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Director, DCS

21 February 1967

Chief, Seattle Field Office

General Reaction to the Publicized NSA-CIA Relationship

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1. At this point in time the present reaction throughout the State of Washington regarding the alleged National Student Association (NSA)-Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) relationship has not received much local attention. We have reviewed the newspapers throughout Washington, Montana, and Idaho, and most of the articles bear Washington, D.C., headlines or are from the various press services. The leading newspapers in the State of Washington have exercised amazing editorial restraint. The Seattle Times (conservative) has not seen fit to comment editorially on subject; The Post Intelligencer (liberal) in a short editorial says that CIA should have not been involved with NSA; the Spokesman-Review, Spokane, (conservative) tends to disregard the issue. The latter paper advocates an investigation of the involvement of "enemy" participation in the subsidization of student groups within the US.

2. The campus newspapers, namely the University of Washington Daily and Washington State Evergreen, have taken their information from the wire services and at this point have not offered any independent opinion. For your information we attach copies of the locally produced news stories regarding subject, and these in my opinion are rather innocuous.

3. The Oregon Journal, published in Portland, has taken CIA to task editorially. It has the Portland TV Station Channel 5 which was reported to [redacted] on 15 February 67. The Oregon Journal has never been very friendly to CIA and has been inclined to be critical of our activities.

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