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ingleton, Principal Witness,  
Silent About Testimony  
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—  
James J. Angleton, the former  
chief of counterintelligence for  
the Central Intelligence Agen-  
cy, was the principal witness  
today at the fifth weekly meet-  
ing of the Presidential commis-  
sion investigating alleged ille-  
gal domestic activity by the  
C.I.A.

Mr. Angleton, who refused to  
comment before and after the  
closed meeting, testified from  
about 2 P.M. until 4:45 P.M.  
Earlier, the panel heard from  
Vice Adm. William F. Raborn  
r., who testified for more than  
an hour.

Admiral Raborn, who headed  
the agency from April, 1965, to  
June, 1966, was asked by repor-  
ters if the C.I.A. had underta-  
ken any illegal domestic activi-  
ties during his tenure.

"Not to my knowledge," he  
replied.

In response to another ques-  
tion, he said that he believed  
the investigation would be  
"useful" to the C.I.A. rather  
than damaging.

His appearance was viewed  
as more or less routine, since  
the panel has heard testimony  
from all part directors of the  
agency.

Mr. Angleton, however, is  
viewed as a key witness in the  
investigation. He resigned in  
December, after 31 years with  
the agency. This followed the  
first news articles about the  
agency's domestic activities,  
which are prohibited by its  
charter.

## Six Members Present

Only six of the eight members  
of the panel, which is headed  
by Vice President Rockefeller,  
were present for today's meet-  
ing. C. Douglas Dillon, former  
secretary of the Treasury, was  
present for the second week in a  
row, and Ronald Reagan, the  
former California Governor,  
missed his fourth consecutive  
meeting.

The speaking schedule has permit-  
ted him to attend just part of  
the first commission meeting,  
but he offered to resign. Mr. Rockefel-  
ler dissuaded him, however,  
and transcripts of the testimo-  
ny are being sent to a military  
installation near Los Angeles,  
where they can be kept in se-  
cure files, for Mr. Reagan's con-  
venience in reading them. Mr.  
Reagan is expected to be at  
next Monday's meeting, as he  
will be in Washington over the  
weekend for a conference.

In a related development to-  
day, Senator William Proxmire,  
Democrat of Wisconsin, an-  
nounced that he planned to in-  
troduce tomorrow a bill author-  
izing the General Accounting  
Office to audit the expenditures  
of the C.I.A. and other intelli-  
gence agencies in the Federal  
Government.

"The C.I.A.," Mr. Proxmire  
said in a speech prepared for  
the Senate, "and other intelli-  
gence agencies have protected  
themselves from Congressional  
view by not allowing audits  
of their programs."