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Spence To Start CIA Inquiry

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For the second time in four months, the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences will conduct an inquiry into a Harvard professor's research arrangement with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In a statement released by the Harvard News Office yesterday, Dean A. Michael Spence said that he will study Eaton Professor of Government Samuel P. Huntington's participation in a paid CIA project.

Spence issued the statement after The Crimson reported yesterday that Huntington consented to CIA terms restricting his freedom to publish research results and prohibiting him from acknowledging the CIA's support in print.

Harvard regulations prohibit scholars from accepting outside sponsorship compromising freedom of publication and disclosure when their research is conducted under the aegis of the University.

"I plan to inquire into what institutional involvement, if any, there may be," Spence's one-sentence statement said.

Huntington's work for the CIA would fall within the purview of Harvard's rules and would appear to violate them if institutional involvement were found.

Huntington and his colleagues on the CIA project told The Crimson that some of the work was conducted within the University.

News of Huntington's CIA project comes four months after revelations that Nadav Safran, director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, had accepted two restrictive CIA grants totaling more than \$150,000.

Those revelations prompted Spence to conduct an investigation. The investigation faulted the University's handling of one of the grants and Safran's handling of the other.

Amid the ensuing controversy, Safran resigned from his post as director, effective in June.

In the aftermath of the Safran investigation, the faculty is considering proposals to make more explicit its rules governing scholars' personal associations with outside organizations.

And as a result of the national debate that surrounded the Safran disclosures, the CIA last night announced major changes in its own policy toward relationships with academia.

In a second, monosyllabic response to a Crimson question conveyed through the News Office, Spence said "No," he did not notify President Derek C. Bok when he learned of Huntington's involvement in the CIA project last fall.

Spence's failure to notify Bok could conflict with Harvard guidelines first announced by Bok in 1977.

Those guidelines state in part: "Individual members of the Harvard community may enter into direct or indirect consulting arrangements for the CIA to provide research or analytical services. The individual should report in writing the existence of such an arrangement to the dean of his or her faculty, who should then inform the president of the University."

Huntington told The Crimson earlier this week that he "mentioned" his CIA project to Spence after Safran's acceptance of CIA money received wide publicity.

In another apparent violation of Harvard guidelines, Huntington said he did not notify Spence when he joined the CIA project during the summer of 1984.

Huntington said he did not immediately report his arrangement to Spence because he considered his relationship with the CIA a personal and indirect one that did not involve Harvard as an institution.

"I did not inform anyone at Harvard at that time—there was no reason to," Huntington said Wednesday. "I do not believe that there are any University guidelines regulating this sort of activity," he said.

Spence's statements did not indicate whether he will examine Huntington's failure to provide written notification.

Spence is vacationing in Florida and could not be reached for comment. He is not scheduled to return to Cambridge until February 29.

The 58-year-old Huntington is director of Harvard's Center for International Affairs and a former chairman of the Government Department. He served as coordinator of security planning for the National Security Council during the Carter Administration and has written extensively on democracy and international security.

Huntington said that during the summer of 1984, Richard K. Betts, an occasional consultant to the CIA and senior fellow of the Brookings Institute in Washington, asked him to help prepare a report on the demise of authoritarian rulers for the CIA.

Betts, who is currently a visiting professor at Harvard, said this week that he signed a contract with the CIA before he became a Harvard employee and paid Huntington with CIA money to assist him in the project.

The two scholars would not disclose the amount the CIA paid them to conduct the research. But Betts said the total sum was "much, much less than six figures."

With the aid of a Harvard research assistant, the two scholars produced a report for the CIA and a condensed version of the report entitled "Dead Dictators and Rioting Mobs."

The article appears in the current issue of International Security, a journal sponsored and edited by Harvard, without mention of the CIA support.

The managing editor of the journal, who said Monday he was unaware of the CIA connection when the article was published, yesterday reversed his earlier comment.

Stephen Van Evera said Betts told him of the CIA sponsorship in August 1985.

"I told you the wrong thing. I just forgot," Van Evera said.