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SAN DIEGO AP -A former director of the Central Intelligence Agency says the CIA was "not directly involved" in the death of a Vietnamese which brought temporary murder charges against six men of the U.S. Special Forces.

"The intelligence community is the whipping boy," William F. Raborn Jr. said Tuesday night. "By law it has to remain secret and is a very convenient agency to blame."

Raborn, saying he is "happy" the charges were dropped, said "continuance of the case would not have been good for our country."

The retired vice admiral spoke to the World Affairs Council of San Diego County.