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# Asia Foundation Says It Received CIA Funds

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SAN FRANCISCO—The Asia Foundation, a private American philanthropic organization, said this week that it had received money indirectly from the Central Intelligence Agency.

The foundation's trustees issued a press release that said:

"The trustees wish to state that in the past they have . . . knowingly received contributions from private foundations and trusts which have been recently named as having transmitted Central Intelligence Agency funds to private American organizations."

The foundation's assistant public affairs officer, John Bannigan, explained that the signers of the release—the trustees—had all known that the foundation was accepting money from the federal government.

He said he did not know whether they had been aware that the federal money had come from the C.I.A.

Bannigan also said in an interview that the foundation would no longer accept hidden federal subsidies.

According to the trustees' statement, "all contributions to the foundation, from

whatever source, were accepted on the condition that the expenditure of such funds was to be left to the discretion of the trustees without any interference and that the funds be used solely for the foundation's declared purposes."

The foundation, according to its statement of purposes, works primarily in education. It supports Asian schools and libraries, student centers, science fairs, agricultural extension, social and economic research, and gives travel grants to permit Asians to attend international conferences.

Some persons prominent in recent U.S. diplomatic history are members of the board of trustees of the foundation. Among these are Edwin O. Reischauer, former ambassador to Japan; Arthur H. Dean, who has held many State Department assignments; and Ellsworth Bunker, recently named ambassador to South Vietnam.

The present chairman of the board is Russell G. Smith, retired vice president of the Bank of America. The president of the foundation is Dr. Haydn Williams, former assistant secretary of defense.

Barry Bingham, editor and publisher of The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times, is also on the foundation's board.