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on

THE NOMINATION OF STANSFIELD TURNER
TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

before

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
of the
UNITED STATES SENATE

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Senate Unit Limits Inquiry to 6 Covert C.I.A. Actions

By NICHOLAS M. HORROCKS
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 14—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will limit its investigation of covert activities by the Central Intelligence Agency to a "half-dozen or so representative cases," including the intervention in Chile, the committee chairman said today.

Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, said that his committee had neither the time nor the resources for an exhaustive review of all the covert operations conducted by the C.I.A. in the last three decades. He said, therefore, that the committee would select six operations for its attention.

The move appeared to be the first major limiting of the committee's targets in its inquiry into the United States intelligence community. Mr. Church has complained on several occasions that delays in receiving evidence from the executive agencies involved and the White House have slowed the pace of the investigations.

Colby Briefs Panel

Mr. Church said that the committee received a briefing today from William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, on the agency's Chile operations as the committee had agreed to accept briefings on

each area of its interest from officials of the executive branch as a courtesy to the White House. Mr. Colby will continue the briefing tomorrow, he said.

He said that the committee planned to ask Mr. Colby about the death in October, 1970, of Gen. René Schneider, commander in chief of the Chilean Army, who was killed shortly before the election of President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile was confirmed. Chilean press accounts said that the general's death had been aimed at creating a military coup in the Latin-American country.

Public Hearings Delayed

Press reports have suggested that the C.I.A. may have had some involvement in General Schneider's death. The general was killed during an apparent kidnapping attempt when he allegedly reached for a gun to protect himself, according to these reports.

The difficulties for the committee in investigating the \$6-billion a-year intelligence community have become increasingly apparent in recent weeks.

In addition to the vastness and complexity of the subject matter, Mr. Church has publicly reported difficulties in interviewing witnesses and obtain-

ing Government documents on several occasions.

This problem and the question of C.I.A. involvement in foreign political assassinations have delayed committee plans to hold public hearings. They are now tentatively scheduled for early fall.

Mr. Church said today that he still hoped to meet an August 1 deadline for making public

a report on the assassination matter. He had earlier ruled out public hearings on the question.

The Senate is scheduled to go into recess during the first week of August and Mr. Church said that if the assassination inquiry was not completed, he would recommend that the committee meet through the recess.

Common Cause Aide Quits After Getting C.I.A. Counsel Post

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 14—Common Cause, the public interest lobbying group, announced today the resignation of Mitchell Rogovin as general counsel and as chairman of its litigation committee.

Mr. Rogovin, a partner in the Washington law firm of Arnold & Porter, recently agreed to serve as special counsel to the Central Intelligence Agency during the House and Senate intelligence inquiries.

In a statement reversing his earlier position, David Cohen, president of Common Cause, said that he and Mr. Rogovin had recently agreed that "the potential exists for conflicting positions between Common Cause and the C.I.A. with regard to the Congressional investigations." Common Cause has been advocating public disclosure of the C.I.A.'s budget.

"Under these circumstances," Mr. Cohen said, "both Mitchell Rogovin and Common Cause believe that in a given situation the appearances of a conflict of interest might exist because of Mr. Rogovin's dual roles, regardless of what the actual circumstances are."

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