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Name a

'Spy Czar'

Washington

President Ford is considering the creation of an intelligence czar to oversee the work of Central Intelligence Agency Director William E. Colby and other agency chiefs, it has been learned.

A high administration source said such a move might bring better coordination and efficiency to the far-flung U.S. intelligence community, which includes not only the CIA and FBI but also the National Security Agency and four other military agencies.

The administration official, who declined use of his name, told the Los Angeles Times that Mr. Ford also wanted to improve the integrity of the embattled CIA, which has been criticized by the Rockefeller commission and is being investigated by a special Senate committee.

Nationally televised Senate hearings into the CIA's activities now are scheduled to begin in September.

The administration source said he wished to dispel rumors that Mr. Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger are displeased with Colby.

"Bill has done an extraordinarily good job under in-

tense fire," he said.

At the same time, a source on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, which is headed by Senator Frank Church (Dem-Ida.), said he believes the White House is unhappy with Colby's generally cooperative attitude toward the investigation.

Colby recently gave the committee a batch of CIA historical documents which White House officials called back when they learned of it, the Senate source said. The committee returned the papers, the source said.

Church has repeatedly complained that the White House has slowed down his investigation through a time-consuming review of documents to be turned over to senators.

Disclosures of CIA domestic spying and other illegal activities have convinced Mr. Ford that "something has to be done, perhaps a

restructuring of the agency itself," the administration official said.

He said the President is considering the appointment of a prestigious figure from outside government to assume "an overview role."

"What we need is better executive oversight," the official said, in an apparent reference to calls on Capitol Hill for improved "congressional oversight."

As he described it, a new intelligence czar — if Mr. Ford chooses one — would be a person "of stature" who would coordinate the work of the CIA with the internal security duties of the FBI and foreign intelligence efforts of five Defense Department units.

These are the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Army, Navy and Air Force intelligence offices.

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