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What Is CIA, What Does It Do?

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Who and what is the CIA? Many millions have been spent in many transactions. Who knows what they do and why?

We know, from an address by Senator Fulbright, chairman of foreign affairs, last September, that the CIA solicited a rump military Junta to request that U.S. troops be sent in: this in April 1965.

Our troops were sent to Santo Domingo. The administration, throughout the episode showed lack of candor.

Agents of the CIA spent millions in 16 months, prior to the revolt, attempting to bolster the civilian regime of Donald Reid Gabral. They helped build and train a police force of 8,000 men.

Polls were taken to find how much support he had. Unfortunately for the pollsters, it was zero. They worked to thwart the plan of former President Juan Bosch to return to the Dominican Republic, scorning him as a "pot-reformer" type.

By April, 1965, the Administration concluded that the rebel force should not be allowed to succeed.

Has the CIA any right to determine the public policy of the United States?

Is it not the sole right of the President to determine the public policy of the United States, especially in public affairs?

Who chooses the members, who names the chairman, of the CIA?

Can congressmen or senators help us?

We are aware that we have a secret service; that this service is employed by the U.S. Treasury, which department is familiar to the public.

But who can tell us what is

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