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ONE TOP CIA OFFICIAL QUILTS

Helms Denies Domestic

Former CIA Director Richard Helms today categorically denied that the intelligence agency conducted any illegal domestic operations against anti-war activists or dissidents under his stewardship.

Helms, who is now American ambassador to Iran, made the denial in a telegram to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who had sent a message to Tehran to ask Helms about allegations of illegal domestic spying by the CIA.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said Helms also denied

to Kissinger that any unit of the CIA was created by him as director to conduct illegal operations.

"The secretary earnestly hopes that judgments on these allegations be suspended until the President has received CIA Director William Colby's report and has decided what further steps may be needed," Anderson said.

HELM'S DENIAL came as a top CIA official named in published reports as overseer of alleged domestic spying by the agency resigned his job. James Angleton's resignation be-

came known after President Ford ordered Kissinger to get a report from the CIA "within a matter of days" on the domestic spying allegations. Three congressional committee chairmen also announced yesterday that they would launch separate investigations of the matter when Congress returns next year.

Angleton, head of the CIA's counterintelligence department, said today he had resigned because of "police-state" interference of the agency in domestic affairs.

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Angleton, reached at his Virginia home, by United Press International said, "My usefulness has ended."

"I do not know what I will do but I think there should be a full investigation," he said.

Anderson said Kissinger expects to have a report from Colby later today on the allegations, which were

spying

reported by the New York Times News Service over the weekend. The spokesman said Kissinger had not been asked to and is not conducting an investigation of the charges against the CIA. He said Kissinger has been asked by the President to transmit a report prepared by Colby on the allegations and will do this in his capacity as assistant to the President on National Security Affairs.

Anderson said Helms left Iran today to spend the holidays with relatives in Europe and will come to Washington, in accordance with previously made plans, Jan. 2nd or 3rd. Anderson specifically noted that Helms return to Washington has nothing to do with the allegations against the CIA.

Anderson declined to make public the text of Helms' report to Kissinger and said Kissinger would transmit the Colby report directly to the President in Vail, Colo., without making it public when he receives it.

A spokesman for Kissinger said yesterday that the secretary "has never seen any survey of American citizens by the CIA and he doesn't know if any such survey exists."

But later, administration sources disclosed that Kissinger had seen one CIA document referring to activities inside the United States by American citizens or organizations. They said, however, that it was philosophical and did not reflect the results of any surveillance.

THESE SOURCES said a CIA survey entitled "Restless Youth" crossed Kissinger's desk at the National Security Council in March 1969. They described it as a general, philosophical discussion of the youth movement abroad with references to the attitudes of American students and intelligence officers seeking a go-ahead to contact certain foreign nationals in the United States. These lower FBI officials routinely told their CIA counterparts to go ahead, he said.

The CIA is prohibited by law from conducting intelligence or counterintelligence operations within the United States. That is the FBI's responsibility.

Documents obtained by Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., during his inquiry into possible CIA involvement in Watergate contained "references (to) an apparent CIA file" on columnist Jack Anderson.

A source within the CIA confirmed the existence of such a file and said it had been maintained by the United States Intelligence Board, an interagency panel whose members include the heads of the government's various intelligence services.

THE BOARD, whose responsibilities include developing intelligence estimates and priorities and overseeing security, compiled a dossier on Anderson after publication of classified documents in his syndicated column had blown the

youth in the United States during the 1960s.

Angleton, 57, and a veteran of 31 years in the intelligence field, told the Associated Press that he would leave the agency at the end of the month.

The Times had reported that he headed a domestic spying operation during the Nixon years that kept files on 10,000 American citizens and performed break-ins and surveillance in the United States.

A well informed source said the resignation had been arranged late last week in a meeting between Angleton and Colby. Colby was said to feel that Angleton was not involved in any illegal activities. It was understood that Angleton's public identification had been a factor in the resignation.

Another source, familiar with domestic counterintelligence operations, said that any CIA domestic spying and that former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had been adamant that CIA not approach anyone in this country.

THIS SOURCE said, however, that after Hoover broke off formal links to CIA in the late 1960s, agency officials would informally approach FBI counterparts cover of CIA agents abroad, the source said.

Two sources said Angleton was questioned by the Watergate Special Prosecutor's office last winter in an attempt to determine if there was any connection between Angleton's unit and the White House plumbers

unit. But one source familiar with that effort said the prosecutors could find no evidence of a link and the investigation was not pursued. Angleton also came to the attention of one of the congressional investigators of Watergate.

A source familiar with that investigation said he got the clear impression that Angleton's operation was very secret and was feared by other CIA employees.

Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., yesterday questioned whether Kissinger was the proper person to be involved in any investigation of the CIA. Harrington asserted that Kissinger's other title, presidential assistant for national security affairs, made him responsible for directing CIA activities.

Sen. John J. Sparkman, D-Ala., soon to become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he was "shocked by the revelations regarding CIA activities in the United States" and announced that he intends to launch an investigation when the new Congress convenes next year.

Separate hearings were promised by Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi, D-Mich., chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on intelligence. According to the Times, both men were briefed last year by Colby on the CIA's domestic activities.

SPARKMAN SAID his committee would call for

testimony from Helms, Colby, and John McCone, another former director. McCone, who left the agency in 1965, has denied that any domestic surveillance activities were conducted during his tenure as director and suggested that the alleged operations may have been ordered by President Nixon. The Times reported some CIA domestic spying operations dated back to the 1950s.

House Foreign Affairs Chairman Thomas E. Moran, D-Pa., suggested that an independent commission be formed to investigate the allegations.