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CONFERENCE ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND COVERT ACTIVITIES

A two-day Conference on the Central Intelligence Agency and Covert Activities, sponsored by the Center for National Security Studies, will be held in Room 1202 of the New Senate Office Building, on September 12 and 13, 1974. The Conference is hosted by ~~Senators Edward Brooke (R-Mass) and Philip Hart (D-Mich)~~.

Victor Marchetti, Morton Halperin, Paul Warnke, Richard Barnet, Herbert Scoville and Walter Pincus are among the writers and panelists who will participate. Participants will include former and present members of intelligence agencies, as well as academics, members of the press, and representatives of the legal community. William Colby, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency will also participate in the Conference.

A tentative schedule, discussion of the purpose of the Conference, and a list of the papers and participants is attached.

Covert action is the deliberate, secret interference in the affairs of another country. According to Robert L. Borosage, Director of the Center for National Security Studies. "The Conference represents an attempt to

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open the CIA's covert operations to public debate and scrutiny. Watergate demonstrates that untrammeled secret power poses a threat to our liberties. Our program of covert activities abroad must be re-examined before similar techniques are employed to subvert our democracy at home."

The Center for National Security Studies is a new project of the Fund For Peace, established to question the ominous growth of state power which has developed, both at home and abroad, under the banner of "national security."

A brief description of the Center is enclosed.

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