

Church Reads 10 Names Colby Sought to Delete

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP) — The chairman of the Senate intelligence committee said today that the contention of William E. Colby, the Director of Central Intelligence, that the panel was endangering the lives of agents named in its report was "absurd."

Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, went on to read to reporters 10 of the 12 names Mr. Colby had said specifically he wanted to delete.

The committee did agree to delete 20 other names, including that of a former official of the Central Intelligence Agency who filed suit in Federal court in an effort to prevent the committee from naming him.

Rather than engage in a court fight that some senators felt could delay issuance of the report, the committee agreed on Tuesday to leave out the former official's name.

Then yesterday, with copies of the report already being printed, Mr. Colby called a rare news conference at C.I.A. headquarters in Langley, Va. He said publication of the names would leave the individuals open to retaliation by "irrational groups."

At a news briefing today, after copies of the report had been given to reporters, Mr. Church read the names and emphasized that all members of the committee, Democrats and Republicans, had voted to include them.

The names he read were the following:

¶ Henry Dearborn, United States Consul in the Dominican Republic. Mr. Dearborn was the American contact with dissident groups plotting to overthrow the Dominican dictator. Years later, he described his role in an interview published in The Washington Post.

¶ Robert Maheu, former aide

to Howard Hughes, who acted as C.I.A. contact with organized crime figures and whose help was sought in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro. Mr. Maheu testified before the intelligence committee last summer.

¶ John Rosselli and Santos Trafficante, both alleged Mafia figures, recruited to assist in the anti-Castro plot.

¶ Lucien Conein, a former American official in Saigon, who was the C.I.A. contact with dissident military officers plotting the overthrow in 1963 of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem. In the course of the coup that toppled them, Mr. Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu were assassinated. Senator Church said that Mr. Conein's role was described fully in the Pentagon Papers.

¶ Two Chilean military officers, Gen. Roberto Viaux and Gen. Camilo Valenzuela, who were involved in a C.I.A.-supported plot to kidnap Gen. René Schneider Chereau in 1970, after General Schneider refused to cooperate in an attempt to prevent Dr. Salvador Allende Gossens from assuming office as president of Chile.

Three C.I.A. officials whose roles, according to Senator Church, were well known. They are Bronson Tweedy, who was chief of the Africa division of the C.I.A.'s clandestine services at the time of the death of Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba; William Harvey, head of the C.I.A.'s anti-Castro effort, and Col. J. C. King, former chief of Western Hemisphere operations in the clandestine services branch.

Senator Church said yesterday that Mr. Colby's appeal was simply an attempt to block public release of the report, which the C.I.A. director and President Ford have consistently opposed.