

Hill Leaders Join Senate CIA Panel

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The Senate oversight subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency was expanded yesterday to include the Senate's two party leaders.

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.), chairman of the Armed Services CIA subcommittee, said Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana and Republican leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania had agreed to "sit and participate in the activities" of the panel.

The subcommittee and its counterpart in the House exist to keep a congressional watch on CIA activities and spending. The two are the only groups in Congress that are told exactly how much money the CIA spends. But neither subcommittee submits reports, and their activities are almost as secret as the CIA itself.

Stennis' announcement came after the Senate accepted Wednesday a foreign aid bill amendment, offered by liberals, that would have banned secret CIA activities abroad unless the President himself declared them to be in the interest of national security. The bill, however, was sent back to committee and won't reach the floor again until after the Nov. 5 elections.