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Secret Session Held On CIA Supervision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The concrete headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency are nestled in the wooded hills of Virginia, eight miles from Washington. Here, in a rustic setting, are planned cloak and dagger operations.

Here, also, is gathered, assembled and analyzed information—military, economic, political, industrial scientific—the United States uses to guide its steps in a perilous world.

The business of espionage and secret operations has been described by Secretary of State Dean Rusk as a "tough struggle going on in the back alleys all over the world."

It is also so sensitive the Senate took the unusual step Thursday of clearing the galleries of press and public, and locking its doors for 3½ hours to wrangle over the Senate's supervision of the CIA.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield felt the locked-door precaution was necessary lest some "rumors and hearsay" be spilled out in the heat of debate and damage both the CIA and the United States.

The issue was the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's attempt, through a resolution, to put three of its members on the present CIA watchdog subcommittee, headed by Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., heads the foreign relations group.

Arguing that his committee be

given a role in overseeing CIA activities, Fulbright contended the intelligence agency is a major force affecting U.S. foreign policy.

"...By its activities it is capable of exerting—and has exerted—a very substantial influence on our relations with other nations," Fulbright said.

But in a sharp exchange before the Senate had the galleries cleared, Russell accused Fulbright's Committee of trying to muscle in.

Russell contended that practically all the intelligence information available to his CIA panel was available to Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee except for the CIA's "methods and sources."

Fulbright has argued that the

CIA had refused to give him information at a briefing last February about whether the CIA was using any overseas research or scholarship exchange programs as a cover for agents.

After the doors were barred Thursday, informants said, the senators spent much of their time arguing over the jurisdictional issues in the dispute between the Armed Services and the Foreign Relations committees.

The senators had agreed not to divulge just what was said. A censored transcript is to be released later.

But in trying to win its point, the Foreign Relations Committee was fighting city hall.

Among Naga tribesmen, the sign of beauty is in the calf muscle. When a Naga lad woos a mountain belle he never mentions her beautiful brown eyes, but tells her "You've got mighty fine calf muscles."