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CIA Won't Obey Ban On Harvard Recruiting

CIA Director Stansfield Turner says he will not comply with a Harvard University ban on covert recruiting of foreign students as CIA agents.

"If we were required to abide by the rules of every corporation, every academic institution, it would become impossible to do the required job for our country," Turner said. "Harvard does not have any legal authority over us."

In response to a question, Turner said the CIA would ignore the university's restriction.

Harvard President Derek C. Bok complained to a Senate committee last summer that the CIA covert recruiting threatens "the integrity and independence of the academic community."