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Silent About Testimony  
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—

James J. Angleton, the former chief of counterintelligence for the Central Intelligence Agency, was the principal witness today at the fifth weekly meeting of the Presidential commission investigating alleged illegal domestic activity by the C.I.A.

Mr. Angleton, who refused to comment before and after the closed meeting, testified from about 2 P.M. until 4:45 P.M. Earlier, the panel heard from Vice Adm. William F. Raborn Jr., who testified for more than an hour.

Admiral Raborn, who headed the agency from April, 1965, to June, 1966, was asked by reporters if the C.I.A. had undertaken any illegal domestic activities during his tenure.

"Not to my knowledge," he replied.

In response to another question, he said that he believed the investigation would be "useful" to the C.I.A. rather than damaging.

His appearance was viewed as more or less routine, since the panel has heard testimony from all part directors of the agency.

Mr. Angleton, however, is viewed as a key witness in the investigation. He resigned in December, after 31 years with the agency. This followed the first news articles about the agency's domestic activities, which are prohibited by its charter.

## Six Members Present

Only six of the eight members of the panel, which is headed by Vice President Rockefeller, were present for today's meeting. C. Douglas Dillon, former secretary of the Treasury, was present for the second week in a row, and Ronald Reagan, the former California Governor, missed his fourth consecutive meeting.

The speaking schedule has permitted him to attend just part of the first commission meeting, after he offered to resign. Mr. Rockefeller dissuaded him, however, and transcripts of the testimony are being sent to a military installation near Los Angeles, where they can be kept in secure files, for Mr. Reagan's convenience in reading them. Mr. Reagan is expected to be at next Monday's meeting, as he will be in Washington over the weekend for a conference.

In a related development today, Senator William Proxmire, Democrat of Wisconsin, announced that he planned to introduce tomorrow a bill authorizing the General Accounting Office to audit the expenditures of the C.I.A. and other intelligence agencies in the Federal Government.

"The C.I.A.," Mr. Proxmire said in a speech prepared for the Senate, "and other intelligence agencies have protected themselves from Congressional view by not allowing audits of their programs."