

# Senate Intelligence Panel Names Miller Staff Director

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The Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence Operations held its first organizational meeting yesterday and appointed William G. Miller, a Republican foreign-policy expert, as its staff director.

Miller, a former aide to former Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), will begin recruiting a staff of 30 to 40 investigators to explore foreign and domestic intelligence-

gathering by federal agencies, including the FBI, the CIA and the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the 11-member committee, said Miller was approved unanimously and will head a unified staff, instead of having majority and minority staffs to serve Democrats and Republicans separately.

"We contemplate a minimum of partisanship," Church said. "The spirit in the committee was one of non-partisanship."

Church said the committee adopted rules of procedure and confidentiality similar to the rules the House Judiciary Committee applied during its Nixon impeachment proceedings last year.

"Any member of this staff who breaks these rules, who leaks any information, will be fired," the senator said.

Creation of the special committee and a similar one in the House was stimulated in part by recent disclosures of domestic surveillance activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. However, the Senate committee members intend to take a much broader look at intelligence activities, both here and abroad.

"I see it as a forward looking inquiry," said Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr. (R-Md.), one of the leading proponents. "I think the various abuses that have been discussed will be little more than a footnote. What we want to do is write a new charter for the intelligence community."

Church said he hopes to coordinate the Senate investigation with the House, perhaps holding joint hearings and sharing areas of interest to reduce duplication.

## Reagan's Probe Absences Laid to Prior Schedule

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Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan's staff said he has missed three of the four meetings of the presidential commission investigating the Central Intelligence Agency because of prior business appointments and speaking commitments, not because of any political problems with the probe.

Reagan is also likely to miss the next commission meeting on Monday, said his aide, Peter Hannaford, but he is scheduled to attend the following one on Feb. 17. All of the other seven members have attended all of the private sessions with the exception of former Treasury Secretary C. Douglas Dillon, who missed last Monday's meeting.

"When the President asked him to be on the commission," Hannaford said, "the governor said yes, but with the reservation that he already had made a number of commitments for speaking engagements."

Reagan, his aide said, "will do his best to work out a harmonious schedule because he regards the commission's work as very important."

The former governor is now busy with lectures, for which he receives substantial fees, plus his syndicated radio broadcasts and a new newspaper column.

The commission, Hannaford

added, "is meeting with a lot more frequency than was supposed at the outset." The commission, chaired by Vice President Rockefeller, was given a deadline of April 1 to complete its investigation of CIA domestic surveillance activities.

While Reagan has missed three full days of testimony and apparently will miss a fourth, he can catch up with the others by reading the classified transcripts of the commission meetings, either at the commission's office on Jackson Place or if the testimony is sent by military courier to some secure location in California.

Hannaford said that when Reagan was explaining his scheduling difficulties to Rockefeller, the Vice President told him: "Just make sure you read all the transcripts so you can keep up." Reagan has promised to do that, Hannaford said.

Hannaford said there were no political reasons behind the governor's absence. Some conservative supporters have warned Reagan that they fear that liberals' attacks on the CIA are aimed at destroying the U.S. intelligence agency, but Hannaford said Reagan has not had any criticism of the work of the Rockefeller commission.

### Activities In Congress

#### Senate

Meets at 11 A.M.

Committees:

Agriculture—10 a.m. Open. Proposed revisions of federal farm programs—dairy industry. 324 Russell office Bldg.

Armed Services—10 a.m. Open. FY 76 authorization—Army: Army Secy Callaway. 212 ROB.

Commerce—10 a.m. Open. The President's energy proposals affecting maritime industry; Rep. Shirley Chisholm; Commerce Secy Dent; others. 5110 Dirksen Office Bldg.

Finance—10 a.m. Open. HR1767, suspend oil tariffs; Pub wit. 2221 DOB.

Joint Economic—9:30 a.m. Open. The President's economic program; Chmn Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board; to be followed by Julius Shiskin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics testifying on January employment and unemployment data. G-308 DOB.

#### House

Not in session.

Committees: None.