

2 on House Intelligence Panel Call for War Data Testimony

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TWO members of the House intelligence committee yesterday called for a quick follow-up hearing to charges that high-ranking U.S. officials deliberately misled Congress and the public about the war in Vietnam.

In a letter to Chairman Otis G. Pike (D-N.Y.), Reps. David C. Treen (R-Ia.) and Dale Milford (R-Md.) proposed hearing witnesses other than former CIA and Defense national security

adviser Walt W. Rostow, former ambassador to Vietnam; William Bunker, former CIA Director; Richard Helms and William C. Westmoreland; and Barrie G. Wheeler.

A former CIA analyst, Samuel A. Adams, charged at a committee hearing Thursday that all five men among others, were aware that enemy troop strengths were "deliberately down-graded" for fear of arousing public opposition to the war.

"The allegation that information was manipulated in order to fool the American people, the American press and Congress into charge of serious magnitude," Treen and Milford said.

"It is not only important that we give those who have been accused an opportunity to tell their side of the story, but it is also important that we pursue this inquiry in order to determine ways and means of insuring that manipulation of information being furnished Congress cannot occur," they said.

Other requested witnesses include Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, now head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, whom Adams accused of helping to lower Army estimates of Viet-

cong strength; Lt. Richard McArthur, an intelligence officer who was reportedly transferred secretly to Vietnam after refusing to "lie a little" about guerrilla troop strengths; Paul V. Walsh, CIA official who allegedly supported the circulation of enemy troop strength estimates after calling them a "snow job"; and Col. Gaines B. Rawlings, a leading officer for Westminsterland.