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Probe Demanded In CIA-NSA Link

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UPI)—The controversy over

CIA support of student groups ballooned today with the report—promptly denied—that the National Student Assn. wanted to keep its secret spy agency subsidy despite its public denunciation of the financial ties.

The development came as disclosure of CIA involvement with educational groups prompted demands for investigations from both the White House and Capitol Hill.

It was learned that despite its public renunciation of secret CIA ties, the NSA national supervisory board was secretly considering ways to keep CIA money flowing into its coffers.

The NSA, largest and oldest of the college students' organizations, called a news conference to deny the report.

Disclosure that the CIA had been pumping money into NSA activities for 15 years was prompted by an article in Ramparts magazine.

The magazine said the CIA

obtained draft deferments for key NSA staffers and gave top NSA officers code names. It said that the CIA control was so firm that the intelligence agency once admonished an NSA president for requesting permission to travel to Moscow without asking the CIA's clearance.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said all this showed the government was moving toward "big brotherism."

Mansfield, a former college professor, said the congressional watchdog panel set up to oversee the CIA should investigate its ties with edu-

ational and student groups. President Johnson himself ordered a special three-member panel to look into the CIA involvement with NSA. The panel was directed to look into governmental activities that might endanger the "integrity and independence" of the American education community.

BOARD STATEMENT

The NSA national supervisors attempted to work out a new arrangement enabling the NSA to continue receiving a subsidy from the intelligence organization, United Press International learned.

After a meeting of the board early today, its chairman, Sam Brown, issued a

statement denying the report. It said:

The national supervisory board of the National Student Assn. unanimously favors severing all ties with the Central Intelligence Agency. The board is currently considering the extent of NSA's relations with the CIA, ways to insure that all ties are eliminated, and internal reforms to insure that it will not happen again."

The board has been holding its strategy sessions in a \$100-a-day suite in a Washington hotel. The news conference was held in a suite which normally rents for \$450 a day—although NSA officers said the cut-off of CIA funds placed the organization in a severe financial bind.