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PROGRAM Bryson Rash and the News

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A MOST SERIOUS MATTER

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RASH: "A letter purportedly written by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency praising a newspaper editorial entitled, 'Brickbats for Fulbright,' caused a furor in the Senate today. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana called it a most serious matter and expressed hope all Senators would take cognizance of it.

"Senator Eugene McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, brought up the letter which he said had been sent to the St. Louis Globe Democrat and signed by Richard Helms, the new Director of the CIA.

"The editorial was on the Senator's action sidetracking an effort by the Foreign Relations group, headed by Senator Fulbright, to gain a role in Senate supervision of the Intelligence Agency. The CIA had no comment."