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# \$289,500 CIA Funds Received by Cornell

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WASHINGTON — From 1961 through 63, the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University received a total of \$289,500 that was channeled through foundations previously identified as conduits for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service by the Marshall Foundation of Houston, Texas, show that the foundation contributed \$94,500 to the School for Industrial and Labor Relations in 1961; \$120,500 in 1962 and \$75,000 in 1963.

The same returns also show that the money for these contributions came to the Marshall Foundation from the Beacon Fund, the Borden Trust, the Price Fund, the Edsel Fund and the Tower Fund.

All but the Tower Fund were identified as involved in "foreign relations of the C.I.A." at the 1964 hearings of the foundations subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Small Business, of which Rep. Wright Patman of Texas is chairman.

The Tower fund has been mentioned in revelations last week of C.I.A. subsidies to educational and research organizations. Informed officials have said it, too, was a "front" foundation.

The trustees of the Marshall Foundation, which made the contributions to Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, are Douglas B. Marshall, W. Oscar Neuhaus and Corbin J. Robertson. Efforts to reach these trustees for comment yesterday were not successful.

But Vernon Jensen, associate dean of the school, which is a part of the State University of New York and supported by the state, said he was not aware the money had come through C.I.A. conduit foundations to the Marshall Foundation.

The money, he explained, was used to finance a project called "The International Labor Training Program." Under this program, union officials or members who were deemed able to carry college work and who were interested in the international activities of their unions were subsidized for two full semesters at a rate equal to that for graduate students with families.

Over the three years, Jensen said, there were about 10 persons in each of two groups that formed the program each year. Many of the unionists, he said, supplemented courses in the industrial and labor school with language courses at Cornell.

The project had an advisory council, Jensen said, composed of four union leaders and four faculty members.

The four union leaders were Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America; George Harrison, president emeritus of the Railway Clerks; Lee W. Minton, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association, and Michael Ross, now deceased,

who was their director of international affairs for the AFL-CIO.

Beirne, Harrison and Minton, attending the AFL-CIO convention in Bal Harbour, Fla., all said they were unaware of any CIA connection with the program and thought the money came from the university itself.

Harrison said he remembered only one meeting of the advisory council to talk about the curriculum.

"I'm not disturbed about it at all," he said upon learning of the C.I.A. connection, "This is a hell of a lot to do about nothing."

Harrison is chairman of the international affairs committee of the AFL-CIO. Jay Lovestone, now director of the AFL-CIO

international affairs department, about the Cornell operation or its financing.