

'National Security' Halts Senate Probe

Washington

Responding to an "urgent" White House request, the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday postponed its public hearings on the super-secret National Security Agency, which specializes in making, breaking and intercepting codes.

A committee spokesman said President Ford personally telephoned Senator Frank Church (Dem.-Ida.), the committee chairman, asking him to receive Attorney General Edward Levi.

"On behalf of the President," the spokesman said, Levi arrived and made an "urgent" request that the hearings, scheduled for today, be deferred in the interests of national security.

The spokesman said the committee agreed to cancel today's session and consult with Defense Secretary James P. Schlesinger and Levi before taking any further action.

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