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The following list of CIA activities at home and abroad was compiled from newspapers and other public sources. As the CIA is a secret government agency involved in espionage around the world, it is assumed that what is public knowledge about their notions is at best only a partial accounting of CIA "achievements."

Bay of Pigs, Cuba -- CIA money purchased land at Retahuleu, Guatemala at which Cuban exiles were trained by CIA agents for the invasion of Cuba in April 1961. Although knowledge of the base was widespread in Guatemala, the CIA kept the story out of U.S. newspapers. Dr. Ronald Hilton of Stanford, writing in an academic journal, was the first to bring reports of the base to the attention of the American public in November 1960 (five months prior to the invasion.) In the United States, the CIA ran a recruiting office for these exiles in New York disregarding federal laws against such actions. From the Central American base, bombers painted the colors of the Cuban Air Force, attacked Cuba two days before the invasion. Another bomber was sent to Miami to erect a cover story of defections from Cuba's armed forces. CIA agents took part in the actual invasionary force and were eventually captured and imprisioned in Cuba. The entire CIA rpogram surrounding the Cuban invassion broke U.S. federal laws as well as made a mockery of the Charter of the Organization of American States of which we are a main signatory.

Guatemala -- In 1954 the CIA helped overthrow democratically elected President Arbenz. Under his program of liberal agrarian reform, 225,000 acres of United Fruit Company's unused prize land was to be redistributed to the native farmers. Soon after this announcement, Colonel Castillo Armas, a U.S. trained exile, invaded the country from neighboring Honduras. Support bombing missions were again flown in U.S. planes and the Arbenz government toppled. The speed of the CIA action, everywhere considered a great success, may have been caused by the fact that the then CIA director Allen Dulles had been a past president of the United Fruit Company.

Vietnam -- The CIA financed the Michigan State University Advisory Group headed by Wesley Fischel during its research in Vietnam between 1955 and 1959. Besides gathering information for the CIA, this group of "educators" played an important role in training Diem's personal police force and in instituting the now infamous "strategic hamlet" program which kept villagers behind barbed wire fences. Ambassador Lodge accused the CIA of determining policy in Vietnam and not reporting its activities directly to him as President Kennedy had ordered. (Before this time the CIA was the only U.S. government that was not subordinate to the Ambassador.)

The World -- Known to be active in over seventy countries, the CIA has played an influential role in the 1953 overthrow of Mossadegh in Iran, the uprisings throughout the 1950s in Eastern Europe, the 1966 coup against Nkrumah in Ghana, the Dominican Republic intervention in 1965, and in the attempted coup of the French generals against De Gaulle. In Haiti, Morrocco and Pakistan among others, the CIA has gained much noteriety for their actions.

United States Universities -- The CIA has subverted the idea of scholarly research by using it as a method of obtaining information for their "work" abroad. The MIT Center for International Stidies, under the directorship of now Presidential advisor Walt W. Rostow, received over 15% of its financing from the CIA. Amid the furor over CIA influence on campus, present direct Millikan announced the end of such funds in 1966 but still refused to state which projects had been conducted with CIA money. Since 1961, the CIA has financed a project at the Columbia University School of International Affairs and Regional Studies. Although supplying 125,000 a year for the project, the CIA is nowhere publicly mentioned in connection with the work. The university had disclaimed any CIA links last year but when faced with evidence of the tie finally admitted it recently. The CIA manipulation of the National Student Association is another example of its encroachments of the academic community.

For a more thorough (though somewhat outdated) account of CIA activities, see The Invisible Government by David Wise and Thomas Ross.

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