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Justice Will Get Unit's Helms File

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Washington, Jan. 23 (News Bureau) — The Senate Intelligence Committee voted today to give the Justice Department its files on former CIA Director Richard M. Helms, who is being investigated on perjury and break-in charges.

Justice Department officials have contended that they could not continue their probe of Helms, now United States ambassador to Iran, as long as the committee refused to turn over its records.

The files deal with allegations that Helms committed perjury in February 1973 when he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the CIA did not try to overthrow the government of the late Marxist President Salvador Allende of Chile.

Break-in At Photo Shop

The break-in investigation centers on a photography shop, which was operated by a former Cuban propaganda official a few miles from CIA headquarters in suburban Langley, Va.

CIA, aided by Fairfax, Va, police, allegedly broke into the shop because the Cuban was dating a parttime CIA employe. Justice officials are trying to determine if Helms approved the break-in.

The committee also decided to turn over allegations of a reported plot by the White House to kill columnist Jack Anderson. The Washington Post reported that E. Howard Hunt, a former CIA agent and Watergate burglar, told friends that he had been ordered to kill Anderson, who was printing classified information in his column.

Calls Congress A Sieve

Hunt has denied the account, saying that he was told to drug Anderson but not kill him. Hunt said no plans against Anderson were ever carried out.

Meanwhile, CIA Director William E. Colby, making his last congressional appearance as the agency's head, accused Congress of being such a sieve that "every

one of the new projects has leaked into the public domain." Congress passed a law two years ago ordering the CIA to report its covert operations to several House and Senate committees.

Although there is some sentiment in the Senate to delay any major reform of the CIA, Colby said that quick action is needed in setting up a joint Senate-House Intelligence Committee. But Colby said that the panel should not be told in advance of covert operations. He said that such a requirement "would conflict with the President's constitutional rights."