

Full House Panel Gets Some CIA Budget Details

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CIA Director William E. Colby yesterday began the delicate process of sharing super-secret budget details with an enlarged circle of lawmakers in his effort to build a cooperative relationship with Congress.

"For the first time the entire Defense Subcommittee will be looking at the CIA budget," Rep. Robert N. Giaimo, (D-Conn.) told reporters immediately after Colby's morning testimony at the closed hearing.

"I think a great deal has been accomplished. We have already made positive gains" in re-examining intelligence operations, Giaimo said.

Current investigations are aimed, in part, at creating a more effective system of congressional oversight of CIA activities.

On Thursday in public session before the Appropriations subcommittee, Colby charged that accounts of CIA missteps in the past have been overblown in an atmosphere of "almost hysterical excitement" and warned that U.S. intelligence operations have been placed in danger.

Sen. Frank Church, (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate select committee investigating the CIA, issued a statement yesterday also decrying the furor, saying it could hamper "a judicious and dispassionate investigation."

Colby Ex-Aide May Join Probe Staff in Senate

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Donald B. McBride, a retired Air Force officer who

worked in CIA Director William E. Colby's office, from 1973 until last month, probably will be named to aid the Senate committee investigating the U.S. intelligence community, the panel's staff director says.

"He's the sort of person we're interested in because of his expert knowledge," said William Miller. "He's under active consideration and his nomination probably will be put forward."

Miller also said a number of other recently retired intelligence officials are being considered.

Asked if he saw anything wrong in hiring someone so recently associated with one of the agencies being investigated, Miller replied, "It's a serious matter... whether there would be divided loyalties. These things have to be determined."

Miller added that it has not been decided whether McBride and others like him would be hired as members of the staff or as consultants.