

President Names CIA Probe Panel



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NELSON ROCKEFELLER
He will head probe

Rockefeller Picked to Serve as Chairman Of Eight-Man Group

Washington

President Ford named an eight-man commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller yesterday to review allegations of illegal domestic spying by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Ford announced selection of the panel following his issuance Saturday of an executive order creating a "blue ribbon" commission to determine whether the secrecy-shrouded agency has in fact dabbled in domestic spying, although its statutory jurisdiction is foreign intelligence.

The panel named yesterday is directed to return findings and recommendations by April 4.

Its members have varied experience in public life, but

al counsel to the old Office of Scientific Research and Development.

C. Douglas Dillon, 65, board chairman of Dillon, Read and Co., New York investment bankers. In the Eisenhower administration he was ambassador to France and undersecretary of state before serving as secretary of the Treasury from 1960 to 1965 in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations.

Erwin Griswold, 70, former dean of the Harvard Law School who was a mem-

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ber of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission for six years before he began six years as U.S. solicitor general in 1967. He is now in private law practice here.

Joseph Lane Kirkland, 52, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO for the past five years. He has been an offi-

cial of the Labor Federation since 1948.

Retired General Lyman Lemnitzer, 75, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1960 to 1962 and supreme allied commander in Europe for six years thereafter. A West Point graduate, he was a staff officer in World War II. He was Army chief of staff before he commanded an infantry division in the Korean War.

Edgar Shannon, 56, who retired last year after five years as president of the University of Virginia. A former Rhodes scholar, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Ford decided to name the commission after he reviewed a 50-page report forwarded to him December 26 by CIA Director William Colby.

It was understood the

still-secret report substantiated published charges that CIA had engaged in illegal domestic spying against U.S. citizens and had kept records on 9000 Americans.

The bulk of these activities were reportedly linked with surveillance at the anti-Vietnam war movement that began in the late 1960s.

The President acted as four congressional committees weighed investigations of the CIA while some on Capitol Hill urged selection of a special joint committee representing both houses to assume the task.

In Saturday's statement announcing his decision to appoint the commission, Mr. Ford assumed that there will be a congressional investigation and said it was his "strong hope that the committees consider the findings and recommendations of the (Rockefeller) commission."

The membership of that commission apparently was not decided until Saturday evening, although the use of a blue ribbon panel to find the facts in the case was reportedly recommended more than a week ago by Secretary of State Henry

Kissinger, who doubles as Mr. Ford's senior assistant for national security affairs.

Rockefeller, according to his press secretary, Hugh Morrow, agreed to accept the chairmanship at a White House meeting with Mr.

no direct past links with CIA. Rockefeller is the only member now in public office.

The chairmanship of the highly sensitive study marks the first substantive assignment Mr. Ford has given Rockefeller since the 66-year-old former governor of New York was sworn in as vice president on December 19.

Serving under him on the commission will be two-term California Governor Ronald Reagan, 63, a leader of the conservative Republican wing that has vied with Rockefeller-led moderates in GOP national politics and may well do so again. Reagan leaves his post today.

The commission's other members are:

John Connor, 60, board chairman of the Allied Chemical Corp., who was secretary of Commerce from 1965 to 1967. During World War II he was gener-

Ford and Kissinger early Saturday evening.

The new vice president said in a statement issued from his family home at Pocantico Hills, N.Y., that he accepted the assignment "with a deep sense of responsibility as to the need

for public confidence in our governmental institutions, the vital necessity of preserving our national security and a basic concern with freedom and human dignity."

Rockefeller, Morrow said, was busy on the telephone yesterday afternoon working to assemble a staff. He will return to Washington today to pursue the project.

Neither Morrow nor presidential press secretary Ron Nessen was able to say yesterday when or where the commission will assemble.

Although procedures remain to be worked out, the commission's presumed starting point will be the Colby report, which Mr. Ford promised in his Saturday statement to make immediately available to the commission.

Nessen did not rule out the possibility that Mr. Ford will ask subpoena power for the commission. But he voiced doubt that such authority will be required because required documentation is in government files and most of the persons the group is likely to question are still in government service.

Among these individuals is

Richard Helms, now ambassador to Iran, who was CIA director from 1965 to 1973. Helms, who returned to Washington on home leave Thursday, breakfasted Saturday with Kissinger and then saw Mr. Ford for 25 minutes.

Nessen indicated that Mr. Ford personally assembled an initial list of "respected private citizens who had not had a connection with the CIA."

The President had "several consultations" with each prospective appointee, Nessen said, and made his final decisions Saturday evening after the FBI had completed a quick name check on all candidates.

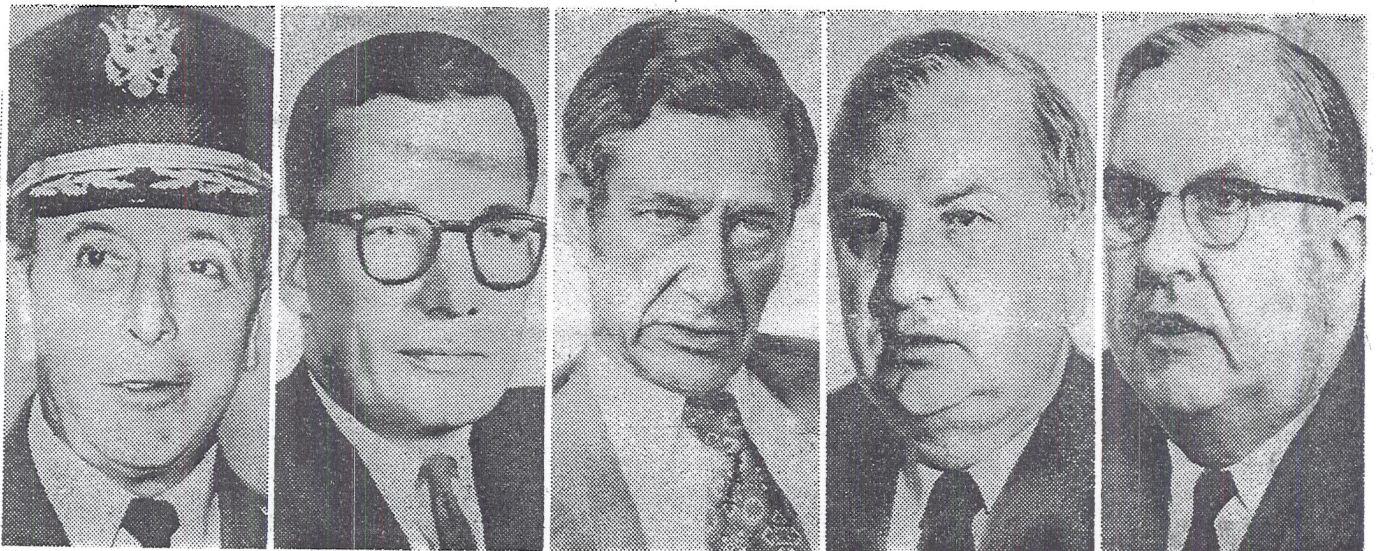
Rockefeller was picked as chairman because of his "high qualifications." Nessen said. Asked if Mr. Ford felt that Rockefeller was hampered by a conflict of interest because of a 21-year friendship with Kissinger, Nessen replied tersely that "the President didn't think so."

As national security adviser to former President Nixon and to Mr. Ford, Kissinger has been privy to many covert activities of the CIA.

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