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Study looks for U.S. lies about Allende

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Washington — Senator Frank Church, the most influential administration critic on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, initiated a study yesterday to determine whether State Department officials lied to various congressional committees about American involvement in the overthrow of the Chilean regime of Salvador Allende.

Aides to the Idaho Democrat said yesterday the senator instructed his staff to make the study.

They said it will be completed within a day or two, and the senator will then decide whether to call for new testimony on the question.

Meanwhile, at a press conference yesterday, Representative Michael J. Harrington (D., Mass.), proposed that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hold open hearings on the role of the United States in Chile during the Allende period.

He said that Henry A. Kissinger, the Secretary of State,

should be called before the panel to give a public explanation of the role of the so-called "Forty Committee" in the overthrow of the Allende regime.

In his capacity as director of the National Security Council, Dr. Kissinger chaired the committee, which has responsibility for covert activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Harrington, citing secret testimony by William E. Colby, the CIA director, before a House Armed Services subcommittee in July, has charged that the CIA poured \$11 million into Chile from 1962 to 1973 to support Allende opponents and to "destabilize" the Allende government after it came to power.

In public testimony, State Department officials repeatedly have denied any American involvement in the overthrow of Dr. Allende.

In a letter to Senator J. W. Fulbright, (D., Ark.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, released at the press conference, Mr. Harrington said that the Senate panel should study the possibility of lodging perjury charges against the officials.

"It is no longer acceptable," he said, "for the Congress to acquiesce in State Department officials' coming before congressional committees and making statements, which, if not outright lies, are at least evasions of the truth."

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) said at least three times in the last year State Department officials made "misleading and deceptive" statements to Congress about the American role in Chile, it was disclosed.

In a letter to Dr. Kissinger, Senator Kennedy described the statements as "contrary to my understanding of the dual responsibility of Congress and the

President in the conduct of U.S. foreign relations."

The Colby disclosures were the highlight of the opening of a conference on covert activities and the CIA, sponsored by the Center for National Security Studies.

Senator Phillip A. Hart (D., Mich.) opened the conference yesterday by urging Congress to explore the CIA role in Chile.

"We haven't done a damn thing . . . to prevent the President from waging secret wars," Senator Hart said. He said the Colby testimony "has more profound implications for our foreign policy than many international issues in which Congress has shown interest."

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