

A. WILLIS ROBERTSON, VA., CHAIRMAN

JOHN SPARKMAN, ALA. WALLACE F. BENNETT, UTAH
PAUL H. DOUGLAS, ILL. JOHN G. TOWER, TEX.
WILLIAM PROXMIRE, WIS. STROM THURMOND, S.C.
HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR., N.J. BURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, IOWA
EDMUND S. MUSKIE, MAINE
EDWARD V. LONG, MO.
MAURINE B. NEUBERGER, OREG.
THOMAS J. MCINTYRE, N.H.
WALTER F. MONDALE, MINN.

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

MATTHEW HALE, CHIEF OF STAFF

March 7, 1967

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
University of Minnesota
School of Public Health
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing concern over the disclosure that the Central Intelligence Agency has secretly been providing support for some private programs.

I am extremely concerned with these disclosures, since I believe that it is openness and freedom from such involvements which characterize our nation as really different from those with which we often compare ourselves. I expressed my concern at Chicago recently, and you may be interested in the report of that speech which was carried in the Twin Cities newspapers on Tuesday, February 28. At that time I called for a full Congressional investigation in order to restore the faith of people at home and abroad in the operations of the agency.

In that speech I also supported Senator McCarthy's viewpoint on the necessity to investigate, and you may be sure that I will pursue such an investigation vigorously. I am pleased to hear of the concern of other citizens for avoiding secret government involvement with supposedly independent organizations.

If you wish, I will be happy to provide you with a copy of my complete remarks concerning the matter. Simply make a request if you wish to have my remarks.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Walter F. Mondale

Walter F. Mondale