open to intellectually honest dispute." Though many non-Communists serve the front out of a sense of genuine grievance, he wrote, the chances that the Vietcong could develop or adopt a "gen-uinely independent line in op-position to orders received from North Vietnam" were "slight indeed."