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(RESEARCH)

WASHINGTON--THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION TODAY ACCUSED THE CIA OF DAMAGING THE FOREIGN REPUTATION OF U.S. SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCHERS.

GABRIEL ALMOND, A STANFORD UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENTIST ALSO ZEROED IN ON THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS DURING TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE.

HEADED BY SEN. FRED R. HARRIS, D-OKLA., THE PANEL WAS LOOKING INTO CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS FINANCING OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ABROAD.

ALMOND EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR THE 15,000 MEMBERS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. BUT HE SAID MANY AGREED THAT THE PENTAGON AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WERE INJURING FOREIGN RESEARCH BY U.S. SCIENTISTS.

HE CITED THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING "PROJECT CAMELOT," AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL MISHANDLING. THE STUDY, CONDUCTED IN CHILE BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WAS HALTED WHEN CHILEAN OFFICIALS LEARNED IT WAS FINANCED BY THE PENTAGON.

THE TROUBLE, SAID ALMOND, WAS HEAVY-HANDED USE OF LARGE SUMS OF FEDERAL MONEY. BY DANGLING BIG MONEY, INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS, "SOME OF THEM SCRAPED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL," JUMPED TO GET IN ON THE STUDY.

ONE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO INSURE THAT FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR RESEARCH ABROAD WERE CHANNELED THROUGH INSTITUTIONS INSTEAD OF TO INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS.

WITH PENTAGON CONTRACTS MASKING CIA ACTIVITIES, ALMOND SAID THERE HAD BEEN "TOO MUCH CLUMSY AND SHORT-SIGHTED USE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ABROAD."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BACKWARD IN FAILING TO USE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES OF POLITICS AND MOTIVATION ABROAD, ALMOND SAID. HE SAID IT WAS STILL MAKING FOREIGN POLICY WITH A SORT OF VAGUE INTUITION BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WORLD HISTORY.

"IT HAS BEEN UNDULY SLOW, CONSERVATIVE AND SKEPTICAL IN USING SCIENCE AS A TOOL IN MAKING FOREIGN POLICY," HE SAID.

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