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The Central Intelligence Agency admitted yesterday for the first time that its officers have spied on Americ an political dissenters, opened the mail of private citizens in San Francisco and New York, planted informers inside domestic protest groups and assembled the agency's own secret files on more than 10,000 Americans.

CIA Director William E. Colby. in a public recital unprecedented in the agency's 27-year history, recounted the various controversial episodes in general terms, he insisted they were all limited in scope and all in the past.

A separate, secret memorandum indicates that Colby has told senators privately that the CIA's surveillance in 1971 and 1972 of five citizens suspected of obtaining classified data included at cleast two journalists and an author — columnist Jack Anderson. Washington Post reporter Michael Getler and Victor Marchetti, a former GIA official whose recently

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