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C.I.A. Manual Is Linked To Vietnam War Guide

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 — A manual on guerrilla warfare prepared for Nicaraguan rebels by the Central Intelligence Agency was drawn from material used to train United States Special Forces troops during the Vietnam War, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said today.

The New York Democrat, who is deputy chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said that the manual included "word for word" passages from guerrilla warfare instructions developed by the United States Army in 1968.

Mr. Moynihan said that the instructions, which were used to train Special Forces troops, also known as Green Berets, at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, were provided to the intelligence committee last week by the C.I.A. and had been located in the agency's library.

The C.I.A. manual has come under intense scrutiny and criticism since its existence was disclosed two weeks ago, with most attention focused on the booklet's comments on how to "neutralize" Nicaraguan leaders.

Assassinations Prohibited

The intelligence agency is prohibited by Presidential order from directly or indirectly planning or carrying out assassinations.

Mr. Moynihan said that the Army material included advice about how to "remove" civilian leaders as part of a campaign of psychological warfare. He said that the term "remove" was clearly meant to be synonymous with assassination and that the instructions were apparently modeled on terror techniques that he said were used during the Communist takeover of China in the 1940's.

"They were talking," Mr. Moynihan said, "about a specific technique of the Chinese Communists. Every time they came to a village they identified somebody as a landowner, an oppressor. They got everybody together in the village and they formally shot him."

A Senate aide said that the Army material mentioned by Mr. Moynihan came from "lesson plans" developed in 1968 by the psychological operations department of the United States Army Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg.

Response From the Pentagon

Lieut. Comdr. Charles D. Smith, a Defense Department spokesman, said that a review of lesson plans since 1972 "has revealed no reference to assassination being condoned or encouraged."

He said the Pentagon had not yet located the 1968 plan uncovered by the Senate investigators.

The Senate aide said that one of the lesson plans, No. 643, was entitled "Armed Psyop." Psychological warfare operations are known in military jargon as "Psyops." The subtitle, according to the aide, was "Implicit and explicit terror. Psyop by selected use of armed force."

Under that heading, he said, the plan included these "teaching points":

"Carefully selected, planned targets — judges, police officials, tax collectors, etc — may be removed for Psyop effect in an Unconventional Warfare Operations Area, but extensive precautions must insure that the people 'concur' in such an act by thorough explanatory canvassing among the affected populace before and after conduct of the mission."

'Selective Use of Violence'

The manual has a section entitled "implicit and explicit terror." In a section called "Selective Use of Violence for Propagandistic Effects," it says:

"It is possible to neutralize carefully selected and planned targets, such as court judges, police and state security officials.... etc. For psychological purposes it is necessary to take extreme precautions, and it is absolutely necessary to gather together the population affected, so that they will be present, take part in the act, and formulate accusations against the oppressor."

Senator Barry M. Goldwater, Republican of Arizona, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that an investigation of the C.I.A. manual by the intelligence agency's inspector general would not be completed until the end of the week. The Senate committee has tentatively scheduled hearings on the manual this week.

Mr. Goldwater and Mr. Moynihan made their comments in telephone interviews and on the ABC News program "This Week."

Author Not Publicly Identified

A member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, which is also investigating the manual, said that the committee had asked the C.I.A. to order the author of the booklet, who has not been publicly identified, to appear before the panel within the next two weeks.

The lawmaker said the staff had determined that the author borrowed much of the information in the manual from the 1968 instruction material used at Fort Bragg. "It seems that most of what he did was translate the stuff into Spanish rather than write much that was original," the legislator, a Democratic member of Congress, said.

Mr. Moynihan said it was not clear whether the C.I.A., which paid the manual's author to prepare the booklet, had known until recent days that much of its contents had been taken from Green Beret training materials.

Senator Goldwater and William E. Colby, a former Director of Central Intelligence, said on the ABC program that the word "neutralize" did not necessarily mean that people should be killed.