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Washington

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller announced yesterday that his special commission to investigate alleged domestic spying by the Central Intelligence Agency will hold its first meeting next Monday with agency director William E. Colby and others. (3 JAN

The others were not named, but are expected to include Ambassador to Iran Richard Helms, who headed the CIA during the time of the alleged surveillance of American war protesters and other dissidents.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger also is expected to attend the initial session.

Rockefeller's early move to get the investigation going apparently reflected the concern of top government officials that the agency's intelligence - gathering abroad might be hampered unless questions about its activities are cleared up quickly.

Several top CIA officials already have stepped down in the wake of published reports that the agency conducted domestic surveillance in violation of its 1947 charter from Congress.

Several congressional committees plan hearings on the issue after the 94th Congress convenes next Tuesday, and some members have proposed creation of a special committee to oversee CIA activities.

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