

CIA Helped Cops Spy on Activists

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The District of Columbia police department described in a voluminous report released yesterday several years of extensive police surveillance of civil rights and anti-war groups, including the keeping of files on uncounted individuals.

Police Chief Maurice J. Cullinane acknowledged in his report that the files on individual persons sometimes included "much material . . . which did not prove relevant to subsequent police operations."

In addition, Cullinane told how the D.C. police borrowed men, cars and other equipment, including electronic surveillance devices, from the Central Intelligence Agency to aid in the monitoring of local activists.

Cullinane also outlined a continuing relationship between the D.C. police department and the CIA dating from the 1940s to the present, which included training and other law enforcement activities.

The 32-page report, with more than 160 pages of supporting documents, was submitted to Mayor Walter E. Washington last week and released yesterday. Cullinane on February 15 ordered the document prepared after news media began reporting information, some of it from police officials themselves, of police surveillance activities directed at local civil

rights and anti-war groups and leaders.

The report confirmed these specifics.

- The political surveillance section of the police department's intelligence division spent more than \$1.7 million since 1968, peaking in activity in 1971 and 1972 when it employed 17 overt investigators, more than 20 paid informants and an unspecified number of undercover police officers.

- The CIA loaned the intelligence division five automobiles with drivers, seven portable radios and one radio receiver to help monitor three major demonstrations in 1969 and 1970.

- The police department maintained individual files on the public activities of at least six local political activists who are now public office holders — Walter E. Fauntroy (Dem-D.C.), the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate to Congress, and five D.C. Council members.

Cullinane said in the report there is no evidence that any activities by the intelligence division was illegal, but he ordered a blue ribbon committee of police officials to reassess intelligence operations and the department's relationship with the CIA.

The files are currently being reviewed and about 80 per cent has been destroyed by shredding, according to the report.

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