

Senators Will Quiz Former CIA Chief

Washington

Senator Clifford Case (Rep-N.J.) said yesterday the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will question former CIA director Richard Helms Wednesday about "apparent discrepancies" in his sworn testimony about CIA involvement in domestic spying.

Case said he particularly wants to question Helms about "apparent discrepancies" between what Helms told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday and the Foreign Relations Committee in 1973.

"I don't believe that Mr. Helms told the truth to the Foreign Relations Committee in February and March of 1973," Case said in an interview.

Helms was questioned by the committee on February 5 and 7 and recalled for

more testimony on March 6, 1973, in connection with his nomination as ambassador to Iran, a post he now holds.

Helms, who headed the CIA from 1966 until his ambassadorial nomination, was interrogated by Case in closed session on February 7 about CIA involvement in investigating the anti-war movement.

A transcript of the hearing showed this exchange:

Case: It has been called to my attention that in 1969 or 1970 the White House asked that all intelligence agencies join in the effort to learn as much as they could about the anti-war movement and during this period the U.S. Army intelligence became involved and kept files on U.S. citizens. Do you know anything about any activity on the part of the CIA in that connection? Was it

asked to be involved?

Helms: I don't recall whether we were asked but we were not involved because it seemed to me that was a clear violation of what our charter was.

Case: What do you do in a case like that?

Helms: I would simply go to explain to the President this didn't seem to me to be advisable.

Case: That would end it?

Helms: Well, I think so, normally.

Dissatisfied with Helms' responses, the committee recalled him on March 6 and questioned him at length about CIA activities.

A source close to the committee said members were "unhappy" with Helms' March 6 answers but couldn't prove he was not telling the truth.

Rocky On the Job

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Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller was congratulated yesterday by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield for presiding over the Senate for four consecutive days.

Although the Constitution says the vice president is president of the Senate, most vice presidents are rarely present.

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In a prepared statement given under oath to the Senate Armed Services Committee Thursday, Helms acknowledged the CIA was involved in counter-intelligence investigations of anti-war dissidents and other Americans while he was director.

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