

Long Quiz of Former CIA Counterspy Chief

Washington

The Rockefeller commission questioned former CIA counterintelligence chief James Angleton for 2½ hours yesterday and concluded that he was not "the key to our investigation" of CIA activities.

Angleton, who resigned last December amid charges the CIA illegally spied upon American dissenters, declined to answer newsmen's questions when he entered and left the commission's closed chambers.

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, however, said Angleton "was one member of the organization who was in an important position, but I would not say he was the key to our investigation."

Rockefeller, appointed by President Ford to head the commission investigating the CIA allegation, said



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JAMES ANGLETON
'A good discussion'

"we had a very good discussion" with Angleton.

He also said two of Angleton's top assistants — Raymond G. Rocco, former dep-

uty chief of the counterintelligence unit, and N. Scott Miller, former chief of operations of the counterintelligence staff — will be called to testify at a future meeting.

The two deputies also resigned their posts within weeks of the first reports that the CIA had engaged in widespread domestic spying.

Angleton has commented upon the charges in the past although he politely waived aside newsmen's questions yesterday, when he testified at the commission's fifth weekly meeting.

In interviews, he gave conflicting stories about his resignation. At one point he said he resigned voluntarily, but at another he said he was forced to leave by someone "higher up" than CIA Director William Colby.

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