

Colby's Report on CIA Given to Senate Panel

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The Ford administration has handed over a secret report on the Central Intelligence Agency and other highly classified information to the Senate committee investigating U.S. intelligence operations, the White House announced yesterday.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said that a special report by CIA Director William E. Colby to President Ford, dealing with allegations that the CIA had violated its charter, had been sent to the committee.

Nessen added that the committee, headed by Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), had also been given confidential presidential orders setting up the intelligence agencies and setting out the organization of

the National Security Council. He said that other materials furnished to the committee included "a number of highly-classified intelligence directives" and "other categories of sensitive information." He did not elaborate.

Nessen said submission of the documents had been arranged with Church's committee in a "cooperative and easy way" and added: "As far as I know, nothing has been denied although some things are still under discussion."

Church's committee originally asked for the Colby report, presidential orders dealing with the NSC and other intelligence organizations and staffing patterns for intelligence agencies directed through the White House.