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# Budge Boss Refuses To Reveal Spy Costs

Washington

President Ford's budget director refused to disclose U.S. intelligence costs publicly to the select House Intelligence Committee yesterday, and the committee chairman said secret cost figures are not much help either.

"Those numbers do not include huge chunks of dollars that are used for intelligence gathering," said Representative Otis G. Pike (Dem-N.Y.).

At the same time, Budget Director James T. Lynn testified that three of the six examiners who prepare recommendations for the President on his intelligence budget are former Central Intelligence Agency employees.

Lynn refused in open session to give the House committee even an overall cost for intelligence activities, saying that under present law doing so could "subject me to criminal violation."

But Lynn said he and CIA Director William E. Colby will give the committee details on the U.S. intelligence costs in closed session.

Pike said he has already been given some overall cost figures privately and said, "I frankly find the numbers, even classified as they are, designed to conceal more than they are to reveal."

The chairman said he did not contend this was done "for bad purposes" but said the figures simply lack detail and do not include all intelligence-gathering activity.

Lynn said Congress set up its own procedure for oversight which gives only a few congressmen access to details on U.S. intelligence operations and spending.

The budget director and Donald G. Oglebie, head of the Office of Management and Budget's national security and international affairs section, said the director and two of the five examiners in the branch dealing with intelligence are former CIA employees.

"This certainly raises serious questions of objectivity," said Representative Ronald V. Dellums (Dem-Calif.).

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