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Probe of CIA

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and others have urged President Ford to appoint a "blue ribbon" citizens commission to investigate the accusations of domestic spying facing the Central Intelligence Agency, administration sources said yesterday.

The sources said Kissinger discussed the idea with the President and White House chief of staff Donald Rumsfeld by telephone earlier this week before a 50-page report by CIA Director William E. Colby was sent to the President, who is vacationing in Vail, Colo.

In Colorado, a Presidential press aide declined to comment on the report that Mr. Ford is considering such a step as an answer to public controversy over the CIA's domestic activities.

According to one source, the idea was pushed by Kissinger and others within the Administration and outside the government in the hope that such a forum would review the allegations of CIA spying in a "rational, un-

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motional and careful manner."

If the President makes such a move, it is not expected to deter the various congressional committees that have already announced plans to investigate the charges, the source said.

Representative Lucien Nedzi (Dem-Mich.), chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee which oversee the intelligence agency, said he intends to proceed with his hearings, held in open session.

Meanwhile, a leading congressional critic of the CIA, Representative Michael J. Harrington (Dem-Mass.) filed a lawsuit against the government in federal district court, charging that the CIA's domestic spying and its "covert action" against foreign governments are both illegal activities under the agency's original charter.

"How many times can the CIA violate the law before corrective action is taken?" Harrington asked.

According to an administration source, publication of the Colby report to Mr. Ford "will cause some hell" with foreign governments, though he would not elaborate on why. The White House has said Mr. Ford is considering whether to make any or all of the CIA report public.

"There is no reason for Gerry Ford to cover anything up," the source said, implying that any controversial episodes described in Colby's report pre-date Mr. Ford's tenure in office.

Nedzi, who has been briefed previously on CIA domestic activities of questionable legality, also emphasized that the episodes in question date from a prior time and he said he has been assured that they have been discontinued.



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REP. HARRINGTON
Covert operations

Congressman Harrington's lawsuit names CIA Director Colby, Kissinger and Treasury Secretary William E. Simon as dependants and seeks an injunction prohibiting any further "covert action" against foreign governments. Kissinger is held responsible as national security adviser to the President and chairman of the 40 Committee, which clears CIA actions. Simon is named as fund dispenser.

Harrington cited a long list of known activities by the CIA, ranging from its secret intervention against the government of Chile to its involvement in the Watergate affair, and its cooperation with the White House "plumbers" who committed a burglary during the Nixon Administration.

Agency officials have argued in the past that their legal authorization for "covert operations" is contained in a blanket directive in 1947, which says the CIA should "perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct."

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