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Sen. Baker Cites Chile

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CIA 'Meddling' Criticized

Washington

Senator Howard Baker (Rep-Tenn.), leader of a movement to give Congress a full look at secret U.S. intelligence activities, said yesterday this country has no business "meddling" with another government unless it is "clearly our enemy."

Baker emphasized that he is not opposed to all undercover efforts to intervene in foreign countries, but he does believe Congress should be aware of what is happening.

Existing Senate subcommittees that are supposed to be keeping track of the CIA "do not function very effectively," he said in an inter-

view.

The Senator, a member of the now-defunct Watergate committee who sought to pinpoint CIA activity in the 1972 campaign scandal, said he believed there was "a prime distinction between finding out what's going on by even covert spying operations and trying to overthrow the government of another country."

Baker said he opposed efforts to undermine foreign governments "unless that country is clearly our enemy; for instance, if we are at war with it really or constructively . . . unless that country is our known and established enemy and unless it constitutes a threat to the future and the security of

the United States, I don't think we have any business meddling with it."

The Tennessee Republican is one of several senators seeking creation of a new Senate-House committee to oversee activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the FBI, the Treasury and "50 or 60 other" federal agencies that gather intelligence.

Baker gave the U.S. operations in Chile as an example of questionable activities, quoting Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as describing Chile "as a dagger pointed at the heart of Antarctica."

The senator said he "was not in agreement with the

statement" President Ford made when asked about the Chilean episode, and would have preferred that the President pledge not to allow any further such operations "except for the most extraordinary circumstances."

On the subject of his proposed intelligence oversight committee, Baker emphatically disagreed with the argument that CIA and other intelligence agency activities are too sensitive to reveal to members of Congress.

"I am not prepared to believe that members of Congress are less determined to protect the security of this country than members of the CIA," he said.

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