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CPYRGHT (CIA)

WASHINGTON--A SENATOR JUST BACK FROM AN INSPECTION TRIP ABROAD SAID TODAY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) IS DOING JUST AS WELL AS ITS SOVIET COUNTERPART, AND WITH FEWER MEN. SEN. MILTON R. YOUNG, R-N.D., BASED HIS CONCLUSION ON A TOUR OF CIA POSTS IN 14 COUNTRIES AND AMERICAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN 15 FOREIGN NATIONS.

HE MADE THE TRIP AS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE CIA'S MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET -- THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF WHICH IS "HIDDEN" IN BUDGETS OF OTHER AGENCIES.

"I WAS NOT QUITE SATISFIED THAT I WAS VOTING INTELLIGENTLY ON THEIR APPROPRIATION REQUESTS," YOUNG TOLD UPI IN EXPLANATION OF HIS TRIP.

YOUNG SAID HE WAS TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE ADDED: "THEIR WORK IS FAR MORE EFFICIENT THAN THE PUBLIC GENERALLY GIVES THEM CREDIT FOR."

"THEIR RESULTS ARE BETTER THAN THOSE OF THE RUSSIAN KGB, THEIR COUNTERPART, EVEN THOUGH THE RUSSIANS HAVE MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH PERSONNEL," YOUNG DECLARED.

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