

Senators Ask Ford for 30 Years of Spy Data

Washington

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has asked President Ford for records of virtually every White House authorization of foreign and domestic intelligence activities over the last three decades.

The requested material covers the terms of five presidents and undoubtedly represents the most sweeping congressional request for secret intelligence ever made.

Several members of the committee said they privately view the request as a test of Mr. Ford's willingness to cooperate with the Senate investigation into federal intelligence agencies.

The request, set out in an addendum to a letter delivered to the White House Wednesday, was made public yesterday by the White House with the permission of Senator Frank Church, chairman of the committee.

In his letter accompanying the request, Church said the items are needed "to fully determine the legal basis for the activities of the United States intelligence agencies." He said the request

had been tendered with the "unanimous approval of the committee."

The committee divided its request into three areas but spokesmen declined to comment on the meaning of any portion of it. A White House spokesman said the request has been turned over to Philip Buchen, counsel to the President, for his review.

The committee wants:

"All executive orders, national security decision memoranda or intelligence directives, and other White House directives pertaining to the charter, structure or guidelines for any overt or covert foreign or domestic intelligence agencies or activities."

There is no time period on this section and it is presumed the committee wants data from 1946 or 1947 until the present time.

The committee also asked for "all executive orders, National Security Council memoranda and directives, and other White House instructions pertaining to the structure, functions or organization of intelligence

policy organizations with the office of the President including the Forty Committee and the Washington Social Action Group (and its predecessor organization e.g., the Operations Coordinating Board, Special Group, 54-12 Group, Committee, etc).

In this request, the committee is delving into what clearly has been the very core of secrecy in the U. S. government.

From 1948 on, the White House has maintained a shrouded group of policymakers who have made decisions on every major aspect of intelligence activity.

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Ford Address

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President Ford plans to address the National Association of Broadcasters in Las Vegas on April 7 on his way back to Washington from a still unannounced Easter holiday in Palm Springs, Calif., sources said yesterday.

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