

# Bush on Control of Secret Operations

## Washington

Even though Congress might not have prior knowledge of secret operations, it could still stop bad ones, Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush said yesterday.

Bush said that although President Ford opposes informing Congress of covert operations before they are undertaken, bad operations could be halted later, either through a cutoff of resources or by taking the matter up with the president.

The interests of the American people can be served and protected through good will and communications with the committees supervising intelligence operations, he said.

Bush, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said he expects that secret activities will be carried out less frequently in the future "but we must retain our covert capability."

He said he hopes Congress will approve the recommendations made last week by Mr. Ford to increase supervision of the intelligence community inside the execu-

tive branch, coupled with more monitoring by Congress.

Asked if Mr. Ford's proposal to make it a crime to leak secret documents might not have the effect of forcing newsmen to disclose sources as witnesses to a crime, Bush said he doesn't see any change from the past for reporters.

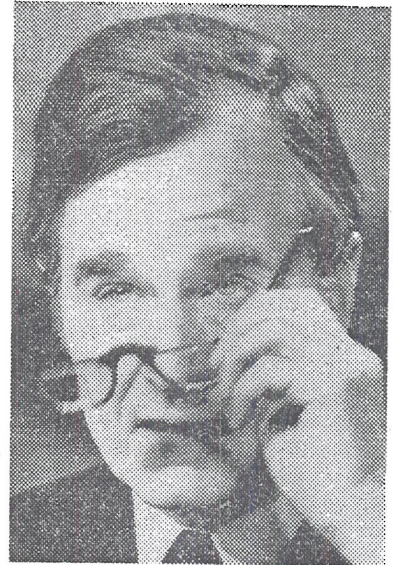
There is a need to eliminate the sins of the past, he said, but also to be able to operate the intelligence community with secrecy.

He acknowledged that there had been abuses committed by intelligence agencies in the past, but said the changes proposed by Mr. Ford will eliminate these.

And he added that while he feels the government should avoid lying publicly, there will be occasions when it cannot be fully responsive to questions because of the nature of intelligence operations.

Bush, former American delegate to China, was also asked his opinion of why the Chinese invited former President Nixon to their country.

He said the Chinese consider



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## GEORGE BUSH End to abuses forecast

Mr. Nixon a friend of their nation and recall his efforts to normalize U.S.-Chinese relations.

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## Granada Tax

### St. Georges, Granada

Granadans this year will pay four per cent more in taxes on imported rum, whiskey and cigars to help finance the island's \$20 million budget, the government said yesterday.

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