

CIA Had Phony Police Credentials

Fairfax, Va.

Local law enforcement officers provided the Central Intelligence Agency with police credentials in connection with an investigation of leaks of classified material, officials acknowledged yesterday.

Ten police badges with accompanying identification cards were loaned to the agency by the Fairfax county police department, in April, 1972, according to Police Chief Richard A. King. CIA headquarters is in Fairfax county, across the Potomac River from Washington.

King said the credentials were requested by an un-

named agency official who claimed they were needed for reasons of "national security," but provided no details of their intended use.

King said the badges and cards were returned to the police in April, 1973.

An agency spokesman said the credentials were needed "in connection with an investigation of the unauthorized disclosure of classified information."

Both King and the CIA spokesman said the credentials were never used. "They just sat here in a safe," the CIA spokesman said.

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