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CIA Has U-M Office, Magazine Claims

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Look magazine reported today that the CIA has operated an office on the University of Miami South Campus under the guise of an electronics research firm.

The Look article "comes as a complete surprise to me," said Dr. Henry King Stanford, U-M president.

And the head of the firm in the building named by the magazine as the Central Intelligence Agency address said, "I don't know what they are talking about."

The article in question, called "CIA, the Invisible Government," was written by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross. It said that the CIA was operating as the Zenith Technical Enterprises Inc., at Building 25 on the U-M South Campus near Perrine.

The CIA has operated in Miami under at least three other commercial cover names — the Double-Check Corp., the Gibraltar Steamship Corp. and the Vanguard Service Corp., the Look article stated.

The Miami telephone directory lists the same number for Gibraltar Service and Vanguard Service. The number was not answered yesterday. There was no listing for Double-Check.

The magazine said further that the CIA operates a two-way service with universities — it secretly finances research programs at some universities and the colleges in turn help to recruit CIA personnel.

Dr. Stanford said he would be interested in reading the article. The Zenith firm rents a building at the University, he said,

and to the best of his knowledge is involved in secret government research.

If it has any connection with espionage he is not aware of it and the Look statements

come as a surprise, Stanford said. The University neither receives grants from the CIA nor recruits any of its graduates for the agency, he added.

H. Robert Graham, who said

he had been manager and controller of Zenith Enterprises since it came to Miami in 1961, denied that it was a CIA cover.

He didn't know what the magazine writers were talking about, he said, because his firm is subcontractor for a prime contractor doing electronics research for the Defense Department.