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Fulbright Questions CIA On Propriety of Article

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Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) has queried the Central Intelligence Agency about the published writings on Vietnam of a CIA official whose affiliation with the agency was not disclosed.

Fulbright, it was learned, asked CIA Director William F. Raborn whether it is a good idea for CIA employees to write for publication—especially when their connection with the agency is not revealed.

Fulbright wrote to Raborn about two weeks ago after learning that the author of the lead article in the April issue of Foreign Affairs, a prestigious American quarterly, is a CIA analyst.

The article, by George A. Carver Jr., is entitled, "The Faceless Viet Cong." Carver was described in the magazine merely as a "student of political theory and Asian affairs, with degrees from Yale and Oxford; former officer of the U.S. aid mission in Saigon; author of 'Aesthetics and the Problem of Meaning.'"

It was understood that Fulbright asked Raborn whether the CIA would have cleared

Carver's article for publication if the article had been critical of the Johnson Administration's Vietnam policy.

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been a leading critic of that policy.

In his reply, Raborn is understood to have said that the magazine solicited the article and that the CIA cleared it for security. Raborn reportedly said he would be glad to discuss policy questions in a meeting with the Senator.