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Senate Seen Near Stiffer CIA Control

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A secret meeting of seven senior Senators heightened speculation yesterday that an agreement to broaden Senate supervision over the Central Intelligence Agency is in the making.

The meeting was one of the rare business sessions of a special subcommittee that has been the Senate's only link with the affairs of the government's super-secret global intelligence agency.

Headed by Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, the subcommittee consists of the highest-ranking Republicans and Democrats on the Armed Services and Appropriations committees.

Pending before Russell is a request from Foreign Relations

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) that the senior Congressional committee in the foreign policy field be given at least equal access to data on CIA.

Fulbright's request takes on added point in the light of two developments of the past week. One was a vain effort by CIA to halt the slander trial in Baltimore of an Eastonian-born agent who had linked another emigre to the Soviet secret police, apparently under orders from the CIA. The other is a report that at least five CIA agents were among Michigan State University specialists who carried out a foreign aid project in Vietnam.