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The TV Column

A little more about that report that after 30 years, the CIA has decided to let a "60 Minutes" crew with Dan Rather film the agency ... in what is obviously a coup for the network.

A CBS camera crew has already started work at Langley and correspondent Rather joins them this morning ... they expect to be working on the assignment through next week ... if it is as good as Rather hopes and if there's enough filmable material, more importantly ... CBS News president Dick Salant will consider the results for a separate prime-time documentary....

Otherwise, there's a very good chance the 25-minute segment will show up as part of one of the "Who's Who" shows now set for the four Sunday nights in June (at 10 p.m.) ... only if the editing takes longer is it expected to be on "60 Minutes" in the early fall....

The surprising scoop for Rather and producer David Buksbaum arose from the friendship the two formed 13 years ago when they put together a CBS documentary on the attempted raising of the USS Thresher ... it was a Capt. Stansfield Turner who helped them cut the red tape...

Now CIA director Turner has reportedly "opened a lot of doors" for the CBS men ... who hope to see "some surprising areas" of the huge Langley operation ... though neither will fall down in a dead faint if considerable constraint is imposed on them by Turner's subordinates...

One problem at the CIA ... because of security precautions there aren't any electric sockets available in most areas ... so the CBS crew is bringing along its own generator ... Rather and Buksbaum also hope to follow Ad-

miral Turner around Washington ... the new agency director is seen more often at his 17th street office and at the White House these days than most of his predecessors...