

Ex-Spy Chief Supplies Documents

Charges Against Nixon's CIA Nominee

Washington

A former Washington chief of spy activity in Vietnam for the Central Intelligence Agency has charged that William E. Colby, President Nixon's nominee for CIA director, slanted intelligence data, submitted misinformation and permitted American funds to be used in rigging a 1961 election in South Vietnam.

Paul Sakwa, who served as chief of covert activities in Vietnam from 1959 to 1961, has supplied some memos and other information to support his charges to the Senate Armed Services

Committee, which is considering Colby's nomination.

He has also given them to some newsmen.

Sakwa said that Colby, who served as Saigon station chief for the CIA from 1959 to 1962, did not provide Washington with accurate information on the deteriorating situation under the government of then President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Committee sources, however, who have examined Sakwa's material, said that they do not believe it would jeopardize Colby's chances for confirmation by the Senate.

A spokesman for the CIA said that Colby had already commented on Sakwa's documents to the committee and that no further comment would be made.

Sakwa left the CIA in 1962 after working for a year as a special assistant to Richard M. Bissell Jr., the deputy director of plans, the title given the head of all covert activity — the so-called "dirty tricks" division.

In an interview from his home in Farmington, Conn., Bissell said that Sakwa worked for him after being forced out of the previous job related to South Viet-

nam, and that he submitted several memos complaining about the way policy was being implemented in South Vietnam.

Bissell said that he does not believe Sakwa's complaints were taken very seriously at the time.

Colby was "first-rate," Bissell said and added that he had no complaints against him.

Sakwa, in a statement to the committee, submitted to R. James Woolsey, the gen-

eral counsel, said:

"Since it is difficult if not impossible for the Congress to judge the qualifications of a covert operator, I am supplying you with information permitting you to obtain documents which will prove Mr. Colby is an uncontrollable agent, he slanted intelligence, submitted misinformation, and permitted United States funds to be used in rigging the 1961 election in South Vietnam, while he was Saigon chief of station."

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