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ANNOUNCER: "'Fact of the Matter,' with Harry Homewood, editorial writer for the Chicago Sun-Times."

HOMWOOD: "Good evening. A considerable and essential part of this nation's integrity depends on the freedom of its universities from political manipulation. There has never been a great deal of talk about this manipulation, but not too long ago such talk began to circulate. Michigan State University, which had accepted a financial grant from the government to give counsel and training to South Viet Nam officials was accused of harboring spies of the Central Intelligence Agency in the project. The undertow of the revolution is still felt in Washington and in the university community nationwide.

"Our guest this evening has considerable experience in bridging the gap between government and the university, all honorable, we hasten to add. He has been, and is, an advisor to the government on Latin American problems, he is a practical and experienced political scientist, and a frequent guest on this program, he is Doctor George R. Blankston, professor of political science and head of the department at Northwestern University. After we look at the news of the week we'll talk with Doctor Blankston about the role of the university in helping the government in political situations."

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HOMWOOD: "It has been established, and reliably, that for a period of several years Michigan State University in Michigan had on its payroll a number of agents for the Central Intelligence Agency. The university was engaged in a research and training program in South Viet Nam, and the news that the C.I.A. agents had been on the payroll caused reverberations throughout the American academic world.

"Our guest this evening is Doctor George R. Blankston, professor of political science at Northwestern University, a man who is familiar to the regular viewers of this program as a practical and practiced political scientist. He has some views