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Q. President Ford's blue-ribbon commission to investigate allegedly illegal domestic espionage by the CIA—Isn't that just a whitewash?—J. L., McLean, Va. A. It's more a stalling operation than a whitewash. Ford has on hand an authoritative and fairly complete report on the subject by CIA Director Bill Colby. Since he prides himself on running an "open administration," there is no reason why Ford cannot make public large segments of the Colby report. It is no secret that under Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, CIA Director Richard Helms led the agency into surveillance domains unauthorized by the CIA charter. Johnson was a gossipist and Nixon was a President with a hostile mentality, and both used the CIA for their own purposes, always under the cover of "national security."