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Budget Cuts Hurt Pentagon's Spies

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1. The Pentagon intelligence
2. apparatus, caught in a money-
3. and-manpower squeeze, is
4. pruning its payroll to 134,000
5. and telling Congress that may
6. leave parts of the world un-
7. covered by military spies.

8. The personnel reduction in-
9. volves a cut of about 5,000
10. over the year ending next
11. June 30.

12. "We are going to have to ac-
13. cept the risk of not having
14. complete information on some
15. parts of the world," Robert
16. F. Froehlke, then an assistant
17. secretary of defense, said in

newly released Senate testi-
mony.

"Here I am speaking of the
future, although there are
parts of the world where
things could occur that would
be a complete surprise to us
because we don't adequately
cover them now," he said.

Froehlke, now Secretary of
the Army, testified June 14 at
a closed session of the Senate
Defense Appropriations Sub-
committee. A censored tran-
script was published before
the Senate passed the \$72-bil-
lion defense appropriations
bill.

President Nixon since has
ordered a reorganization of
the entire U.S. intelligence op-
eration, with increased effi-
ciency and "tighter integra-
tion" as major goals.

In his Senate testimony,
Froehlke said U.S. intelligence
requirements are likely to in-
crease because of decreasing
American military forces.

"We had better know, it
would be necessary to know,
more about what is going on
in the world so that we can
better utilize the lesser force,"
he said.