

## PANEL ON C.I.A. AID HAS STOPGAP PLAN

Intends to Urge Direct Help  
to Some Volunteer Groups

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WASHINGTON, May 26—A Presidential study group has tentatively decided to recommend a stopgap plan for aiding a small number of voluntary agencies once secretly financed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The panel, headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, has thus concluded, after more than a year's study, that the question of permanent financing ought to be left to the new Administration taking office next January.

"It's a holding operation," said Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The 18-member committee has been sharply divided. The principal question is whether to recommend establishment of a semi-public independent commission and, if so, how broad its authority should be.

Some members of the study committee, principally those in Congress, believe that the need for governmental economy should limit such a new commission, at least at first, to making grants to "C.I.A. orphans"—the voluntary groups formerly subsidized in secret.

### Second View

Others, including most of the public members of the committee, believe such a commission should take over many of the overseas academic and cultural activities now under other agencies.

Under this plan, the commis-

sion would take over the State Department's academic and cultural exchange program, which supervises Fulbright scholarships and such activities as performances abroad of American orchestras and plays. It would also assume control of United States Information Agency libraries.

The study committee, bowing to the demand for economy, decided at a meeting earlier this month to recommend that a few million dollars be appropriated for direct support this year of a few organizations, such as the Asia Foundation, which provides technical assist-

ance to underdeveloped countries.

Some of the voluntary agencies still have some C.I.A. funds left from grants made before they were cut off at the end of last year. The new appropriation would allow them to continue their work.

The study committee also

recommended creation of a commission, but suggested that it not take over any of the existing cultural programs. The panel has agreed that this proposal not be sent to Congress until next year. Thus the question of permanent financing would be left to the new Administration and Congress.