Debate continues over spying at MIT
Little doubt spies exist

To the Editor:
As an active member of MIT Chinese community, we appreciate The Tech reporting the possibility of our organization having spies. The KuoMingTung (KMT) or Nationalist Chinese Party. To the best of our knowledge, the existence of KMT spies is more a fact than just a possibility. There have been long time concerns about their presence on and off campus.

It is commonly believed that the publication of this letter has incited the KMT to summarize these concerns, and isringe to scholar at MIT to become a member of this network. They observed the conduct and judged the loyalty of KMT agents thus becoming a part of this network, gaining in return either a "good name" or a voice, which later evinced benefit from KMT regime or direct financial support. Although some KMT informants consider themselves as patriotic to KMT government, others are unconsciously directed by professional agents.

Although this letter is not to further add conflicting names, we must reaffirm the importance of M-IT Chinese student community for the KMT organizations to have their activities be tolerated on MIT campuses. As a matter of fact, Professor Chen applied for exit permit at Taoyuan Airport upon his arrival in Taiwan (early May of this year), as usually did other Chinese agents, should leave Taiwan within three months. Under ordinary circumstances, he should have received his exit permit within 48 hours, but he never did. The Garrison Command withheld his exit permit until the person in charge of the complete report upon what he did in Pittsburgh. This fact, together with other evidences, should lead us to doubt on the existence of KMT campus spies.

As important as it is to be an essential node in the KMT spy network, Miss Shih Lien Lui, a Harvard graduate, was arrested in 1979 and later sentenced to five years. Of course the tragic case was not the only one. A number of agents in Boston, during 1976-1978, had been fully monitored. It is noteworthy that there were at least several thousand Chinese students or professionals who had ever attended the MIT Student Center Library either daily or on a regular basis. However, all the personal information and KMT publication were removed intentionally right after they arrived. Most of the publicity posters for meetings not sponsored by professional agents are anonymously authored, which is an indication that some of the agents are hereditarily identified as "brave souls" of KMT for a long time to come.

I was shocked to see one letter in the feedback and the Editorial of The Tech (October 20). That letter, was a long time anonymous one and the editor tried to find some reason to explain why he let that kind of letter be published. It seems to me that the editor is encouraging people to write anonymous letters continuously, which certainly conflicts with the spirit of The Tech.

To my best knowledge, letter reflected not the truth but one person's imagination. And that resulted in not being sympathized but urged. Those are in fact the common characteristics of anonymous letters. So please do not let any letter be published without a name on it.

Mo-Hwa Wang

Editor's note: The Tech's policy on letters is that the editor has always been able to read the name of the author if he could be withheld at the discretion of the editor. The Tech will withhold names on letters submitted with a signature which are on topics of importance to the MIT community. If the editor believes that publication of the author's name could endanger the author.

Spies are now zealous

To the Editor:
Now, the spies become the zealous, what's next? Doesn't this Oct. 12 letter make you wonder why this seemed-to-be innocent name withheld person know so much about these "harmful" zealots? Apparently the emperor of the dark (oops! sorry...), "anonymous" force could strike right with it,gee surprise us that at hand. This is certainly more enlightening and "democratic" that the Fashoda-Shaok war, eh, isn't it?

I was shocked to see one letter in this context. I firmly don't believe there are spies, but there are many foreign students loyal to their governments. Patriotism has a long way to be defined in saying.

When making strong accusation the word "spying" implies, I request that editors at The Tech put utmost attention to it.

Joe Ng

Hearing proves there are spies

To the Editor:
I was very disheartened to see first hand reportage of The Tech, all of which questioned or denied the presence of Taiwanese spies on American campuses. On July 30, 1981, I per- sonally witnessed an uncompromising hearing into the mysterious death in Taiwan of Professor Chen of Carnegie Mellon University, who mysteriously died after a 13-hour interrogation by the Gar- rison Command. According to the KOM-owned Central Daily News, the Garrison Command interrogated Chen solely based on their so- called "Rainbow Intelligence System" which recorded Chen's all activities in Pittsburgh, including a tape of Chen's speech upon certain political issue. The "Rainbow Intelligence System" is in fact a campus network controlled by profes- sional agents.

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I, as any person else, will certainly refuse to be quoted on any-spies", oops! now its "zealots", version of the story as told by few "brave" souls, or a single "brave" soul?

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Report irresponsibly based on letter

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