

A Report of Jackson's Secret Advice to CIA

Washington

Senator Henry Jackson secretly advised the Central Intelligence Agency in 1973 on how to protect itself against an investigation by Senator Frank Church into the agent's relations with the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in Chile, according to the final report of a House committee.

The report, by the House intelligence committee, quotes a CIA memorandum of Feb. 28, 1973, that said, "Senator Jackson repeatedly made the comment that in his view the CIA Oversight Committee (of which he was then a member) had the responsibility of protecting the agency in the type of situation that was inherent in the Church subcommittee.

"As a result of this conviction, Senator Jackson would work with the agency to see that we got this protection."

From the beginning of sweeping investigations of the intelligence community last year, one paramount criticism has been that Congressional committees overseeing the CIA were protective of the agency and did not

attempt truly to control its functions.

The House report has not been made public, but this and other portions of it were made available to the New York Times yesterday.

Reached by telephone, Jackson said the author of the CIA memorandum had taken "literary license" in describing his position. He said, however, that he did recall advising CIA officials on "procedural matters" in responding to Church's investigation.

"This was no coverup," Jackson said. "Nothing like that."

In the spring of 1973, the multinational corporation subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee began an investigation of the Chilean activities of IT&T and its relations with the covert activities of the CIA. The subcommittee was headed by Church, the Idaho Democrat who now heads the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. That committee conducted an investigation into intelligence agencies last year.

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