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WASHINGTON, DEC 29 (REUTERS)--THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) WILL GIVE NO FURTHER SECRET FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS AFTER DEC. 31 THIS YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT MCCLOSKEY SAID TERMINATION OF THE C.I.A. COVERT AID PROGRAM FOLLOWED THE REPORT OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE NICHOLAS KATZENBACH, WAS FORMED FOLLOWING DISCOVERY EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT THE C.I.A. PROVIDED FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL STUDENTS UNION (N.S.U.) AND OTHER GROUPS TO SUPPORT ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ABROAD.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO INCLUDED HEALTH SECRETARY JOHN GARDNER AND C.I.A. DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS.

MCCLOSKEY SAID THE C.I.A. WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SOME ORGANIZATIONS TO TIDE THEM OVER UNTIL THEY COULD FIND NEW SOURCES OF SUPPORT.

HE REFUSED TO NAME ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE C.I.A. ON THE GROUNDS THAT TO DO SO WOULD NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THEIR CHANCES OF FINDING NEW MEANS OF SUPPORT.

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