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F.B.I. CHIEF WARNS ON 'WATCHDOG' UNIT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)

—Clarence M. Kelley said today that establishment of a Congressional committee to monitor Government intelligence operations could jeopardize the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investi-

The F.B.I. Director testified before the Senate Government Operations Committee, which is studying proposals to establish in Congress a panel to oversee the various governmental agencies gathering foreign and domestic intelligence.

He said that while formation of such a committee could be advantageous, unlimited Congressional access to intelligence information "could seriously jeopardize the flow of volunteered information which is the life blood of our investigative organization."

If sources of information could not be assured "their identities will be protected," he argued, "the very foundation of cooperation upon which the bureau is so reliant will be shaken."

A former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, John McCone, testified that a supervisory panel should receive the right to veto a covert intelligence operation.

Clark M. Clifford, former Secretary of Defense, recommended that the function be given to a joint House-Senate committee that could be informed of covert operations before they were started.

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