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**Panel Probes
U.S. Dropping
Of Drug Case**

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A congressional committee sought yesterday to determine why the U.S. attorney in Chicago dropped prosecution of a Thai caught smuggling drugs last year because the CIA said he was working for them.

A House Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, headed by Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D-N.Y.), demanded that CIA counsel John Greaney return before the panel today with documents spelling out how Puttapor Kramkruan, described as a Thai CIA agent, was involved in alleged smuggling of opium last year.

James R. Thompson, former U.S. attorney for the northern district of Illinois, testified he was frustrated in prosecuting the charge because the CIA refused to turn over documents which Kramkruan had first requested for his own defense.

Thompson said he finally had to recommend a filing form saying the prosecution would have to be dropped "unless the CIA can be persuaded to turn over the material we had requested from them." He said there was no other legal course and Kramkruan was released from jail and presumably had left the country.

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involves unrelated
matter; filed CIA (d).