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# Spain Disturbed by C. I. A. Aid to Foes of Regime

Officials in Madrid Assent

U. S. Has Called Start of

Political Transition an Ally

counterbalance investigations of Communist tyrannies."

Spanish officials are nettled by the report that Amnesty International, a London-based group, was also financed by the C. I. A. Amnesty International had often taken stands on Spanish affairs and recently a survey of the national referendum last December on the new Constitution.

## C. I. A. Backing Denied

Spanish officials indicated late last week that they had been advised by American sources that Amnesty International was not backed by the C. I. A.

Some Spanish officials favor an investigation into five acts of sabotage against vessels or aircraft for Cuba in Spain's waters. Suspicion has arisen that the C. I. A. may have been behind the Cuban exiles thought to be the saboteurs.

Criticism of the United States was also raised by the Roman newspaper *La* in connection with American policies in the Canary Islands, where the hydrogen bombs fell in January 1966.

The newspaper chided the United States for having acted in a "barbaric" manner in relation to the claims of victims of the damages suffered in the event.