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**Ford, Congress urged to probe CIA**  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Former CIA Director John McCone and his executive director-controller, Lyman Kirkpatrick, urged President Ford and Congress on Sunday to investigate charges that the CIA mounted a huge campaign against antiwar forces in the United States during the Nixon era.

"I don't think an accusation as prominently displayed as this can be refuted merely on a denial by the agency itself," McCone said.

"There should be a penetrating investigation either by the Congress or by President Ford's Foreign Advisory Board."

Speaking with newsmen in Grand Junction, Colo., Ford neither confirmed nor denied that he had information that activities such as those reported by Seymour Hersh in Sunday's New York Times had actually occurred under President Nixon.

He said he was telephoned by CIA Director William E. Colby assuring him "nothing comparable to what was stated in the article was going on over there and I told him that under no circumstances would I tolerate any such activities under this administration."

Sens. Charles M. Mathias, R Md., and Mike Mansfield, D Mont., introduced a resolution last fall urging a full study of domestic intelligence activities.

Kirkpatrick, now a professor at Brown University, said: "An investigation has now become inevitable."

Both he and McCone denied, in separate interviews, that any such program was under way in the years they ran the agency through 1965.

If such a program, which the New York Times said included compiling intelligence dossiers on at least 10,000 American citizens, including a congressman, came into existence, the intelligence experts blamed President Nixon.

McCone said the former chief executive was "unduly agitated" about antiwar groups and might have issued direct orders, by-passing normal agency channels.

"I was amazed to read the article," he said, adding that he had never heard of a single instance where the CIA stepped over its charter to deal only with foreign intelligence.

"We had the closest possible relations with the FBI when I was there. What's

happened since, I don't know," McCone said.

Kirkpatrick backed up this statement.

"To the best of my knowledge," he said, "there was never anything like this."