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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 8 (AP)-REP. CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, D-WIS., SAID TODAY HE IS "DEEPLY CONCERNED" ABOUT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACTIVITIES, NOT ONLY IN SINGAPORE, BUT ALL OVER THE FAR EAST.

ZABLOCKI AND THE HOUSE FAR EASTERN SUBCOMMITTEE HE HEADS
GOT A CLOSED BRIEFING ON THE RECENT SINGAPORE INCIDENT FROM
WILLIAM P. BUNDY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN
AFFAIRS.

HE SAID BUNDY GAVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE "A RATHER FULL REPORT"
ABOUT EVENTS IN SINGAPORE IN 1960 AND 1961 "WHEN A CIA AGENT WAS
CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF GATHERING INFORMATION AND A LETTER OF APOLOGY
WAS SENT" TO THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN
RUSK.

"IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THIS FACT AND THEN HAD TO RETRACT," ZABLOCKI SAID.

PREMIER LEE KUAN YEW BROUGHT THE AFFAIR TO LIGHT IN SINGAPORE RECENTLY WHEN HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE WAS OFFERED A \$3 MILLION BRIBE NOT TO REVEAL THAT A CIA AGENT HAD BEEN CAUGHT TRYING TO BUY INFORMATION FROM A SINGAPORE INTELLIGENCE AGENT.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT FIRST DENIED THIS, BUT LATER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT RUSK HAD SENT A LETTER TO LEE APOLOGIZING FOR "IMPROPER ACTIVITIES" OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL. LEE HAD PRODUCED THE LETTER AS PROOF OF HIS CHARGE.

ZABLOCKI SAID THE ORIGINAL DENIAL BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS "THE HONEST MISTAKE OF LESSER OFFICERS WHO DID NOT CHECK WITH THOSE WHO WERE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE THEM."

ZABLOCKI REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP AS A WATCHDOG OVER THE FAR-FLUNG, SECRET ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA.

"IT'S NOT JUST SINGAPORE ALONE," HE SAID. "WE ARE JUST AS CONCERNED ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES IN VIET NAM, AND HOW THEY AFFECT FOREIGN POLICY IN OTHER AREAS."

HE SAID IT WAS "PROBABLY BEYOND THE JURISDICTION" OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE TO CALL ANY CIA OFFICIALS FOR QUESTIONING.

ZABLOCKI SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD HEAR STATE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES TOMORROW ON THE INDIA-PAKISTAN CONFLICT.

HE SAID HE FULLY APPROVED THE DECISION TO CUT OFF MILITARY AID TO BOTH COUNTRIES AND FELT THE CUTTING OFF OF ECONOMIC AID AS WELL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

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