

# C.I.A. Seeks Money to Repair Leaks

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—The Central Intelligence Agency, a harried homeowner of late, is worried about leaks—and about cracks in its foundation, worn linoleum in the cafeteria and deteriorating curbing in the parking lot.

These sorry details were disclosed in an application for \$6.3 million worth of building repairs filed by the agency with the House Public Works Committee Nov. 3. They document the condition of the \$46 million headquarters, completed in 1962, that is situated on 201 wooded, fenced, guarded and secluded acres in McLean, Va., eight miles from downtown Washington.

An agency spokesman, asked if it would be possible to have photographs taken of some of the items needing repair, laughed and said that the building was, indeed, "falling down," but that security was not. No press photographers have ever been allowed in, he said, and none will be now.

The application said that the headquarters had en-

dured more than a normal burden of wear and tear. "This facility has been in use continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for more than a decade," it said.

## Other Items Listed

The largest single item—\$2,350,000—is for installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system to meet revised Federal fire safety standards. An additional \$495,000 is sought to install electrostatic precipitators on the chimney stacks, to comply with environmental protection regulations.

The parking lots need new lighting, and, in spots, new roadways or curbs; elevators require overload alarms, and the dining and kitchen areas need \$75,000 worth of new linoleum and "refurbishment," the C.I.A. said.

With such little extras as \$8,500 for a sewer connection, \$363,000 for new heating lines and \$907,000 for new heating and cooling systems, it all adds up to \$6.3 million.

The site of the headquarters is no secret. On several of the surrounding highways, there are signposts reading

"C.I.A.," and suburban buses stop at its gates. But the buildings—there is a huge central building plus several much smaller ones—cannot be seen. The agency bought up adjacent acreage when it was learned that there were plans to build apartment buildings that would offer tenants an unauthorized view of the C.I.A.

The alteration application, which requires committee approval, does give some bare facts and figures. It cost the Government \$36.3 million to acquire the land and existing buildings; it costs \$3.8 million annually for operation, maintenance and repair, and the agency estimated that the "renovated facility" would have a "useful life" of 40 years.

There is, the application said, about one million square feet of "occupiable" space. What it does not state is the number of parking spaces for employees, or even for visitors. The C.I.A. does not disclose how many people work for the agency, but it is unofficially estimated that there are 12,000 employees at the headquarters.