

RESOLUTION BY THE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (USA)

From: The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association (USA)

Resolution regarding the proper relationship between Africanists and the Defense Intelligence Agency, passed unanimously by the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association at their Spring Meeting at the University of Chicago, April 2-3, 1982:

"The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association notes with deep concern the recent establishment of a program to support academic research in Africa and other Third World regions by the Defense Intelligence Agency. Both educational institutions and individual scholars have been invited to apply to the Agency for such support.

"Believing that the credibility and integrity of American university-based scholarship in the African Studies field depend upon arrangements which ensure the independence of academic research and publication from the military and political interests of the government; and

"Being convinced that the basis of such independence is undermined by direct patron-client relationships between the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Africanist community;

"The Board calls upon Africanist scholars to refrain from participation in the Defense Intelligence Agency's program for research and support and to oppose participation in that program by their universities and research institutes."

RICHARD L SKLAR
President, ASA(USA)

SALERNO DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE

From: The Director, Istituto di Geografia, Universita Degli Studi di Salerno

I would like to inform you that a Documentation and Research Centre on the Arab countries is going to be established at the Institute of Geography of the University of Salerno. The aim of the Center will be to contribute to the understanding of current changes and modalities of growth and development in the Arab-Islamic countries under a geographical and social economic point of view.

The Center will investigate these topics by sponsoring conferences and seminars, promoting an intense exchange of documentation and research with other scientific centers and institutes - nationally and internationally - concerned with the Arab World. Research and translation of Arab texts will be published together with a quarterly newsletter giving information about the activity of the Center.

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