

Army Says It Failed In Pledge to Purge 9,200 Documents

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—The Army said today that it found 9,200 documents on activities of American civilians in its intelligence files more than four years after the records were supposed to have been purged.

The Secretary of the Army, Howard H. Callaway, first disclosed the continued presence of such information in a counterintelligence microfilm library last January, but he did not give any figures.

In a memorandum to Congress made public today, Mr. Callaway reviewed the situation and steps being taken to remedy it.

He said that "consideration is being given to whether any administrative action should be taken against any of the officials whose oversight or misunderstanding of the requirements" helped produce the problem.

The Army statement said that actions had been under way to eliminate all such documents from the files but that the Army was holding the material at the request of Congress while Congressional investigations continued.

In addition, Mr. Callaway said, the Army has issued a new regulation laying out more stringent annual file review procedures "which should prevent this kind of inadvertent problem from recurring."