

# Levi Warns Congress on CIA, FBI Role

Washington

Attorney General Edward H. Levi warned yesterday that attempts to monitor U.S. intelligence agencies should not lead to congressional attempts to manage them.

An American president should keep some secrets from Congress, Levi said.

Levi testified before the Senate Committee on Government Operations, which is studying ways to oversee U.S. intelligence activities. A major proposal is a joint House-Senate committee to judge final actions.

"Not all secrets are intended merely to save an administration embarrassment," Levi said.

"There is a question of how far a committee can go in monitoring intelligence operations for legitimate legislative purposes before the tendency develops to attempt to manage them."

In a 27-page statement, Levi traced the separation of powers, executive privilege and risks of "leaks" of secrets damaging to national security.

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