

'U.S. Spy Agencies Spend \$6.2 Billion Each Year'

Washington

Senator William Proxmire (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday the U.S. intelligence community employs about 148,000 persons and spends about \$6.2 billion each year.

Renewing his call for drastic cuts in the cost of American spying and covert activities overseas, Proxmire urged James Schlesinger, new Central Intelligence Agency director, to make public the government's entire intelligence budget, which always has been secret.

Proxmire said he is not opposed to a first-rate American intelligence operation but does believe the intelligence establishment has swollen out of proportion to national defense needs and that congressional controls and restraints on it

have eroded.

He said his cost and manpower estimates are not based on classified or official sources and noted that they depict the CIA as smaller in both personnel and budget than at least three other U.S. intelligence groups.

Proxmire's estimates show the CIA with a work force of 15,000 and an annual budget of \$750 million. These are his other estimates:

The National Security Agency, 20,000 and \$1 billion; the Defense Intelligence Agency, 50,16 and \$100 million; Army Intelligence, 18,500 and \$775 million; Navy Intelligence, 10,000 and \$775 million; Air Force Intelligence, 60,000 and \$2.8 billion. and State Department Intelligence, 335 and \$8 million.

Proxmire made his esti-

mates in a speech to the Senate.

Proxmire said no security breach would result if the official intelligence figures of manpower and budget are given publicly.

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