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## Deception Charge Hurled At Kissinger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee ordered further study Tuesday of a staff report alleging perjury by government officials in testimony denying U.S. intervention in internal politics of Chile.

The staff report accused Secretary of State Henry Kissinger of deceiving the committee at his confirmation hearing in September 1973 as to the extent and purpose of Central Intelligence Agency activity in Chile.

It recommended perjury proceedings against former CIA Director Richard Helms and former Assistant Secretary of State Charles A. Meyer, and contempt proceedings against former Ambassador to Chile Edward Korry.

The report was prepared by Jerome Levinson, counsel of the Foreign Relations subcommittee on multinational corporations.

Committee chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., called the Levinson report "a working paper" which was intended to be confidential and said it does not reflect the conclusions of any member of the committee.

Fulbright said that committee members were outraged that the Levinson report had been leaked to newsmen before most of them had seen it.

The report was based on alleged discrepancies in the sworn testimony of State Department officials last year and that of CIA Director William Colby before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on intelligence last April 22.

Colby reportedly testified that the Nixon administration, through the Forty Committee of the National Security Council headed by Kissinger, authorized more than \$8 million for covert activity by the CIA in Chile between 1970 and 1973 in an effort to make it impossible for President Salvador Allende to govern.

Kissinger testified at his con-

firmation hearing that the CIA had nothing to do with the coup in which Allende was overthrown and died in September 1973.

The Levinson report quotes Kissinger, in an unpublished portion of the transcript, as saying that "the CIA was heavily involved in 1964, was in a very minor way involved in the 1970 election and since then we have absolutely stayed away from any coups."

At his news conference Monday night, President Ford said

CIA covert action in Chile was intended to "assist the preservation of opposition newspapers and electronic media and to preserve opposition political parties."

Ford said the U.S. government "had no involvement in any way whatsoever in the coup itself."

Fulbright said he does not approve of U.S. intervention in foreign elections, but the practice is not new. He said the CIA has been involved in the past in politics in Guatemala and possibly elsewhere.