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Inside the Alibi Club

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Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller apparently didn't need an alibi for not showing up at former CIA Director Richard Helms' party at the super-secret Alibi Club the other night. The Rockefellers simply declined.

But Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger promised to "drop by" and then didn't show.

The role of host at such a large gathering is rare for Helms, who is home on leave from his ambassadorial post in Iran while he copes with the various civil and criminal actions being threatened against him.

Ostensibly, the party, held last Thursday night, was for Helms' stepdaughter, Lindsay McKelvie, who was married Sunday to real estate developer LeRoy "Terry" Eakin III.

But the father of the bride, Dr. Allan McKelvie, who was not invited, claims that the affair was just "a pay-

back" to Helms' "establishment friends."

The Shah of Iran, a friend of Helms since they attended the exclusive Le Rosey boys school in Switzerland in the 1920s, helped with the refreshments. He sent fresh Iranian caviar, which retails for \$175 per pound.

The Alibi Club, the least known and most prestigious for power brokers in Washington, was the ideal location for a party Helms hoped would get no publicity.

Formed in 1884, the club has a membership that never exceeds 50.

In addition to Helms, the other 49 currently include Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Alfred Gruenther, former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; William McChesney Martin, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Gerard C.

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Smith, former chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

The Alibi Club, which has been headquartered in a pre-Civil War row house at 1806 I Street NW since 1866, is so hush-hush it even has an unlisted telephone.

Potpourri

Meanwhile, the new Pisces Club in

Georgetown is less successful at keeping secrets. An employee eager to get its dirty linen in public says the management recently called the staff together to complain that the club's bill is running \$200,000 over budget. Pisces waiters have an average of eight complaints each. For