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FROM :

SUBJECT: Press Clippings from General Walters' Address to the Dallas Council on World Affairs

1. Attached are press clippings resulting from General Walters' address to the Dallas Council on World Affairs (DCWA) which he asked be forwarded to him.

2. The luncheon was an unqualified success. A number of Dallas



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3. General John Torrey, Executive Secretary of the DCWA, has advised that WFAA-TV in Dallas plans to do a spot special on the CIA during 20 September 1975. This will run on several occasions and will include excerpts from General Walters' address. General Torrey has arranged to secure a tape-recording of General Walters' address from WFAA which he will make available to this office sometime during the week of 22 September. General Torrey advised that as a result of technical difficulties the tape may not be complete, but he believes most of General Walters' talk was recorded. This tape will be forwarded for General Walters' office when received from General Torrey.

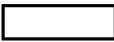


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5. General Walters mentioned that he is planning to give an address in Houston on 6 January 1976, but he did not recall the name of the sponsor for his visit there. It would be appreciated if this information could be ascertained from General Walters' office for forwarding to the Houston RO.



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Editorial Page

Dick West, Editorial Director

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1975

The CIA:

Life in the Goldfish Bowl

The Senate Intelligence Committee having opened its hearings to the press and public, the sins, such as they are, of the Central Intelligence Agency will now be on regular display. Not that any great note is yet being taken of the hearings. Plenty of seats were unfilled at the first session; nor are the networks affording us gavel-to-gavel coverage, a la Watergate.

Still, the implications of the inquiry remain disturbing. It is all very well, perhaps, for Sen. Church, the panel's chairman, to rebuke the CIA for failing to destroy a large store of deadly poisons it was ordered to destroy. The trouble will come if the committee conveys to the public, through osmosis, the impression that CIA agents are just so many wild men running loose and endangering our civil liberties.

Not yet has anyone proved against the CIA anything very terrible. There was much talk at Church's hearing earlier this week of a deadly pill that CIA agents are sometimes given in case of capture. So what? Is it suggested that the CIA meant to poison the whole population of Albania? Of course not; then to what beneficial end is all this talk of intelligence method?

No one wishes the CIA to run amok; no one denies Congress' legal right to supervise its operations. There ought, however, to be better supervisory techniques than full-dress investigations that serve more to embarrass the United States than to bring the CIA into line. It is as the CIA's deputy director, Vernon Walters, said in Dallas the other day: "Other countries investigate their intelligence operations, but they don't do it in a goldfish bowl."

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 17 September 1975

CIA critics warned by official

By DOTTY GRIFFITH

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, warned Tuesday attacks on the CIA are creating a "new racism, a new caste of untouchables — people in intelligence service."

Speaking to the Dallas Council on World Affairs, Walters spoke of "deliberate attempts to blind our own country" by CIA critics who charge the spy agency has overstepped its bounds by interfering with other nations' internal affairs. Walters said ongoing congress-

sional investigations into CIA operations "can be healthy, if they're not used as TV theatricals."

"We're willing to be responsive to guidelines that provide enough flexibility for change," said Walters, who was appointed to his post by President Nixon in 1972.

"Other countries investigate their intelligence operations," he said, "but they don't do it in a goldfish bowl."

Walters warned against falling behind the Soviet Union in military weapons under the aegis of detente.

In response to a question in regard to reports, the latest of which was Tuesday that President Ford may limit CIA intelligence ac-

tivities and shift secret political operations in foreign countries to another agency, Walters declined comment.

"The President put his words in conditional form," said Walters. "Until I have more information, I can't comment. We have no indication that is the case."

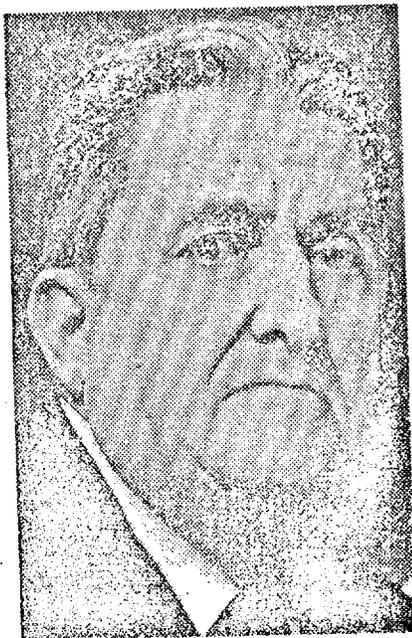
He complained that revelations about United States intelligence activities have jeopardized information sources.

"Our foreign friends are aghast at what's going on. Some people who might otherwise help us fear they will hear their names revealed in the hearings or see them in print.

"One thing we will never know as a result of the hearings," charged Walters, 52, "is the number of people who were ready to come forward and didn't."

He warned if current criticism against intelligence activities becomes restrictive, congressional hearings in 1980 might be investigating things the CIA neglected "instead of sins of commission."

Although he stopped short of offering a wholesale defense of CIA use of human guinea pigs in LSD experiments and assassination as an intelligence operation, he asked that such incidents be viewed "in the context of time."



CIA official Vernon Walters . . .
. . . agency exposes own wrongs

CIA labeled peace tool

By RICHARD MACKENZIE
Staff Writer

Defending the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a "power for peace," the agency's deputy director says the security of the United States and its survival is "far too precious to be the vehicle" for individual political ambitions.

Referring to intelligence agents as a new form of "untouchables," Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters said most shortcomings and wrongdoings on the part of the CIA have been exposed by the agency's internal probes.

He predicted during a luncheon meeting Tuesday in Dallas that new guidelines to emerge from current congressional investigations would be little stronger than those outlined in the agency's original charter, "(to do) such other things as the National Security Council may prescribe."

He said the successes of the agency's operations could not be outlined to counteract negative publicity received in recent months.

"I can't tell you that of the 50,000 or 60,000 people who have passed through this agency in the past 25 years we haven't had some bad apples," he said in defense of the CIA, comparing it to a city of 60,000 persons.

"I'm not saying that we haven't done things that were wrong — but they're few and far between. And most of them came to light as a result of our own investigations — not as the result of someone finding them out against us."

Walters also issued a stern warning about the ramifications of "dismantling" American intelligence gathering.

"Intelligence is knowledge and knowledge is power. People have always thought in the past of intelligence as being a power to make war or a power to threaten or over-awe someone.

"But the world has changed. Intelligence is a power in another sense. It's power for peace."

He said that CIA failures are

"trumpeted all over the world." But successes, he said, are very difficult to talk about.

"If you talk about it, people know what you know . . . and if somebody knows that somebody is looking through the window, he'll pull down the blinds and turn off the light.

"On a number of occasions in my own experience we have brought countries together that were on the edge of war. One of them thought the other was going to attack.

"We have been able, through good intelligence, to convince country 'A' that it was not going to be attacked by country 'B.' We have been able to bring sometimes the head of intelligence of these countries together. I can't tell you what countries these are or we couldn't do it again."

Walters, who was appointed to his post by former President Richard Nixon more than three years ago, testified last year against White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman in the Watergate cover-up trial.

He reached the rank of major general in the U.S. Army and traveled extensively with former President Nixon in 1969. He also accompanied Mrs. Nixon during her visit to Peru in the wake of disastrous earthquakes there in 1970.

Walters emphatically denied published reports of any link between the CIA and the accused assassin of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald; "There is no link between Lee Harvey Oswald and the CIA in any shape, form or size. And there never has been to my knowledge."

He termed the idea that then Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy would conspire to abort the investigation of the death of his own brother "an aberration."

He said the major questions facing intelligence agencies concern the Soviet Union. "We see them modernizing their missiles . . . We see them building

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CIA good deeds cited

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larger submarines with more capabilities for launching missiles; we see them building new, modern aircraft with capabilities against the United States; we see them adding tanks to every Soviet motorized rifle division around the world, and we see them improving the training of their forces, the logistics of their forces and the over-all capabilities of their forces.

"This has gone far beyond what they require for defense or deterrence. It leaves us with the great question of what do they plan to do with this."

Addressing the subject of CIA involvement in assassinations, he said that a person who succeeded in killing Nazi leader Adolf Hitler at the beginning of World War II would have been the first joint recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Victoria Cross.

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