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'GIFTS' NEAR HALF-MILLION

Harvard Reaps CIA Funds

Some 13 programs and activities at Harvard University have been financed in part with contributions from organizations which were "conduits" for the Central Intelligence Agency, it was learned Friday. However, the director of one of the affected programs said the CIA made

no attempt to influence the content, policies or personnel of the program.

The extent of the CIA support research activities and the like at Harvard was disclosed by Dean Franklin L. Ford of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in an oral report earlier this week.

One published account of the report, in the Harvard Crimson, listed the sum involved as \$456,000 between 1960 and 1966 and said that, since 1953, the International Seminar of the Summer School had received \$243,000.

NO INFLUENCE TRY

The Seminar brings foreign government leaders to Harvard each summer.

Henry A. Kissinger, executive director of the Seminar, said it did not start until 1960, and since then has received \$135,000. He said he was unaware that the CIA had given partial support to the Seminar through the private foundations which served as conduits, but he said the spy agency had made no efforts to influence any of the Seminar's work.

None of the money, Kissinger said, had unusual restrictions or strings tied to it, although some was designated for specific programs. This, he said, was routine.

ALL 3 CIA CONDUITS

According to Kissinger, the Seminar got \$49,000 in three years from the Asia Foundation, and in the last two years received \$7282 from the American Friends of the Middle East. A third organization, the Fund Economic Education, awarded a grant of \$15,000 to the Center for Middle Eastern Studies in 1964.

All three organizations were earlier reported to be conduits for the CIA.

Kissinger said that even organizations which do serve as conduits do not necessarily get all their money from the CIA but are able to draw from various sources.