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CIA Probe Testimony

Washington

The former chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's "dirty tricks" squad and two unidentified but high-ranking agency officials testified yesterday before the Rockefeller commission, which is investigating certain activities of the spy agency.

Thomas H. Karamassines, former chief of the CIA's foreign clandestine activities, was the first witness.

Commission spokesman

refused to name the other two witnesses, saying only they were "high agency officials."

The presidential commission, headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, is investigating allegations the CIA violated its charter by conducting domestic surveillance operations.

Before his retirement as a deputy director of the CIA in 1973, Karamassines headed the agency's so-called "dirty tricks" squad, which took part in affairs in Chile while

President Salvadore Allende was in power.

Karamassines, whose name has not previously come up in any of the investigations of alleged spying on Americans by the CIA, was said by sources to have opposed establishment of the agency's domestic intelligence unit.

Karamassines joined the CIA when it started in 1947. His title was deputy director for plans, a title that masked his real assignment.

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Probe witness