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Rep. Abzug Plans Own Domestic Spy Hearings

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The ambitious new chair- woman of a House Govern- ment Operations subcommit- tee is threatening to upstage the special committee the House created to investigate the CIA and other U.S. intelli- gence agencies.

Declaring the issue within her jurisdiction, Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.)—elevated by seniority this year to head the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights—is planning her own hearings into charges that the CIA and the Secret Service have been spying illegally on American citizens.

Only by arranging for her to go abruptly to Vietnam yester- day as part of a special fact- finding congressional delega- tion was the House leadership

able to divert Mrs. Abzug from starting her own public hearings Thursday. 27 FEB

Mrs. Abzug had arranged to take testimony in public ses- sions from her first two witnesses: CIA Director Wil- liam E. Colby and David Mc- Donald, the assistant secretary of the treasury for enforce- ment, who supervises the Sec- ret Service.

Both men had accepted her invitation to appear before her subcommittee Thursday. The hearings would have given Mrs. Abzug—who re- cently announced that she would seek the Senate seat held by James L. Buckley (Cons.-R-N.Y.) next year—a long head start on the 10- member Select Committee on Intelligence just created by the House.