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Senate Unit to Push for Names Of Journalists With CIA Links

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Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.), chairman of the Senate intelligence subcommittee looking into CIA use of American journalists and news organizations, will meet next week with CIA Director George Bush and news executives in a continuing effort to get names of those who worked in the past for the agency.

"There is hardly any way to

evaluate the impact of this program on the press," Huddleston said yesterday in a telephone interview, "without having an idea of who was involved."

The Kentucky senator called on journalists and news organizations voluntarily "to disclose to the committee identities that they have."

"The question of public disclosure of those names," Huddleston said, "is something that will be determined later."

Huddleston confirmed that the CIA had initially rejected his subcommittee's request for names. "We are going to sit down (with Bush) and confront the issue," he said of next Tuesday's planned meeting.

Meanwhile, The New York Times and CBS News yesterday said they do not support suppression by the CIA of the names of American reporters and organizations with past arrangements with the CIA.

A report in The Washington Post yesterday cited CIA officials as claiming that some top American news executives concurred in the agency's refusal to pass the information on to the Senate intelligence committee.

Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, publisher of the Times, said in late editions of the newspaper yesterday that the subject of whether the CIA should disclose such names to the Senate never came up in a meeting last Wednesday with Bush.

Bush was reported by in-

telligence sources to have found support for the CIA position of "burying the past" and not divulging past associations between journalists and the agency, according to The Post story.

Times managing editor A. M. Rosenthal said both he and the newspaper support complete disclosure of any of its correspondents or those of other U.S. news-gathering organizations who had ever worked for or cooperated with the CIA.

CBS News President Richard S. Salant described the CIA official's report of the network's position as "in error." Salant said that his organization "opposes such suppression as a matter of simple justice to the vast majority of American journalists who have never engaged in such practices."

CBS executives when questioned Monday about their meeting with Bush refused to comment on reports of what had been said about release of journalists' names, saying the session was off the record.