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Doubt CIA Could Keep Secret Killed Covert Plan, Turner Says

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner says a foreign country recently rejected a covert action plan because it did not believe the CIA could keep the operation secret.

Turner declined to identify the nation involved. But he indicated yesterday that the plan had been proposed by the CIA, saying "a foreign intelligence agency declined a joint covert action with us that would have been of great benefit to both countries."

"It did so when reminded that I must notify eight committees of the Congress of any covert action," Turner said. "They simply did not believe that we could keep that secret."

Turner gave no details, and did not indicate planning for the proposed action had reached the stage at which it would have been submitted for approval to President Carter.

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