

Angleton Testifies Before CIA Panel

James J. Angleton, the former chief of CIA counter intelligence who was fired after disclosures of domestic spying, appeared for private testimony yesterday before the presidential commission investigating the intelligence agency.

Angleton brushed by a flock of reporters on his way out and refused to make any comment. He was before the commission chaired by Vice President Rockefeller for about 2½ hours.

Rockefeller said afterwards that he does not expect Angleton to be recalled, but the commission will hear from two of Angleton's deputies who retired last month—former deputy chief Raymond G. Rocca and former chief of operations N. Scott Miller.

The commission also heard from retired Vice Adm. William F. Raborn Jr., who was CIA director for one year in 1966, for the fourth meeting in a row, one commission member, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, did not attend.

Angleton, a CIA officer for 31 years, headed the section which has been accused of operating some controversial domestic surveillance aimed at anti-war dissidents. Rockefeller declined to characterize him as the "key witnesses" in the commission's investigation.

When a reporter asked if Angleton had answered all of



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the questions fully, Rockefeller replied: "Yes, totally, as far as we know."

Rockefeller declined to answer a question about whether the commission staff was going to interview former White House aide Charles W. Colson, who has alleged that the CIA had a deeper role in Watergate than has been disclosed.

When staff director David W. Belin, standing behind Rockefeller, seemed ready to answer the question, Rockefeller closed the subject abruptly.

"I'm having the press conference," the Vice President said. "What Mr. Belin will say to you later is up to him." Afterwards, Belin had no comments for the press.