

Some CIA Data Missing, Senate Probers Indicate

Washington

The Select Senate Committee on Intelligence Activities is investigating evidence indicating that some CIA records are missing, it was disclosed yesterday.

Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho), committee chairman, said "there is some indication there are gaps in the records" that relate to the CIA's secret domestic and foreign operations.

Church said he did not know why the gaps exist but, "We will investigate it, we will ask about it." The panel heard two hours of closed door testimony

Thursday from CIA director William Colby, who will be questioned again next week.

It was revealed last year that former CIA director Richard Helms had burned tapes of telephone conversations recorded by the agency — some possibly related to Watergate — shortly before he left the CIA in late January, 1973. CIA officials termed the destruction a "routine" disposal of materials no longer needed by the agency.

At a breakfast meeting with reporters, Church promised for the first time that his committee would make public all data it col-

lects on "unlawful intrusions" on the privacy of U.S. citizens by the CIA.

"It's very necessary that this come out in all of its particularities," Church said. "You will have it all."

Domestic operations of the CIA, which critics have charged went beyond its legal charter, will be the focus of public hearings to be held in July, August and September, Church said.

However, hearings into covert activities abroad will generally be closed, he said. The committee hopes to issue a final report by the end of this year.

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