

# CIA probe will reveal much, senator says

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TUCSON—Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., said Friday night that a great deal more about the Central Intelligence Agency will be revealed within a few months.

"I think the investigation is off to a good start," Baker said. "We're going to find out a lot in the next few months both in executive session and through public hearings."

Baker, a member of the 1973 Senate Watergate Committee, made his remarks in a press conference before the Republican Trunk 'n' Tusk fund-raising dinner at the Black Angus restaurant here.

A Senate committee is investigating the activities of U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On another topic, Baker said he would be interested in seeking the Republican presidential nomination if President Ford decided not to run. "I think every senator at one time or another aspires for higher office," he said.

Baker took issue with Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., who said earlier this week that Ford has lacked leadership qualities.

"I don't think his opinion is widespread in the Senate," Baker said. "Maybe Ford has taken a little longer to put a definite stamp on his administration than some people would have liked."

The senator ruled out the possibility that conservatives would run their own presidential candidate on a third-party ticket in 1976.

"I don't think the country is willing to accept a third-party candidate," he said.

At the dinner, Baker told more than 300 persons that

the Republicans must sell the idea of a strong defense, a free-enterprise economy and a viable foreign policy to the young.

very well perish as a viable political force. He noted that only seven states have two Republican senators.

"We must pass on this heritage," he said. "If we don't, we as a party could Baker said the country is now undergoing the first overhaul of its foreign policy since World War II."