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Congress will be making "a big mistake" if it undertakes too strong an investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency for alleged domestic spying, Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) said yesterday.

Goldwater, holding his annual news conference from his hillside home, said he had no knowledge of domestic spying but said the CIA should be allowed to keep "domestic subversives" under surveillance.

"I don't think anybody could say we don't have some people who wouldn't want to overthrow the government," he said. "I would want to know more about the background of people like (Daniel) Ellsberg and what's behind them."

He said Congress should be revising the treason statutes to give more protection to secret documents.

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