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Demand for Probe

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Representative Michael J. Harrington called yesterday for full-scale public hearings into the Central Intelligence Agency's clandestine operations against the government of the late President Salvador Allende of Chile.

In an interview at his home here, Harrington said he would formally request the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he is a member, to summon Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and William E. Colby, director of the CIA, to testify about the U.S. policy in Chile.

The New York Times reported yesterday that Colby told a House committee in April that the CIA was authorized to spend more than \$8 million covertly between 1970 and 1973 in an effort to make it impossible for Allende to govern. Allende was overthrown in a violent military coup on Sept. 11, 1973, in which the Chilean leader died.

In calling for the hearings, Harrington declared that one reason senior officials in Congress were reluctant to investigate the Chilean policy was what he termed "a disinclination" to turn up facts that might reflect adversely on Kissinger.

"Without knowing anything at all about Kissinger's role in all of this," Harrington said, "Congress is hesitating because of fear that they'll run into Kissinger."

"It's obvious to me," he added, "that the role played by Kissinger is going to be of significance in the evaluation of how the policy toward Chile evolved. But there's a disinclination in Congress to even get into some areas that might peripherally damage or embarrass Kissinger."

In his testimony before a House subcommittee on intelligence last April 22, Colby noted that all of the CIA's

efforts against Allende were directly approved by the 40 Committee, a high-level intelligence review committee that has been headed by Kis-

singer since the Nixon administration came into office in early 1969.

"We're not going to undo what happened in Chile,"

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of CIA

Harrington said yesterday, "but we must examine the role of the intelligence community in foreign policy."

"When you look at the Col-

by testimony," he added, "you'll see that the notion of congressional oversight of the CIA is a fiction, and the role of the State Department when it comes to the CIA is passive, bystandish, totally ineffective."

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