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JIM BOHANAN: The Senate Foreign Relations Staff is looking into whether former CIA and State Department officials should be investigated for perjury for testimony given before that committee on possible U.S. intervention into Chilean internal affairs.

With another in our special series of reports on this situation, here's WTOP's Ernie Moye.

ERNIE MOYE: Under the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1939, the CIA can spend money without regard to provisions of the law. There is now a question as to how much, if any, of the \$750 million authorized budget was used to destabilize the Allende Government in Chile.

In 1970 testimony before a subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former CIA director John McCone testified he had been told by then CIA director Richard Helms that the matter of whether the United States would intervene in the Chilean elections was considered by the Forty Committee, chaired by Henry Kissinger.

McCone testified that Helms told some minimal effort would be mounted within the flexibility of the CIA's budget.

The current CIA director, William Colby, is believed to have testified before a House subcommittee that the CIA spent some eight million dollars to intervene in Chilean internal affairs.

The Senate Multinational Corporations Subcommittee Chairman, Democratic Senator Frank Church, says his staff is looking into possible conflicts between the Colby House testimony and testimony given before his Committee.

SENATOR FRANK CHURCH: The earlier testimony was all to the effect that the policy of the United States was one of noninterventionism, at least from the time that the elections took place in which Allende won the plurality of the vote.

We want to make certain that that sworn testimony was not given in perjurred form. If we find evidence that there may have been perjury

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committed, we will turn it over to the Justice Department for appropriate action.

MOYE: Senator Church says there will also be an investigation into recent news leaks concerning Colby's secret Senate testimony indicating the CIA spent up to eleven million dollars to intervene in Chilean affairs.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, Senator William Fulbright, says his committee will decide within a week or so whether to reopen hearings on CIA intervention in Chile.

This is Ernie Moyer.

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