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Hill Inquiry

Gets Data on CIA Charter

The White House has given the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations nearly all of the executive directives comprising what is commonly known as the secret CIA charter, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) said yesterday.

Church, the chairman of the committee, told reporters after a three-hour closed session of the panel that only two or three directives remain to be turned over.

He said he expects they will be received after additional security precautions are put into effect and an understanding is reached on the interpretation of certain passages.

Church said he has not yet read the directives, of which there are several hundred. But he said he has read the report sent by CIA Director William E. Colby to President Ford on allegations of CIA domestic spying. Church said its contents are not "all that remarkable."

Church said the White House agreement to turn over the directives is consistent with Mr. Ford's pledge to cooperate with the investigation of intelligence agencies.

The committee yesterday heard testimony of former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford, who helped draft the legislation creating the CIA in 1947. Clifford said he told the committee the law has become "obsolete" because many of its provisions have proved to be "uncertain."