

# U.S. Spying Cost Put at \$6.2 Billion

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Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said yesterday the U.S. intelligence community employs about 148,000 persons and spends about \$6.2 billion each year.

Renewing his call for drastic cuts in the cost of American spying and covert activities overseas, Proxmire urged James Schlesinger, new Central Intelligence Agency Director, to make public the government's entire intelligence budget, which has always been secret.

Proxmire said he is not opposed to a first-rate American intelligence operation but does believe that the intelligence establishment has swollen out of proportion to national defense needs and that congressional controls and restraints on it have eroded.

He said his cost and manpower estimates are not based on classified or official

sources and noted that they depict the CIA as smaller in both personnel and budget than at least three other U.S. intelligence groups.

Proxmire's estimates show the CIA with a work force of 15,000 and an annual budget of \$750 million. These are his other estimates:

National Security Agency, 20,000 and \$1 billion; Defense Intelligence Agency, 5,016 and \$100 million; Army Intelligence, 38,500 and \$775 million; Navy Intelligence, 10,000 and \$775 million; Air Force Intelligence, 60,000 and \$2.8 billion, and State Department Intelligence, 335 and \$8 million.

Proxmire said his estimates are "not without error," but nevertheless are "in the ballpark."

"These figures do not reflect, however, the coordination that is involved from one organization to another," Proxmire said. "The Air Force, for example, supplies the launch boosters and satellites for the highly successful reconnaissance program and this is one reason the budget is so high."

Proxmire has said previously that secret missions by intelligence agencies overseas are needlessly involving the United States in the political affairs of other countries at a period when the need for the missions has been greatly reduced by modern techniques of electronic and aerial surveillance.