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Capitol Hill's Dim View Of Alleged CIA Activity

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A major flurry of investigative activity is being launched on Capitol Hill into the Central Intelligence Agency's alleged role in the burglary of the psychiatrist who treated Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

Chairman of three separate Senate and House panels that oversee CIA operations announced yesterday that they would immediately begin inquiries into the episode.

Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (Dem-Mich.), chairman of an Armed Services subcommittee on the CIA,

disclosed that the agency's director, James R. Schlesinger, confirmed to him yesterday that Marine Commandant Robert E. Cushman Jr. authorized use of CIA equipment in the Ellsberg burglary case.

AGENTS

The equipment was used by the Watergate break-in team headed by former CIA agents E. Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy to burglarize the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Ellsberg's psychiatrist, in connection with the White House investigation of the Pentagon Papers case during 1971.

Nedzi said Schlesinger confirmed to him, in a tele-

phone conversation, that the CIA equipment was issued to Liddy and Hunt, "and that the order emanated from General Cushman." The role of Cushman, who was at the time of the incident deputy director of the CIA, was disclosed yesterday by the New York Times.

Nedzi said Schlesinger had also ordered a wholesale review within the agency of the extent of its involvement in the Watergate case and the Ellsberg investigation.

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One high-ranking CIA official said the disclosure of the agency's role in the operations of the Hunt-Liddy team under White House direction came as a severe jolt to institutional morale at CIA's Langley, Va., headquarters.

Senator Stuart W. Symington (Dem-Mo.), chairman of the Senate's joint CIA oversight committee, said of the new development: "We plan to look into it. If true, I don't like it."

Senator John L. McClellan (Dem-Ark.), who heads a separate appropriations subcommittee on operations, said he is calling in top CIA witnesses tomorrow to testify about the agency's involvement in the Pentagon Papers case.

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