

## Colby Denies That C.I.A. 'Manipulated' News Agency

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—William E. Colby, former Director of Central Intelligence, has said in both private and public conversations that the Central Intelligence Agency never "manipulated or managed" the news product of Reuters, the British news service.

In a section of the as yet unpublished report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, it was alleged that Mr. Colby had told the committee in a private briefing that, because Reuters was a foreign news service, it was considered fair game for infiltration and had been manipulated. Mr. Colby has said this is not an accurate account of his remarks.

He said he had only chosen Reuters as an example of the line the agency drew against attempting to manage United States news agencies.

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