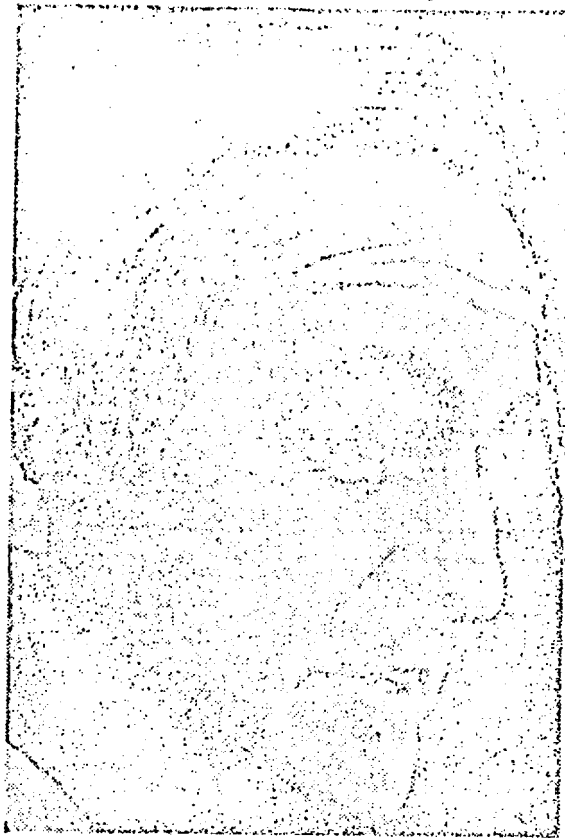


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Adm. Stansfield Turner..

Turner says CIA is not interfering in Iran affairs

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The director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency denied Thursday the CIA plays a role in Iran's present internal affairs but said the agency acted correctly 23 years ago when it helped overthrow the Iranian government.

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be nothing more than this."

At the press conference, Turner said, "there is no
question this country fully supported that activity in
1952," referring to the CIA's role in overthrowing the
government of Iran's former prime minister Mossad-
egh.

Turner denied the CIA is playing any current
role in Iran's internal affairs, pointing to what he
called "strict controls" on CIA interference with
foreign governments, a service he said the CIA
performs for the federal government "on demand"
rather than initiating itself.

TURNER SAID at the lecture the CIA was
assigned the function of "directing political influence
activities abroad" in the early 1950s when the
"Soviets were trying to subvert and intimidate (other
nations)."

He said those activities "have caused us great
adverse publicity."

On other issues, Turner said he can't comment on
reports that a nuclear spying device was planted in
India by the CIA and now threatens to poison Indian
rivers.

HE CLAIMED the fact the report appeared in
Outside, published by Rolling Stone magazine,
"doesn't really give it the touch of authority which
gives me leave to comment on it."

He also defended censorship of information
concerning mind-control experiments on college
campuses in the 1960s.

Information released by the CIA about those
experiments conducted at OSU was heavily censored.

Turner said, "The problem with MK Ultra (the
label given to the experiments) on this campus was
that the university did not know the contract was with
the CIA. The research done here was perfectly
innocent. It was not a part of the drug program."

TURNER ALSO said the Freedom of Information
Act, which has made available information about
such experiments, "is a good act, but is being
abused."

He did pledge more openness about the CIA to
the public, but cautioned, "we must maintain a
certain amount of secrecy or our sources won't be any
good."

Turner told the audience, "We are today the best
intelligence organization in the world today and I am