New law puts limits on photocopying

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MIT officials apparently have no plans yet to deal with new legislation calling for a major change in copyright laws passed by Congress as it prepared to adjourn and signed into law by President Ford in October.

The new legislation, which is a culmination of a ten year effort to change the law, places a tight restriction on the photocopying of copyrighted material. This is the first change to the law since 1909.

Earlier attempts to pass similar legislation were defeated because the wording of the bills was considered too vague. The new law has specific provisions on how the amount of free photocopying of copyrighted materials may be done without the infringement of the copyright.

Forty-one of the new laws may not make multiple copies for class distribution of more than one work by an author per semester. Teachers may also not make multiple copies of any works more than nine times during a semester. They can make multiple copies of unlimited numbers of works for their own personal use. Similar restrictions apply to librarians.

The effect of the copyright law revision at MIT has yet to be determined, since it has been in effect for less than a month. In fact, several employees at Institute libraries "hadn't heard" that the law had been changed or had only limited knowledge of the revision.

A spokesman for MIT Graphic Arts said that "no guidelines have been set down" for complying with the new law, and he could not say what changes in Graphic Arts policy, if any, would go into effect.

There have been some suggestions that the new law will not force many changes, because the restrictions set down are already in many MIT departments. Because of current copyright laws, the Mathematics Department posts solutions to problem sets in Room 2-103 rather than making copies and distributing them to students.

The new law represents a compromise between publishers' and authors' requests for mandatory across-the-board royalty charges on all materials and teachers' and librarians' desires for unlimited duplicating rights.

The law will be extremely difficult to enforce because many photocopying machines are not under any supervision.

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CIA involved on US campuses

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A pamphlet produced by the Center for National Security Studies entitled "CIA on Campus [and what it means to you]," claims that the Church Committee for government "hasn't heard" that the "secret presence on campus of the CIA ... makes a mockery out of the trust needed for learning and growth."

"CIA does not currently provide a campus look at the CIA request," it states. "The request came in a letter to the CIA Director last May. Bush has yet to comply with Van Alstyne's request."

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In June, the AAUP passed a resolution declaring its "firm opposition to any initiative by governmental agencies to involve academics in covert intelligence operations under the guise of academic research." The group called on all academics to "participate only in those governmental activities whose sponsorship is fully disclosed."