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1. FAIRLY LIGHT NEWSPLAY GIVEN NSA ANNOUNCEMENT SEVERING TIES WITH CIA. MINOR NEWSPLAY GIVEN HELMS' STATEMENT AGENCY WILL DISCONTINUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. NATIONAL CATHOLIC PAPER MAKES ACID COMMENT CIA SYSTEM "HAS PROVED TO BE OLD-FASHIONED AND OUTMODED" AND "THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF AUTHORITY IN THE US HAS FAILED...THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO KEEP THEIR SECURITY AGENCY IN HAND. THEY HAVE FAILED TO GIVE CLEARCUT INSTRUCTIONS...THEY HAVE LACKED THE COURAGE TO FINANCE PERFECTLY NORMAL AND ABOVE-BOARD UNDERTAKING IN OPEN DEMOCRATIC MANNER".

3. SOCIALIST PARTY PAPER ALSO CRITICAL OF "LACK OF CONTROL".

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4. LIBERAL NATIONAL PAPER COMMENTS UNFAVORABLY ON "SCANDAL" WHICH HAS "COMPROMISED" SO MANY INSTITUTIONS AND BLAMES BOTH THE SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS AND CONGRESS FOR FAILING TO EXERCISE SUFFICIENT CONTROL.

5. SAME PAPER AND MOST INFLUENTIAL LIBERAL PAPER BOTH CARRY IDENTICAL ARTICLES BLAMING CONGRESS RATHER THAN CIA BUT STRESSING SUBSIDIES GIVEN WERE "IN NATURE OF WORK DONE BY BRITISH COUNCIL".

6. POPULAR SOCIALIST-INDEPENDENT PAPER REACTED POSITIVELY: "THE MORAL RIGHT TO CRITICIZE CIA'S METHODS BELONGS ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE

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GENUINELY DEMOCRATIC". IT POINTS OUT THE COLD WAR ORIGINS OF THE SUBSIDIES AND SAYS THAT "THE MISTAKE MADE WAS SIMPLY THAT THEY COPIED THE METHODS OF THE OTHER SIDE". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN "OPENLY AND WITHOUT ANY STRINGS ATTACHED", IN WHICH CASE THE SUBSIDIES "WOULD PROBABLY FIND MUCH THE SAME DESTINATION AS BEFORE". TYLER  
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