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GENERAL

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January 6, 1976

Dear Reverend Herod:

This is in response to your recent telegram concerning use of missionaries and clergymen in the gathering of foreign intelligence information.

No Central Intelligence Agency funds are used to pay or otherwise support American clergy. The very few relationships which exist between CIA personnel and American clergy and missionaries are limited to casual contacts in which the latter provide information or assistance to their government in the same fashion as other Americans abroad patriotically assist their country. Any such relationships are entirely voluntary and in no way reflect upon the integrity or the mission of the clergy or missionaries involved.

The President does not feel it would be wise at present to prohibit the CIA from having any connection with the clergy. As you know, Select Committees in both the House and Senate are currently reviewing the activities of the CIA. Within the Administration, similar efforts are also underway to reassess the proper roles and activities of all the intelligence agencies. The CIA's relationships with clergymen are one subject of this internal review. Please be assured that full consideration will be given to the important question of whether any regulations are needed to guide the CIA in its future relations with clergymen and missionaries.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Reverend William Herod
Division of Overseas Ministries
The Christian Church
Box 2986
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206



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► PHILIP BUCHEN
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR BUCHEN

ON THE NBC EVENING NEWS FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 YOU WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT YOU FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE CIA TO USE MISSIONARY AND FOREIGN CLERGY IN THE GATHERING OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. WE WISH TO KNOW IF YOU MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, IF SO IN WHAT CONTEXT AND DOES THIS VIEW REPRESENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY?

REVEREND WILLIAM HEROD
DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOX 1986
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46206

23:50 EST

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January 7, 1976

Dear Mr. McCready:

On behalf of President Ford I want to thank you for your letter concerning the CIA's relationships with church groups and members of the clergy.

As you are aware, Select Committees in both the House and the Senate are currently reviewing activities of the CIA. Within the Administration, similar efforts are underway to assess the proper roles and activities of all intelligence agencies. The concerns you express about cooperation between the CIA and missionaries abroad are being considered in these reviews.

The President appreciates having your thoughts on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Douglas McCready
502 Early Fall Court
Herndon, Virginia 22070

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LETTER FOR ROLAND ELLIOTT TO SEND TO:

DEAR { ① Rev. John E. Lamb
② and Douglas McCready

On behalf of President Ford I want to thank you for your ~~thoughtful~~ letter concerning the CIA's relationships with church groups and members of the clergy.

As you are aware, Select Committees in both the House and ^{the} Senate are currently reviewing activities of the CIA. Within the Administration, similar efforts ^{are underway} to assess the proper roles and activities of all intelligence agencies, ~~are underway~~. The concerns ~~which~~ you express ^{abroad} about cooperation between the CIA and missionaries ^{are being} ~~have~~ ~~already been and will continue to be~~ considered in these reviews.

The President appreciates ^{having} ~~receiving~~ your ^{important} ~~thoughts~~ ^{views} on this matter.

Sincerely,

RLE



RLE: T. Hardy: BN

502 Early Fall Ct.
Herndon, VA 22070
13 December 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
16th & Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

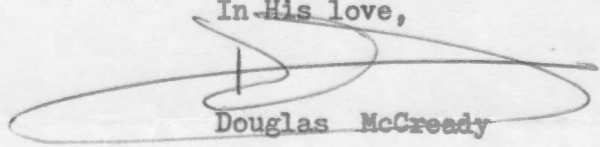
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Dear Mr. President:

I was disturbed to hear you support the continued use by the CIA of missionaries and other full-time religious workers in intelligence-related activities. As a Christian, you certainly realize that the Church, corporately and individually, must not be an instrument of the State. Individual Christians, like you and I, certainly may serve the State as employees so long as we maintain our primary allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is inappropriate for any person in full-time Christian service to involve himself in intelligence work because he is a representative of his Lord, not of his country. The work, therefore, will reflect on his Lord and affect his proclamation of the Gospel. In a period when many Third World leaders consider Christianity to be merely an adjunct to what they call "western cultural imperialism," representatives of Jesus Christ must not have even the appearance of doing what is politically inappropriate. That some Christians might choose to join intelligence work to their ministries would adversely affect the work of all other missionaries because the host country could no longer be sure of the true purpose why any Christian worker was residing within its borders. If Christians are to suffer criticism and persecution, let it be for the sake of the Gospel. Else, we risk our faith being perceived as an aspect of our politics, and this can only be to the detriment of our witness.

I ask you to reconsider your statement and retract it. I make this request both as a committed Christian layman and as a former intelligence professional. May God bless you and keep you.

In His love,


Douglas McCready



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Sen. Frank Mass

Organization CIA activities
w/missionaries

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Name David M Stowe

Organisation United Church
Bd. for World Ministries

SAME 2-4-76
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Stowe



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January 14, 1976

Dear Dr. Baum:

President Ford has asked me to thank you and the citizens of Mooresville on whose behalf you forwarded the petitions. He appreciates having your views.

The President shares your abhorrence of assassination as an instrument of government policy, and he has stated publicly that no agency of the government is to engage in such plans under any circumstances.

Again, thank you for your interest in sharing your views. The President sends his best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Joseph J. Baum, M.D.
146 East McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115

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January 16, 1976

Dear Mr. Whitman:

President Ford appreciated your recent letter to him and he has asked that I reply for him.

The President shares your concern that revelations about our country's intelligence agencies may be damaging to the national security.

With respect to the second issue you raise, covert action, the President has stated that it is essential to maintain such a capability. He notifies the Congress as required by law in cases of such action, but he is concerned that individual members of Congress might unilaterally thwart covert actions by revealing them. Recent history indicates such concern is well founded. Therefore, the President hopes that the Congress will develop a procedure for effectively safeguarding sensitive information entrusted to it.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. William A. Whitman
9815 21st Avenue, N.W.
Seattle, Washington 98117

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Belew, M. Wendell

President Ford Committee

January 19, 1976

January 12, 1976

Dear Matt:

Thanks very much for your letter and the enclosed press release of January 12th concerning the President's approval of the CIA's use of missionaries.

I appreciate your taking the time to send me the materials, and will take a further look into this matter.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Richard B. Cheney
Assistant to the President

Mr. Matthew H. Patton^x
President Ford Committee
2410 Equitable Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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January 26, 1976

Dear Mr. Parks:

Thank you for your telegram of January 21, 1976.

In your telegram you quote a January 20 Philadelphia Daily News story reporting me as saying "The White House has promised to review use of CIA American missionaries for overseas intelligence gathering and may suggest new regulations governing CIA missionary contact." I certainly agree that this quotation appears to have been garbled. However, it is accurate to say that we are currently reviewing use of American missionaries by the CIA for foreign intelligence gathering purposes and are considering the need for new rules or regulations in this area.

I appreciate your telegram.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Alan H. Parks
254 Washington Terrace
Audubon, New Jersey 08106



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: Jan. 28, 1976
NSC log # UNLOGGED

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Ford

From: Eugene^X Rubingh, Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions
R. Neal^X Dean, The^X Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

Date: Rev. Edward J.^X Murphy, ^X California Jesuit Missionaries

Subject: Letters regarding CIA use of US missionaries as agents.

ACTION REQUESTED:

_____ Draft reply for: _____ President's Signature
_____ White House Staff
_____ Other _____

XXXX Direct reply _____ Furnish info copy

_____ Dispatch _____ Translation

_____ Recommendations / Comments _____ Appropriate Handling

_____ Other _____ Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

Michael F. Irons
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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GENERAL

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January 30, 1976

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of President Ford, I want to thank you for your thoughtful letter on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene concerning the Central Intelligence Agency's relationships with church groups and members of the clergy.

As you are aware, Select Committees in both the House and Senate are currently reviewing activities of the CIA. Within the Administration, similar efforts to assess the proper roles and activities of all intelligence agencies are underway. The concerns which you express about cooperation between the CIA and missionaries have been and will continue to be considered in these reviews.

The President appreciates receiving your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. B. Edgar Johnson
General Secretary
Church of the Nazarene
International Headquarters
6401 The Paseo
Kansas City, Missouri 64131

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January 30, 1976

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

Thank you for your letter of December 26, 1975 setting forth your views on the publication of lists of alleged CIA personnel overseas. The President shares your concern for the well-being and safety of the dedicated Americans serving their country overseas in positions requiring personal hardship and sacrifice.

The problem we face is that existing statutes do not adequately protect information from unauthorized disclosure. Both Houses of Congress are presently addressing this issue, and the President will be working with Congress in an effort to assure that appropriate laws are passed.

Your willingness to share your views with the President is much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Charles E. Rhodes
3320 Churchrock Street
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

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The problem we face is that existing statutes do not protect information which it is essential to protect from disclosure. Both houses of Congress are presently addressing this issue, and the President will be working with Congress in an effort to assure that appropriate laws are passed.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

R.E.



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The problem we face is that existing statutes do not protect ^{*adequately*} information ^{*(unauthorized)*} which it is essential to protect from disclosure. Both Houses of Congress are presently addressing this issue, and the President will be working with Congress in an effort to assure that appropriate laws are passed.

Your willingness to share your views with the President is much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland Elliott



RLE/NSC/JH

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1976

TO: JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM: LES JANKA



Suggest that you forward the attached memo to Roland Elliott for dispatch. (This is not a Congressional matter as the NSC Correspondence Profile indicates.)



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL HORNBLOW

FROM: Eileen Roach

SUBJECT: Action 306 (Letter Protesting Publication
of Identification of CIA Personnel)

Charlotte brought the attached package to me this afternoon for review. I have read the incoming letter and the draft response and have no objection to its being forwarded.

I would like to suggest, however, that this Action should have been assigned to Dick rather than to Les Janka.

Attachment

*Thank you.
You are right.*

Not



MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Roland Elliott

FROM: *fn* Jeanne W. Davis *mt*

SUBJECT: Publication of Names of Alleged
CIA Personnel Overseas

Mr. Charles E. Rhodes of Gallup, New Mexico sent the letter at Tab B to the President expressing his concern over the publication of the names of alleged CIA personnel overseas. Mr. Rhodes hopes the President will act to restrict this troublesome practice in some manner.

We suggest that you send the draft response at Tab A to Mr. Rhodes on behalf of the President.



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TO:

Mrs. Jeanne Davis

NSC Secretariat

Room 373 E.O.B.



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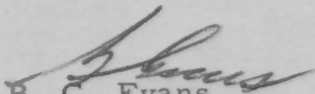
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Jeanne Davis
NSC Secretariat

Per your request, attached is a
suggested draft and the basic correspon-
dence.




B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

21 January 1976
(DATE)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

Executive Registry

76-0227

REFERRAL

To: Mr Benjamin Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

Date: Jan 15, 1976

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
- ☐ President's signature.
- ☒ ~~Undersecretary's~~ signature.
White House Staff
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
- ☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Please return draft before Jan 23, 1976. Thank you.

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President
From: Charles E Rhodes
Date: Dec 26, 1975
Subject: Publication in domestic newspaper of lists of alleged CIA personnel ~~wh~~ oversea



By direction of the President:

Jeanne W Davis
For Jeanne W Davis
NSC Secretariat

(Copy to remain with correspondence)

staff |

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 13, 1976

TO: BILL HYLAND

FROM: MIKE DUVAL

For your information _____

Comments:

Perhaps this could best be
handled by the NSC staff.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

*Nothing in
Central Files
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MEMORANDUM FOR: MIKE DUVAL

FROM: JACK MARSH *Jack*

Here's a letter from Charles Rhodes. Would you have one of your team propose a draft response. I assume the proper person to sign the letter would be Brent Scowcroft. Maybe you should just sent the letter to NSC for proper response, over Brent's signature. The letter is not a bad letter. It's a rather friendly letter.

Many thanks.



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JAN '9 1976

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Dick
Parsons
John Marsh

Charles E. Rhodes
3320 Churchrock Street
Gallup, New Mexico 87301
December 26, 1975



Gerald Ford
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

It was quite distressing to learn from the news the other day just how far some of our own citizens have gone to disrupt the foreign affairs of our country. I refer specifically to the publication in a domestic newspaper of lists of alleged CIA personnel overseas, with the explicit recommendation that this information be disseminated as widely as possible overseas. You are, of course, familiar with the very unfortunate result that this would appear to have had upon an American family in Athens at what should be a joyous season.

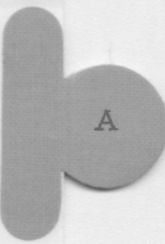
It has always been my understanding that making secret information of national security importance available to potential enemies of the United States constitutes TREASON and is subject to severe penalties. If deliberately "blowing the cover" of American intelligence agents overseas does not constitute treason, I wonder what does. That this goes beyond the bounds of responsible political dissent is emphasized by the recent assassination of such a listed person in Greece, and by the possibility that such lists could be in error. Should a non-CIA person be harmed as the result of such action, could there be any doubt that the person publishing the list is guilty as an accomplice or co-conspirator? If the lists are accurate, is there any real difference between publishing this information and giving information on construction of nuclear weapons to the Russians? How would we compare a "wiring diagram" of the CIA with a "wiring diagram" of the missile-diverting gear aboard an F-111?

Congress, of course, is currently attempting a responsible investigation of the CIA and related activities. We all may disagree with some of the actions which have been taken in that regard, but there is a fundamental difference between this and the above-mentioned publications. First, Congress is not attempting deliberate sabotage, but is attempting to gain relevant information. Second, Congress has the legal right and responsibility to exercise some control over our government's functions; for a private citizen to assert the right to control the CIA or veto some of its projects is grossly presumptuous. It is particularly distressing that the responsible actions by Congress, with the emotional response they naturally bring forth, are then extended and amplified in their impact by the irresponsible actions of others, resulting in the death of innocent persons, which now will reflect back on the Congress.

In addition to rights, the responsibilities of citizenship would appear to need restatement.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Rhodes



February 3, 1976



Dear Senator:

This is in further reply to your December 31 letter to the President in regard to a statement attributed to the President on the subject of the CIA and missionaries.

That statement stems from reports published last year that the CIA had used church organizations and clergymen for intelligence purposes. Senator Hatfield conveyed his concern about these reports in a letter to William Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, stating that he was prepared to introduce legislation prohibiting operational connections between the CIA and the churches. He suggested, however, that the same result could be achieved by a public announcement that the CIA would totally separate itself from organized religion.

Mr. Colby's response was that he believed the sweeping prohibition suggested would be a mistaken reaction to sensationalized press reports. The Senator then wrote to the President, urging that the prohibition be effected by executive order. The reply, by Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President, gave assurances that the Senator's concerns would be considered in the review of the intelligence agencies now underway. The reply also noted that the clergy had volunteered information of intelligence value, and questioned the wisdom of at present prohibiting any connection between CIA and the clergy. This seems to have been the source of the press reports that your correspondent saw.

Let me emphasize that President Ford does not advocate the use of our missionaries, churches, or any other church or religious organization or member of the clergy, by the U.S. Government directly or indirectly for any kind of intelligence purpose or operation. There is no contradiction between this view, which the President holds categorically, and a questioning of the wisdom of prohibiting the CIA or other agencies of the government from receiving information voluntarily supplied by a member of the clergy. Few persons would argue, for example, that the CIA should be barred from using information that could thwart the actions of international terrorists, solely because that information came from a member of the clergy. There is

also a question as to whether our clergy, solely on grounds of their status, should be denied the right of contact with their government.

I believe you will agree that the press reports that so rightly disturbed your correspondent were a gross and unjustified misrepresentation of the import and meaning of the view stated in Mr. Buchen's letter, and I am glad to have had this opportunity to set the matter right.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Bill

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



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Dear Senator:

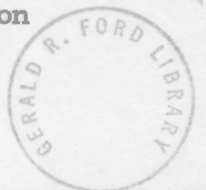
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With kind regards,

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William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 30, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM KENDALL

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *JWD*

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Moss Re Alleged
Presidential Position on CIA and Missionaries

Senator Frank Moss wrote to you on December 31, 1975 (Tab B) forwarding a letter from a Mormon Mission President in the Philippines concerning a statement attributed to President Ford that American missionaries are being used by the CIA in its intelligence gathering activities.

Attached at Tab A is a response for you to send to Senator Moss.

Attachments

OK to [signature]



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

January 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM: Richard Ober ⁹⁰.

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Moss Re Alleged
Presidential Position on CIA and Missionaries

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memorandum for William Kendall which forwards a recommended reply to inquiries by Senator Frank Moss (Tab B) regarding alleged statements of the President concerning CIA's use of missionaries in intelligence gathering activities.

The suggested response (Tab A) was drafted by State and was cleared with the Legislative Counsel's Office at CIA.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to William Kendall.

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Les Janka concurs.

Attachments



S/St# 7600636

Date JAN 26 1976

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: W. T. Kendall FROM: Senator Frank Moss
DATE: Dec. 31, 1975 SUBJECT: Alleged statement by
President about CIA and missionaries.

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: Jan. 12 NSC# 7600222
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☒ A draft reply is attached.
☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
☐ A translation is attached.
☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
☐ We believe no response is necessary for the
reason cited below.
☐ Other

REMARKS:

Suggested text has been cleared with Legislative
Counsel Office of CIA.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Suggested Text

Dear Senator Moss:

The statement attributed to the President about which you wrote December 31 stems from reports published last year that the CIA had used church organizations and clergymen for intelligence purposes. Senator Hatfield conveyed his concern about these reports in a letter to W. E. Colby, Director of the CIA, stating that he was prepared to introduce legislation prohibiting operational connections between the CIA and the churches. He suggested, however, that the same result could be achieved by a public announcement that the CIA would totally separate itself from organized religion.

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The Honorable
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Date: 1/12/76
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: William T. Kendall

From: Frank Moss

Date: 12/31/75

Subject: Sen. Moss writes regarding a letter he recieved from Jones
referring to statements made by the President about CIA and missionaries.

ACTION REQUESTED:

XXX Draft reply for:

XXXX President's Signature
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DUE DATE: 1/23/76

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Jeannie W. Davis
for Jeannie W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Sg
January 8, 1976

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JONES, (Mrs.) CARL
D.

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 31, 1976 and the enclosure from a Mormon Missionary in the Philippines.

I have asked the appropriate White House officials to respond directly to you in this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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bcc: w/inc to Les Janka for further direct response please ✓
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FRANK E. MOSS
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 31, 1975

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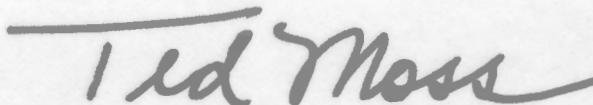
Mr. William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of a letter from an L.D.S. (Mormon) Mission President in the Philippines concerning a statement attributed to President Ford to the effect that American missionaries are being used by the CIA in its intelligence gathering activities. Copies of the letter and its attachment are enclosed.

Please advise me if the allegation is correct. There are several thousand Mormon missionaries sincerely performing their religious labors throughout the world, for whom the implication is a grave disservice.

Sincerely,



Frank E. Moss
United States Senator

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December 18, 1975

Hon. Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
U.S.A.

Dear Senator Moss:

It was with shocking indignation we read President Gerald Ford's statement about US missionaries and foreign clergy being used by the CIA in its worldwide intelligence gathering activities.

We hereby request the following:

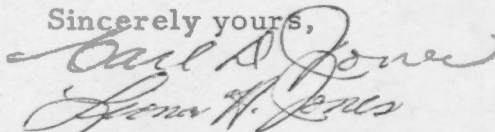
1. A public apology by the President of the United States for the deformation of the character of US missionaries and foreign clergy.
2. If the CIA has agents posing as missionaries, this practice be stopped IMMEDIATELY.

It is time Mr. Ford and his wife, Betty, stopped catering to the minorities and contributing to the moral decadence of America with their insipid behavior and impropriety. Perhaps Mr. Ford needs to be reminded that he should have respect and honor for the high and sacred position he holds and the people he is serving.

We ask you to do all you can to correct this cruel and inhuman injustice to the missionaries throughout the world.

God bless America and you in your endeavors to correct this terrible distortion of the missionaries and their work in serving the Lord.

Sincerely yours,



President and Mrs. Carl D. Jones
Philippines Cebu City Mission

Enclosure: Newspaper article



Rest of the world

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PHILIPPINES 50¢ IN GREATER MANILA

2 THE TIMES JOURNAL, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1975

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"(A) the name of the person to whom the payment was made,

"(B) the purpose of the payment, and

"(C) the amount and date of the payment.

"(2) No person shall solicit or accept the services of any member of the clergy or any employee or affiliate of a religious organization, association, or society to gather intelligence or to participate in operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, or any other intelligence-gathering office or agency of the Department of Defense.

"(3) Any person violating section 138(e) (2) of this title shall be imprisoned no more than five years, or fined no more than \$10,000, or both."

EXHIBIT 1

August 26, 1975.

Mr. WILLIAM COLBY,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. COLBY: I am most disturbed by recent press reports indicating that the CIA has regularly used church groups and members of the clergy as part of its covert operations. It would seem to me that all church activities overseas are tainted and made suspect by contacts of even a few church people with a secret intelligence agency and that the work of missionaries is potentially jeopardized by reports of such contacts.

It is my understanding that in the past your agency has issued internal directives prohibiting any operational contacts with certain groups of people, including Peace Corps volunteers and Fulbright scholars. Could you not do the same for members of the clergy and church officials?

In any case, I am prepared to introduce legislation which would legally bar any operational connections between the CIA and the churches, but it seems to me that the same result could be achieved by a public announcement on your part that in the future the CIA will totally separate itself from organized religion.

Sincerely,

MARK O. HATFIELD,
U.S. Senator.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,
Washington, D.C., September 13, 1975.
The Hon. MARK O. HATFIELD,
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HATFIELD: Thank you for your letter of August 26th. I regret your reaction to press reports about any relationship between CIA and church groups and members of the clergy...

... I believe that it would be neither necessary nor appropriate to bar any connection between CIA and the clergy and the churches. In many countries of the world representatives of the clergy, foreign and local, play a significant role and can be of assistance to the United States through CIA with no reflection upon their integrity nor their mission. The "taint" to which you refer stems, I believe, more from the sensational publicity recently about CIA than from the nature of the contact we may have with such individuals. Thus, I believe that any sweeping prohibition such as you suggest would be a mistake and impose a handi-

cap on this Agency which would reduce its future effectiveness to a degree not warranted by the real facts of the situation.

Sincerely,

W. E. COLBY,
Director.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1975.

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Recent press reports have divulged startling and most disconcerting incidences of Central Intelligence Agency involvement with the clergy, members of religious orders, or missionaries abroad for the accomplishment of an intelligence mission. It is my firm belief that this involvement tarnishes the image of the United States in foreign countries and prostitutes the church.

Articles in the Washington Post, the Washington Star, the Chicago Tribune and Time magazine throughout the months of July and August amply document the CIA's recruitment and use of missionaries. A Jesuit priest in Chile was given \$5 million by the CIA in 1963 to support activities of anti-Communist labor unions and the presidential campaign of Eduardo Frei. Other reports claim that the CIA was involved in a plan to arrest and discredit progressive clergy by promising to provide information on certain priests, particularly those from the United States.

Just in the last week, Nazarene missionaries in Mozambique have been arrested and imprisoned on suspicion of being CIA agents. This illustrates how even legitimate missionary programs can become suspect and frustrated by the taint of previous CIA involvement with other religious groups.

You may recall that previous efforts to secure the release of captured missionaries in Vietnam were met with charges that they had involvement with the CIA. A news story being released this week, which has come to my attention, corroborates evidence that the CIA did, indeed, use missionaries in South Vietnam for certain purposes.

The church has always been most effective in its mission when not influenced by or a part of the state. The state, in turn, has been most legitimate when it has refrained from attempting to control the faith of its citizens or use the church for its own ends. When we allow the Central Intelligence Agency to use missionaries or other clergy in foreign countries to perform its political and intelligence operations, we pervert the church's mission and create the view that the United States will resort to any means in pursuit of its particular interests.

I do not question the need for an intelligence-gathering agency in the federal government. The Central Intelligence Agency is a highly professional organization which has been of great service to this country. Part of my concern in this matter is that the Agency not jeopardize its operations by earning the reputation as the manipulator of priests, pastors, and missionaries.

I have already raised this issue with CIA Director Colby. In response, he has indicated that the Agency has used clergy in the past for intelligence-gathering and political operations, and has every intention of continuing this relationship.

It is my understanding that restrictions on CIA involvement with Peace Corps Volunteers and Fulbright scholars presently exist. A similar prohibition could be instituted, at your initiative, regarding the clergy. Executive action could be equally effective and more expeditious than legislation from Congress. Falling an executive order, however, a statutory prohibition would be the only recourse.

Again, Mr. President, I urge you to take this action.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

MARK O. HATFIELD,
U.S. Senator.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, November 5, 1975.

Hon. MARK O. HATFIELD,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HATFIELD: Thank you for your letter to the President of September 19, 1975. The President has asked me to reply for him.

I understand that Mr. Colby has previously corresponded with you concerning the CIA's relationships with church groups and members of the clergy. The President does not feel it would be wise at present to prohibit the CIA from having any connection with the clergy. Clergymen throughout the world are often valuable sources of intelligence and many clergymen, motivated solely by patriotism, voluntarily and willingly aid the government by providing information of intelligence value.

As you are aware, Select Committees in both the House and Senate are currently reviewing the activities of the CIA. Within the Administration, similar efforts to reassess the proper roles and activities of all the intelligence agencies are underway. As part of this internal review, the CIA's relationships with clergymen is one subject to discussion. I can assure you that consideration will be given to the important question of whether any regulations are needed to guide the CIA in its future relations with clergymen.

Sincerely,

PHILIP W. BUCHEN,
Counsel to the President.

[From the National Catholic Reporter, Aug. 1975]

CIA FUNDED, MANIPULATED MISSIONARIES (By Richard L. Rashke)

WASHINGTON.—The growing awareness that the CIA has infiltrated the churches has placed church leaders on the horns of a Watergate-like dilemma.

If they do not own up to their CIA-church connections, they will be accused of a cover-up; but if they tell what they know, they will further damage their credibility, shock the sensibilities of Americans and expose innocent people to the threat of expulsion, imprisonment or even torture and death.

John D. Marks, co author of the controversial *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence* (Alfred A. Knopf), recently documented the CIA's use of missionaries as volunteer spies and its manipulation of the churches.

The CIA's extensive role in the destabilization of Chile and President Ford's defense of covert CIA activity did enough to cast a cloud of suspicion over Americans abroad, including missionaries. "This is one of the most serious threats to missionary outreach in my entire experience," said Episcopal Father William Wipfler, a former missionary to Latin America. "The groundwork has been laid for wholesale expulsions of missionaries or at least strict controls on their entry and activities, as occurred in China, India, Ceylon and elsewhere in Asia and Africa after World War II."

Wipfler was quoted by writer Gary MacEoin in a widely publicized March article, "U.S. Mission Efforts Threatened by CIA Dirty Tricks."

The fires of mistrust toward American missionaries are being fueled even more by the steady trickle of stories documenting the CIA-church connection.

The issue is complex. • • • Ecuador in the



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Date: Feb 4, 1976
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President

From: Robert Northup

Date: Jan 29, 1976

Subject: Use of US missionary personnel & clergy for intelligence-gathering purposes.



ACTION REQUESTED:

_____ Draft reply for: _____ President's Signature
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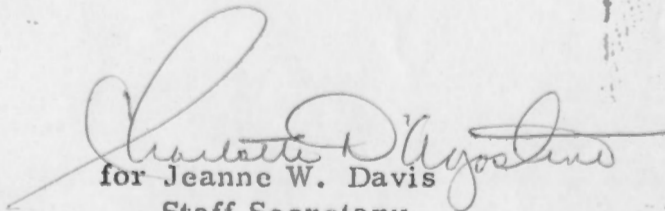
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ROBERT W. NORTHUP, Secretary

January 29, 1976

Jan. Scoville
President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000



Dear President Ford:

In a recent letter to Senator Mark Hatfield your counsel, Philip Buchen, made reference to past use of U.S. missionary personnel and other clergy for intelligence-gathering purposes and indicated that the practice will continue.

In the light of such information and of this stated intention the Japan-North American Commission on Cooperative Mission (a coalition of eight U.S. churches and boards, two Canadian churches, and two churches in Japan) took the following action on January 21-22, 1976 in Atlanta, Georgia:

VOTED that we, the members of the Executive Committee of the Japan-North American Commission on Cooperative Mission, composed of church representatives from Japan, Canada, and the United States deplore the acknowledged use by the CIA of missionaries and foreign clergy for intelligence gathering purposes and the declared intention to continue such use. We repudiate the use of missionaries and clergy by the CIA of the United States and by intelligence-gathering agencies of any country. We ask that such practices be discontinued immediately. We urge churches in our respective countries to support legislation designed to prohibit such practices.

We are surprised that you, as the executive of our nation, would knowingly condone such practices which abridge the separation of church and state. We believe that it is wrong for you or your spokesman to affirm that such will continue. We ask for appropriate respect for Christian workers in their world-wide activities. We view with deep gravity any activity or any policy of our government or of any government which seeks to serve its own purposes through using personnel whose lives are committed to reconciliation of all peoples through unity in Jesus Christ. We believe that the letter of Philip Buchen to Dr. David Stowe on January 8, 1976 does not adequately deal with this question.

Be assured that our member churches in each of their nations will be lifting up this issue through appropriate church and governmental channels.

President Gerald Ford, page 2

We will watch with real concern the way in which your official statements and action respond to our belief that no government has any right to use or to interfere in the proper activities of religious work.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Northup

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Cc: Rev. Elinor Galusha, Chairperson - United Church Board for World Ministries
Rev. Glenn Bruggers - Reformed Church in America
Dr. E. Frank Carey - Division of World Outreach, United Church of Canada
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Miss Patricia Patterson - United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries
Dr. Syngman Rhee - United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Rev. Earle Roberts - Presbyterian Church of Canada
Rev. Yoichiro Saeki - Council of Cooperation, Japan
Dr. Paul Sherry - United Church Board for Homeland Ministries
Mrs. Margaret Smith - Division of National Mission, United Church of Canada
Dr. Joseph Smith - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Division of Overseas Ministries
Dr. Newton Thurber - United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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HARTFIELD, SENATOR
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Dear Mr. Stowe:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the relationships between the Central Intelligence Agency and missionary personnel. I can assure you that the President fully supports the doctrine of separation of Church and State as guaranteed under the Constitution.

As you know, Select Committees in both the House and the Senate are currently reviewing the activities of the CIA. Within the Executive Branch, similar efforts are also under way to reassess the proper roles and activities of all the intelligence agencies. The CIA's relationships with clergymen and missionaries are one subject of this internal review. Full consideration will be given to the important question of whether any regulations are needed to guide the CIA in its future relations with clergymen and missionaries.

We appreciate having the benefit of your views.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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Mr. David M. Stowe
Executive Vice President
United Church Board
for World Ministries
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10017



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December 18, 1975

The Honorable Phillip W. Buchen, Esq.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

The United Church Board for World Ministries is the oldest American foreign missionary society. It was founded in 1810 as the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. It assumed its present name in 1957 when the Congregational Christian Churches, with which the American Board was affiliated, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, with its Board of International Missions, united to form the United Church of Christ. This Board has maintained a significantly large field staff of missionaries on all of the continents outside the United States, including Europe, since the inception of the American Board. We have contributed a number of "firsts" for the improvement of human life, including the introduction of modern education and modern medicine in a number of Asian and Middle Eastern and African countries.

Our missionaries have concentrated their attention on communication of the Christian Gospel and the conduct of specialized enterprises for human welfare and development.

I am writing to you, rather than to President Ford, because our Board is convinced that purported quotations from a letter from you to Senator Mark Hatfield constitute a serious breach of the Constitutional separation of church and state and one which this Board is inclined to challenge at whatever level is necessary within the three branches of the Federal government.

We reject the right of the President or any other official to encourage the Central Intelligence Agency or any governmental body to attempt to use Christian missionaries for the purpose of eliciting information or carrying out policy. The United Church Board for World Ministries and all of the denominations with whom we are affiliated in the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches of Christ place missionaries overseas in the service of and under the direction of the Christian churches in the nations to which they are sent. These missionaries are guests of the countries in which they serve. They are agents of Jesus Christ; they must not be treated as agents of any government.

This matter has been of deep concern to us for several years. In 1967 we joined other mission agencies related to the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches in the following policy statement:



Page Two
The Honorable Phillip W. Buchen, Esq.
December 18, 1975

"Because our ministries around the world depend upon sensitive and intimate relationships of trust with persons of many nations, we cannot afford to jeopardize these by permitting any allegation that the Division of Overseas Ministries is knowingly involved with CIA activities.

"We are glad to enter into appropriate discussions with other agencies of the U. S. government, but state as a matter of policy that we do not approve staff of the Division of Overseas Ministries, either at home or abroad, reporting to CIA agents or entering into any other involvement with the CIA."

Obviously, the position we took in regard to staff of the Division of Overseas Ministries was equally applicable to our own staff, both at home and abroad.

We are convinced that the attempt of the CIA to use missionary personnel is a violation of the First Amendment. We, therefore, call upon you as counsel to the President to give assurance that such violations will cease with respect to the personnel of the United Church Board for World Ministries, and we trust with respect to other missionaries of Christian churches in the United States. We hope for and expect prompt assurance from you that the policy we request will be put into effect, so that we will not be required to take further action to protect the interests of the United Church Board for World Ministries and its missionary personnel.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Stowe

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Executive Vice President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1976



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Dear Mr. Cornwell: *Elmer C.*

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter on behalf of the X Brown University faculty.

As you are aware, the President appointed the Rockefeller Commission a year ago to determine whether the CIA had committed acts in the United States outside of its legal authority. The Commission reported to the President last June. Included among its findings was a condemnation of the CIA's X "Operation CHAOS". The Commission made a number of recommendations intended to prevent activities such as "Operation CHAOS" from occurring again.

On February 17, 1976, the President announced the first major reorganization of the Intelligence Community since 1947. He initiated a number of management improvements and announced publicly both the proper duties and responsibilities of the foreign intelligence agencies, including the CIA, and the restrictions he was establishing on their activities.

The restrictions on the activities of foreign intelligence agencies will, among other things, prevent the CIA, or other foreign intelligence agencies, from conducting activities such as "Operation CHAOS" again. Because of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order. I call to your attention especially Section 5(b)(1), 5(b)(6) and 5(b)(7) because of their relevance to activities that occurred as part of "Operation CHAOS".

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The President is confident that the restrictions imposed by Executive Order on the foreign intelligence agencies, together with the new independent Intelligence Oversight Board, will prevent any improper activities by the CIA in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Raoul-Duval
Assistant to the Counsellor
to the President

Mr. Elmer E. Cornwell, Jr.
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Enclosure





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Faculty Secretariat
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Mason Cargill

2 March 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply disturbed by reported CIA surveillance of individuals and groups at Brown University. Such CIA activity as indicated in its recently released "Operation Chaos" files clearly exceeds the statutory limitations placed upon the agency by Congress and, hence, is patently illegal. Moreover, such CIA action has a chilling effect upon the exercise of First Amendment rights guaranteed to all citizens. Finally, we find such CIA activity especially repugnant because it poses a direct threat to that academic freedom upon which Brown University was founded and to which it remains dedicated. We would, therefore, welcome assurances that such improper CIA actions will not be repeated again.

Sincerely yours,

THE FACULTY OF BROWN UNIVERSITY

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Foreign Missions Board

Dear Mr. Harris:

James B.

President Ford has asked me to reply to your letter requesting he take action to clarify government policy regarding allegations of the Central Intelligence Agency's use of missionaries and clergy abroad.

First, permit me to set the record straight regarding the statement attributed to the President which stemmed from reports published last year that the CIA had used church organizations and clergymen for intelligence purposes. Senator Hatfield conveyed his concern about these reports in a letter to William Colby, then Director of the CIA, stating that he was prepared to introduce legislation prohibiting operational connections between the CIA and the churches. He suggested, however, that the same result could be achieved by a public announcement that the CIA would totally separate itself from organized religion.

Mr. Colby's response was that he believed the sweeping prohibition suggested would be a mistaken reaction to sensationalized press reports. The Senator then wrote to the President, urging that the prohibition be effected by executive order. The reply, by Phillip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President, gave assurances that the Senator's concerns would be considered in the review of the intelligence agencies underway at the time. The reply also noted that the clergy had volunteered information of intelligence value, and questioned the wisdom of prohibiting any connection between the CIA and the clergy.

Let me emphasize that President Ford does not advocate the use of our missionaries, churches, or any other church or religious organization or members of the clergy by the United States Government, directly or indirectly, for any intelligence purpose or operation. There is no contradiction between this view, which the President holds



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Dear Mr. de la Forest:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of March 12 to Mr. Ron Nessen, the President's Press Secretary, in which you asked for some particulars about recent articles in foreign publications which claimed to list names of alleged Central Intelligence Agency employees.

Liberation, a daily Paris newspaper, published such a list in its editions of January 13, 14, 19 and 29, 1976. The address is 108 Rue de Richelieu, 75002 Paris, France.

The Italian newspaper La Repubblica is published daily in Rome and Milan. Its edition of January 16, 1976, carried a front page article entitled, "Here Are Names of CIA in Italy." The Rome office is at 11-B piazza Indipendenza, Roma 00185. The Milan office is at 3 via Turati, Milano 20121.

I hope that you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Mr. J. de la Forest
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New York, N. Y.

cc: Elizabeth M. O'Neill



July 27, 1976

Mr. William P. Thompson

Stated Clerk

The United Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The President has asked me to thank you for sending the "Statement on Central Intelligence Agency Contacts with American Missionaries and Foreign Clergy," adopted at the 188th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in Baltimore last May.

Director of Central Intelligence Bush publicly declared last February that CIA had no paid or contractual relationship with any American clergyman or missionary, and that this practice is now CIA policy. I understand that he has responded to your recent letter to him and sent you copies of a CIA regulation and other correspondence on this subject from the Congressional Record of May 25.

The tradition of separation of church and state is a fundamental element of the President's personal political philosophy, and he is mindful of the important and significant contributions of our missionaries abroad. Please be assured of the President's support in this field.

Sincerely,

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September 21, 1976

Dear Mr. Orvik:

In behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge your letter concerning the New York Times article about the investigation by the Justice Department of allegations that CIA employees had conducted mail opening operations.

At present, this matter is before the Attorney General for his review, and it would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time.

However, I think the New York Times article is not entirely clear. The question of Presidential knowledge or authorization goes to the question of whether the participants in the operation had good reason to believe that it rested upon claimed authority of the President then in office to protect the national security.

I appreciate your interest and concern and thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Inquiry Is Said to Oppose Prosecuting C.I.A. Aides

By JOHN M. CREWDSON

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 26—Justice Department lawyers investigating the Central Intelligence Agency's 20-year program of opening mail between the United States and Communist countries have recommended against the criminal prosecution of agency officials involved in the project, a Government official familiar with the investigation said today.

The official said that the lawyers' recommendation, which has been forwarded to Attorney General Edward H. Levi for a final decision, was based on the conclusion that "a continuum of Presidential authority" had rendered the mail openings legal, despite Federal statutes that prohibit tampering with first-class mail inside the United States.

The Justice Department, the official said, has in its year-long examination "found evidence of Presidential knowledge" of the C.I.A. operation, code-named HT Lingual, which between 1953 and 1973 resulted in the opening of nearly 250,000 letters passing through postal facilities in New York City, San Francisco and elsewhere.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, which issued a long report on domestic mail openings in April, said that it had found no documentary evidence that any President in the two decades in question had ever authorized the C.I.A. to open letters and photograph their contents.

The only President who might conceivably have been informed of such an effort, the committee said, is Lyndon B. Johnson, but it added that it had been unable to find any conclusive record that he had ever been advised of the project.

Richard M. Nixon, the only former President now living, told the Senate committee in

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nation could help mollify Northern liberals who have felt alienated by his conservative views and Sunbelt strategies.

Risk of a Backlash

There would appear to be an apparent risk, however, in a conservative backlash since Mr. Schweiker's votes in the Senate have been about as liberal as those of Walter F. Mondale, the Vice-Presidential choice of the Democrats.

The liberal Americans for Democratic Action gave Mr. Schweiker an 89 percent rating in 1975—compared with 95 for Senator Mondale—while the conservative Americans for Constitutional Action gave him a low rating of 8.

The Senator is also a stalwart supporter of big labor and

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House Panel Asks Reprimands For Sikes in Stock Ownership

By United Press International

WASHINGTON, July 26—The House Ethics Committee formally recommended today that Representative Robert L. F. Sikes, Democrat of Florida, be reprimanded on two of three complaints alleging that he used his office for personal gain.

It was the first time the committee had taken action against a member of Congress since it was set up in 1968, following allegations of misdeeds against the late Adam Clayton Powell.

The panel's report said it would have recommended some form of punishment on the third complaint if it had occurred since the committee was established.

The report is tentatively scheduled to go before the full House on Thursday for ac-

ceptance or rejection. It could be opened to amendment by a majority vote, but it was not immediately known whether such an effort would be made.

Common Cause, the public-affairs lobbying group, complained that Mr. Sikes, chairman of the Military Construction subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, had failed to disclose that he held stock in Fairchild Industries, a major defense contractor; and in the First Navy Bank at Pensacola Naval Air Station, where he helped organize the bank, and had an interest in a land development project when he pushed legislation beneficial to an adjacent project.

The report recommended reprimand, the lightest action it

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Hon. Gerald R. Ford
President, United States of America
The White House
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: attached N.Y. Times article stating that the CIA letter openers will not be prosecuted.

The gist of the article is that these lawbreakers will not be prosecuted because the President okayed the operation or was aware of it.

In other words, "My boss knew what I was doing so it's all right?"

I thought the Nuremburg trials decided once and for all that this was not an admissible excuse.

Very truly yours,

M. T. Orvik

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