

CIA Probers Question an Ex-Official

Washington

With half of its members absent, the Rockefeller commission met yesterday to question Howard J. Osborn, the Central Intelligence Agency's former chief of security, about the agency's domestic surveillance activities.

Osborn, who was Watergate burglar James McCord's boss at the CIA, left the agency last year after it was revealed that a CIA agent visited McCord's home following the 1972 break-in at Democratic headquarters and witnessed the destruction of documents linking McCord to the agency.

CIA Director William E. Colby also has acknowledged that Osborn's office infiltrated agents into American radical groups in an effort to gather information on planned demonstrations and break-ins against agency facilities.

Former Commerce Secretary John T. Connor temporarily served as acting chairman of the panel in place of Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, who did not arrive until the afternoon. Three other members of the eight-member commission also were absent as the panel began its sixth weekly session.

Former California Governor Ronald Reagan was present for the first time in five weeks.

Reagan, who had offered to resign because of previous commitments that he said prevented him from attending meetings, told reporters he had read tran-



HOWARD OSBORN
As he left the session

scripts of all the sessions he has missed. The transcripts are flown by military jet to an Air Force installation at El Segundo.

Asked his reaction to a Harris poll showing a majority of Americans feel the Rockefeller panel will cover up CIA wrongdoings, Reagan replied, "I found out a long time ago that I slept a lot better if I didn't pay any attention to Mr. Harris' polls." *Associated Press*