

# CIA Stingy With Help, Report Says

Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency has reportedly refused, or delayed a response to, several recent foreign requests for help in dealing with terrorist actions, among them the Aldo Moro kidnaping in Italy and the hijacking of a West German airliner.

According to government officials and members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, the CIA, in contrast to earlier practice, turned down a request from the Italian government for a psychiatrist trained in terrorist matters and for sophisticated eavesdropping equipment to deal with the members of the Red Brigades who kidnaped and killed Moro, the Christian Democratic leader.

Similarly, the agency was said to have delayed an answer to a West German request for technical assistance in freeing the 86 passengers and crew members aboard a Lufthansa airliner diverted last October to Somalia.

Several officials said that the agency's attitude stems from what they described as an exceedingly cautious reading of prevailing legal curbs on the conduct of covert operations and on the provision of aid to foreign police forces. They blamed the situation on the criticism directed at the CIA over its past activities in Chile and elsewhere.

Until recently, it was noted, the

agency closely cooperated with foreign police agencies in Western Europe and other parts of the world. It was involved in the establishment of state security services in such countries as Iran and South Korea and made intelligence specialists available to several nations during the 1950s and 1960s.

The current situation as described by officials is indicative of the new problems the government is confronting in attempting to enhance CIA effectiveness while restricting its ability to intervene in the internal affairs of other nations.

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