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Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, Minnesota Democrat, has revived demands for a Congressional investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency, and in the House some members are calling for creation of a joint committee to keep a public eye on the CIA. Because of its immunity from accountability, these legislators say, the CIA has blundered into reckless and perilous adventures. They argue that Congress, at least, should be kept informed.

The charge of excessive secrecy seems unjustified. In thumbing through the 1,308-page appendix to the Federal budget issued in January, we had no difficulty finding the CIA appropriation request. It was right there, at the bottom of page 907—a relatively trifling \$1,290,000.

The purposes for which the money would be spent were also specified—two purposes, to be precise. One is completion of “a sidewalk, exterior lighting and air-conditioning modifications” at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. The other is construction of “a facility especially designed for classified printing requirements.”

The special design, we assume, will encompass equipment for printing the rest of the CIA budget. In invisible ink.