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On Spying

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Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Donald Alexander promised Congress yesterday his agency won't participate in any more investigations like the one which led to buying information on the sex and drinking habits of 30 prominent Floridians.

"Our people are not going to engage again . . . in any collection of raw data until someone is shown to have avoided his tax responsibility," Alexander told a House Ways and Means subcommittee.

The Miami-area investigation, which had been dubbed "operation Leprechaun," simply "got out of hand," Alexander said.

The House panel opened an investigation into published reports the IRS participated in the "strike force" that recruited and paid informants to provide nontax-related information on the private lives of 30 prominent Miami-area persons, including at least 20 public officials.

The officials included 11 judges, two mayors, a city manager, two commissioners, a state representative, a state senator and three members of a state's attorney's office.

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