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Safeguard for Scholarship

SENATOR FULBRIGHT has certainly raised a proper question in asking whether the Central Intelligence Agency should let one of its analysts present his views as independent scholarship without his CIA connection being noted.

The case in point is an article in the current issue of *Foreign Affairs* quarterly by George A. Carver Jr., a specialist on Viet Nam. The editors of *Foreign Affairs* do not identify Mr. Carver as a government employe at all, though they mention his academic background and some previous connections.

When George Kennan wrote his fa-

mous "Mr. X" article on containment in a 1947 edition of *Foreign Affairs*, the reader was at least forewarned that the author's identity and connections could not be disclosed. As a result, the article could be evaluated accordingly.

With scholars moving in and out of government service as they do nowadays, it may be difficult to assess their independence with any exactitude under the best of circumstances. But one of the best safeguards is that they identify themselves and their connections as fully as possible when doing serious, scholarly articles for respected and influential publications.