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Channel for CIA Fund Gave To Harvard Dean's Project

An organization headed by a Harvard dean has been receiving money from a source close to the Central Intelligence Agency to educate trade unionists in underdeveloped countries.

The organization is the Fund for International Social and Economic Education, which has been working in Latin America, Africa and Asia since 1957.

Its board chairman is Dr. Richard M. Hunt of Cambridge, an assistant dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and founder of the organization.

Records on file at the State House show that the Fund in 1965 received \$25,000 from the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston, which has been identified as a channel for CIA funds.

Another trustee of the Fund is George Cabot Lodge of Beverly, son of Henry Cabot Lodge, ambassador to South Vietnam, and Republican candidate for U.S. senator in 1962.

Both Hunt and Lodge

said they had no knowledge that the CIA was the source of money the Fund received from the Brown Foundation.

"Like a lot of organizations," said Hunt, "we have received money from foundations to carry out specific programs in our area of interest.

"We accepted money from the Brown Foundation to carry out programs in Latin America which were in line with our own work.

"We were not aware that we were taking CIA money."

Hunt said he was not at liberty to disclose the nature of the specific Latin American project financed by Brown Foundation funds, but he added:

"I feel that I'm in control of the projects and the other trustees feel the same way. We are responsible to no one but ourselves."

A spokesman for Harvard said the university does not accept contracts for "research projects that cannot be published, but an individual member of the faculty can make his own decision about the use of his own time."

He said he did not know of any money Harvard itself might have received from the CIA for

Lodge said about three-quarters of the Fund's money came from Hunt himself, and the rest came from a variety of sources.

"As far as I knew there was no government money involved," he said.

"I knew that the Brown Foundation contributed a small amount. I know now that it has been listed as receiving money from the CIA. But that is all I know."

NOT A DOUBT

Lodge said that as a member of the Fund's board of trustees "I was privy to every expenditure. I knew exactly what the money was used for. There was no shadow of a doubt as to its utility."

Lodge said he became interested in the work of the Fund while he was an assistant under Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, who was one of its first trustees.

"It was active in the fields that I was close to, chiefly the organization of workers in the developing countries," said Lodge.

"When Mitchell died, I was invited to become a member of the board. I did so gladly."

Other members of the board of trustees are Arlon E. Lyon, a

labor leader and member of the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago; and David L. Cole, a Paterson, N.J., lawyer.

PROJECTS CITED

The Fund's brochure describes its work as financing worker education projects, scholarships and research work for trade unionists and social studies scholars in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Lodge named two specific projects as worker education centers in Nairobi, Kenya, and Lima, Peru. The Fund also brought labor leaders to the United States for training, he said.