

and interested members of the media.¹

An unsatisfactory "sanitized" version of the Report was released later by the Air Force at the request of aircraft manufacturer John Lear. But in this partial version, everything concerning the CIA's involvement was deleted. It was not until January 1975 that the CIA admitted openly, through declassification, their part in the absurd debunking policy.

We can only wonder why the CIA has chosen this time to declassify. The action came about almost by accident. While working on a segment of a projected TV documentary, the writer on a whim wrote the CIA in November 1974 requesting a declassified copy of the Report. It was a grand surprise to receive a letter from a Mr. Robert S. Young, "Records Management Officer", stating that the Agency could provide a declassified copy, consisting of twenty-eight pages, for .10 per page.

The necessary \$2.80 was speedily transmitted to the CIA and late in January the declassified report arrived. However, though plainly showing CIA involvement, including specific names of CIA personnel and departments, the report was missing Tabs B and C. In answer to further inquiry, Mr. Young wrote back on February 19th, 1975. He now signed himself "Freedom of Information Coordinator". It is wondered whether the trouble the CIA was facing at time concerning