

## Four Officials Held Targets Of CIA Spies

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At least four U.S. public officials, including Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, have been spied on by the Central Intelligence Agency, Time magazine reported yesterday.

Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), former Rep. Cornelius Gallagher (D-N.J.) and the late Sen. Edward Long (D-Mo.), were the others, the magazine said.

Domestic spying is illegal under the 1947 law that set up the CIA. Time said the CIA did it, however, in part because the Federal Bureau of Investigation regularly refused to follow up on CIA requests for surveillance of American citizens.

Time said Douglas came under scrutiny after he had visited the Dominican Republic in the mid 1960s. Gallagher was watched because of his contacts with Dominican Republic officials, the magazine said, Pepper because of his contacts with Cuban refugees in Miami, and Long because of his contacts with representatives of foreign companies in the United States.

Neither the CIA nor Douglas, Pepper or Gallagher were available for comment. Time, however, quoted an unnamed CIA official as denying the report.

A 1970 report from a special House committee that investigated Douglas after the then House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford called for his impeachment said Douglas apparently was cooperating with the CIA on that Dominican Republic trip. The committee declined to recommend impeachment.

Douglas had gone to the Dominican Republic to set up a literacy project, the report said, and two men associated with him had some connection with the CIA.

Exactly what association they had was left unclear, however, because then CIA Director Richard Helms refused to deliver a secret memorandum bearing on the Douglas case to committee investigators.

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denied" charges by the New York Times a week ago that the CIA, under his direction from 1966 to 1973, "conducted illegal domestic operations" against opponents of the war in Vietnam.

A report on CIA domestic spying was delivered to the President Thursday at his Vail, Colo., vacation retreat by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Meanwhile, in Vail, Colo., White House press secretary Ron Nessen said President Ford has read the report prepared for him by CIA Director William F. Colby and will discuss it with him and other officials in Washington before taking further action.

After the meeting with Colby and others, Mr. Ford will have an announcement, the press secretary said.

He would not confirm reports that the President would name a commission similar to the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, to look into reports the CIA has spied on American citizens.

However, he did not deny that this was the President's intention.

Nessen's comment on the President's continuing concern about the matter lent force to reports that the agency had violated the law establishing the CIA which banned domestic activity of all kinds. Nevertheless, Nessen urged reporters not to jump to conclusions.

Among those with whom the President will discuss the CIA, in addition to Colby, are Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, Nessen said. He indicated there also would be others, but he would not name them.

In urging that no one "harden into fact" what he called newspaper allegations, Nessen said, "The process of finding out what is going on is under way."

## Where Is Helms?

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GENEVA—Former CIA director Richard Helms has left Geneva for an undisclosed destination and is expected to return Jan. 1, a maid at his brother's home said.

The former CIA director, now ambassador to Iran, is expected to return to the United States, where he has been accused of allowing the CIA to spy on Americans in violation of its charter.