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Army Snoops on Campus Reported

New York

The U. S. Army was accused yesterday of sending undercover intelligence agents to monitor campus political activities in New York City — and of reporting on a demonstration of welfare mothers.

The charge was made by Joseph Levin, now an attorney in Montgomery, Ala., and formerly an officer assigned to a Manhattan-based army intelligence unit from July, 1967, to February, 1969.

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According to Levin, Army agents kept almost a daily surveillance of student political activities at Columbia University, Fordham University, New York University and City College of New York — in the latter case, with the cooperation of members of the Administration.

"It's been in my craw for some time," Levin said in a telephone interview. "In this country we have the right to hold free demonstrations without the chilling effect of having military investigators on the scene.

"People are already cataloged to the nth degree, and I can't see how the Army can justify setting up still another security catalog."

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Levin was assigned to the 108th military intelligence group, whose present commanding officer, Colonel Davis Miller, denied yesterday

that the Army was still snooping on students.

"We don't have any undercover agents working against students," Miller said. "Our basic mission is to carry out security investigations of people being considered for sensitive positions." But Miller, who assumed his present command a month ago, said he could not speak about the past.

Levin said he himself had been ordered to monitor student activities at CCNY, Fordham and the Bronx campus of NYU. He said he was instructed to pick up leaflets issued by the militants and report to his unit.

In one case, Levin said, a Negro operative was enrolled as a student in a black studies program at NYU in fall, 1968. In another instance agents were required to report on a welfare mothers' demonstration in front of city hall, he said.

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