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Two Ex-Agency Aides Back Bill to Require Reports

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WASHINGTON, March 28—Two former officials of the Central Intelligence Agency urged Congress today to require the agency to provide it fully and currently with the same intelligence and analyses it now regularly provides the White House.

Dr. Herbert Scoville Jr., a former Deputy Director for Research, noted that for 15 years the agency had been supplying the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee with highly classified intelligence on world atomic developments. There have been no security breaches, he said.

Dr. Scoville also suggested that regular briefings of Congressional committees dealing with foreign affairs would enhance — not jeopardize — national security.

At present, he said, both Congress and the public are dependent on the Administration for information, which is often "distorted" to suit Administration policies.

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Chester L. Cooper, a former senior analyst on Vietnam for the agency and now an executive of the Institute for Defense Analyses here, urged that selected agent officers with experience on the National Security Council staff be assigned tours of duty with Congressional committees dealing with foreign and national security affairs.

These officers, he suggested, would screen what was important for Congress and thus prevent its being "drowned" in a flood of intelligence material — much of it irrelevant.

Mr. Cooper also urged Congress to seek access to National Security Council study memorandums which, he noted, include not only intelligence but also other pertinent information relevant to policy decisions.

Dr. Scoville and Mr. Cooper testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was opening hearings today on a bill proposed by Senator John Sherman Cooper, Republican of Kentucky.

The measure, sponsored in the House by Representative Paul Findley, Republican of Illinois, would oblige the agency to provide Congressional committees dealing with armed services and foreign policy "fully and currently" with both intelligence information and evaluations affecting foreign relations and national security.

Senior agency officials provide frequent oral briefings on world affairs at the request of Congressional committee chairmen, but these briefings are expressly sanctioned by the White House.

With the exception of the Atomic Energy Act, there is no legislation that requires the agency to disclose its operations or its findings to Congress.