

Panel Asks Ford to Speed Study on Colby

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WASHINGTON, April 9—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence voted today to ask President Ford to expedite delivery of the Colby report and other top secret documents it has asked for in its investigation of the Government's intelligence apparatus, the committee chairman said.

In a briefing for reporters after a closed meeting of the committee, Senator Frank Church said that the White House had turned over the "least sensitive" materials sought in a committee request sent to the President in March.

But the Idaho Democrat said that the White House was holding back the Presidential directives that authorized each covert operation over the last three decades and the report to the President made by William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, in Vail, Colo., last January.

Mr. Church said that he did not know why the material had not been produced.

Mr. Church said that the White House has identified the materials in the request, reviewed them and that they were in the possession of White House staff members assigned to deal with the committees. He said that the White House had given no indication that it would not deliver the materials or that President Ford would invoke executive privilege and keep the materials.

"I see no reason for any further delay," Mr. Church said, "and neither did the committee."

The original request for information was sent to the President in letter form with addendums that sought all the directives covering the formation and operation of United States

intelligence activities going back to 1947 and covering the terms of five Presidents. When the request was received at the White House, aides there complained it was not specific and to "sweeping." Mr. Church said again yesterday that he believed the request was "quite specific."

Mr. Church said the committee also voted to give the "green light" to the staff to begin actual field investigations in six areas of interest. The committee, its counsel F.A.O. Schwarz 3d, later said, will investigate the legal authority underlying intelligence operations, purposes of intelligence gathering, the techniques of intelligence gathering both domestically and abroad, the development of policies governing intelligence and the control of the apparatus and a survey of previous recommendations for changes.

The investigation of the techniques of intelligence, he said, would include covert operations and counterintelligence.

Earlier, the committee staff had been divided in four task forces to accomplish these aims. It announced today the appointment of the heads of the task forces.

William Bader, a former staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will head the force on foreign intelligence.

A task force on domestic intelligence activities will be headed by John Elliff, a professor of law at Brandeis University. Alton Quanback, a defense expert with the Brookings Institution, will head a task force on military intelligence. David Aaron, who was a member of Henry Kissinger's national security staff, will head a task force on the command and con-

trol of the intelligence community.

Mr. Schwarz said the committee had been dealing with Roderick Hills, a recently appointed Presidential aide.

The committee voted today to request the authorizations and legal background materials from the Department of Defense covering the operations of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

It had already asked for similar material from the C.I.A. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Neither of these agencies has complied and Senator Church speculated that they might be waiting to see what the White House did.