

## Colby Reviews C.I.A. Activities In Testimony at Senate Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, May 15—William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, presented the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence today an "overview" of the covert operations of the Central Intelligence Agency in the last 30 years in a closed hearing here.

Mr. Colby hustled past newsmen in the Capitol at 1:40 P.M. accompanied by three aides, two of whom bore large black leatherette chart cases. He began his testimony about 15 minutes later, according to a committee press spokesman, and left the hearing shortly before 4 P.M. He declined to comment on his testimony.

Mr. Colby was the first witness in the first formal hearing of the Senate committee. Later, the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, told newsmen that what he heard today "I'd known about before" and that nothing startled him in today's testimony. He also said Mr. Colby completed his introductory remarks today and would return next week to permit the Senators to ask questions.

Mr. Church told newsmen that before today's hearing he, Senator John G. Tower, Repub-

lican of Texas, who is vice chairman of the committee, and Mr. Colby had met in private session in which Mr. Colby said there were some matters he might not want to tell the entire committee and would prefer, for security reasons, to discuss with Mr. Church and Mr. Tower.

Senator Church said that, under the committee rules, the members must approve any testimony given to less than the full committee. "We're all equal as Senators," he said he told Mr. Colby.

Mr. Church also said the committee would deal with the requests for special handling of certain testimony on a case-by-case basis and that Mr. Colby appeared "satisfied."

The Senator added that Mr. Colby delivered several documents today that had been requested by the committee, but he declined to discuss the documents or testimony in detail.

Although the committee had met numerous times in the last few months, today was the first instance in which a witness was given an oath and presented formal testimony.