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CIA Concedes 'Illegal' Acts

Washington

Central Intelligence Agency Director William E. Colby acknowledged yesterday that some past actions of his agency were illegal, but maintained these were not on a large scale.

Colby, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said "a number of our activities were unlawful in the past. . . ."

Previously Colby has used the terms "wrong" or "mistake" in connection with CIA domestic activities, and he repeated that those words more accurately describe agency actions that have come into question within the United States.

He noted that three agents were disclosed to have infiltrated American dissident groups, saying this could not be characterized as "massive illegal domestic operation."

He said the collection of information on Americans, mostly FBI files and newspaper clippings, was wrong but was done to determine if there were any foreign connections to dissident groups. The investigation was discontinued, he said, after no such involvement was found.

Colby continued his refusal to discuss allegations of CIA involvement in plots to assassinate foreign leaders, saying a complete report has been made but that the matter is "not appropriate for public discussion."

He noted only that the agency is currently under instruction not to have anything to do with assassinations.

Asked about reports that his agency is engaged in activities trying to remove Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, he responded:

"I categorically deny that."

Colby was asked if the National Security Agency monitors telephone calls between the United States and foreign countries. He said that the group monitors foreign communications, but would give no details.

Questioned as to whether computers are used in an attempt to predict the actions of individuals, Colby said there have been some experiments in this area, but said he doesn't know of any such actual use.

On the question of Soviet ability to monitor telephone conversations within the United States, Colby would



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WILLIAM COLBY
Stronger language

only note that the Soviet Union has an extensive communications intelligence-gathering operation and "there are an awful lot of antennas" on top of the Soviet embassy.

Declining to say how many foreign covert operations are currently underway, Colby said they are a very small part of the agency budget. In the '50s and '60s, there were many such operations, he said, but there are far fewer today.

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New York

U.S. government officials made a last-minute attempt to halt the assassination of President Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, the New York Times said yesterday.

The Times said the National Security Council had cabled the Central Intelligence Agency's station chief in the Dominican capital one day before Trujillo was killed on May 30, 1961.

It quoted "former intelligence officers and current government sources" as saying the cable had said the United States could not condone an attempt to overthrow Trujillo.

It said the telegram was sent out of tactical consideration not moral opposition to the assassination.

"One source said that after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion in April the Kennedy administration had become increasingly concerned about any violence in the Caribbean area that could further "destabilize the political situation," the Times said.

It added that the cable had failed because the U.S. never controlled the groups plotting against the Dominican dictator, but provided only material support.

Reuters