

Ex-CIA Man To Discuss Agency Role

Sherman Kent, the professor from Marin County who became a top man with the Central Intelligence Agency, will discuss the CIA and its role at Friday's luncheon of the Commonwealth Club in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

Now retired, the former Yale University history professor was a 1967 recipient of the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service.

Kent, 65, spent 17 years with the CIA as director of national estimates and chairman of the Board of National Estimates; he was a director of the State Department's Office of Intelligence Research and an officer with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II.

A son of the late Congressman William Kent, he is a brother of Roger Kent of Kentfield.