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SYLVIA PRESS INTERVIEWED

DAVE CAMPBELL: "Okay, let's get into this question which has been raised, perhaps, at more Senate committee meetings than any other when you bring up the CIA. Is the ultra-secret nature of the CIA absolutely necessary? Do you feel that it could function with more information being made available to the law making bodies?"

SYLVIA PRESS: "No, I do not. I think it either has to be a secret agency, or not exist.

"Do you know who the head of British Intelligence, for example, is?"

CAMPBELL: "I'm afraid I don't."

PRESS: "I've never spoken to anyone who knew it, and I don't know. I think I saw his name once somewhere."

CAMPBELL: "It's not 'M' is it?"

PRESS: "But -- no. But I think that that is the only way an agency -- I -- I -- I want to make this clear really. I'M not anti-CIA per se. I think the concept is a necessary one. As long as we live in a world where we have the kind of threat hanging over all of us that we do, we want to know what everyone's doing and thinking, even if we don't have to act on it. But I don't think that you can operate, if you go blasting it all over the place, and getting personal publicity while you're doing the job. I think it has to be done discretely. I don't think it should be done barbarously."

CAMPBELL: "In recent years the CIA has been criticized and been pointed out as getting into additional areas of policy making -- of being instruments of policy, more than just an investigative and intelligence gathering agency. Did this trend and this development take place during your service with the agency?"