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THE CENTRAL Intelligence Agency not only has provided financial support to some of the world's most notorious secret police, but has condoned their operations within the United States.

Such brutal police agencies as South Korea's KCIA, Chile's DINA and Iran's SAVAK have terrorized exiles in this country. There is reason to believe that they have violated U.S. laws. The FBI has received reports that they have committed burglaries, attempted kidnappings and plotted murders.

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AN ALARMED Representative Donald Fraser (Dem.-Minn.) has asked the CIA to divulge the details of its agreements with foreign intelligence agencies, which allow the spies to operate within each other's countries. The CIA has stubbornly refused to cooperate.

The CIA has good reason to be sensitive. Over the years, it has developed cozy relationships with some of the most repressive foreign intelligence agencies in the world.

We cited evidence over a year ago that South Korea's KCIA agents were threatening, intimidating and abusing Korean exiles in this country. A Korean embassy spokesman then called the charges "groundless."

But now, South Korean Ambassador Pyong-Choon Hahn has admitted that KCIA agents have used "goon

psychology and tactics" against Korean residents in this country. They were acting on their own and are now being ordered back to Seoul, he said.

A year ago, we also reported that Chile's DINA "has wired thugs to track down and assassinate prominent exiles." Last month, a prominent Chilean exile, ex-Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier, was blown to pieces by a bomb. DINA has been suspected of arranging the assassination.

But a strange thing has happened. The CIA, which is forbidden by statute from conducting investigations within the United States, has entered the case. Coincidentally, newspaper accounts, quoting "intelligence officials," have reported that anti-Castro Cuban extremists were behind the Letelier killing.

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THIS RAISES some questions. What business does the CIA have becoming involved in a domestic murder investigation? Is the CIA trying to solve the murder or protect its undercover relationship with DINA? Has the CIA been planting stories in the press to divert suspicion away from DINA?

The Iranian secret police force, SAVAK, was organized by the CIA in 1956. The ties between the two agencies have always been close. One intelligence source, whose reliability has been tested, told us that SAVAK agents hound and harass Iranians in the United States, with the full knowledge and sometimes the assistance of the CIA.