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Location But Not Amount Of CIA Budget Is Revealed

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For the first time yesterday it was revealed on the House floor just where in the Defense appropriation bill the secret CIA budget is hidden.

Although no exact figure was given, it was also revealed that the Central Intelligence Agency will receive no more than \$2.01 billion for fiscal 1976.

Rep. Robert N. Giaimo (D-Conn.), who is attempting to persuade his colleagues to make public the amount of money Congress appropriates to the CIA, disclosed that the total is contained in a \$2.01 billion item supposedly supplying additional equipment for the Air Force.

Giaimo would not reveal how much of the \$2 billion item went to the CIA. But in answer to a question by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.) he did say the CIA has assured him that the figure does contain all the money the CIA requested.

How much of the \$2 billion actually goes to the Air Force

or to other intelligence agencies isn't known.

A 1974 book speculated that the CIA was receiving about \$750 million a year, though that figure may have grown to over a billion by now.

In arguing that the amount should be revealed, Giaimo said the "days are over" when Congress can allow the CIA to go its way "unfettered."

Knowing the budget figure would give members a "benchmark" to begin better congressional oversight, he said.

A vote on Giaimo's amendment was put off until today, when the House is scheduled to resume work on the 15-month \$112 billion defense appropriation bill. Giaimo is a member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, which until last week was the only group allowed to know the CIA budget.

Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) argued that revealing the CIA budget would "be of assistance to the enemies of this country."

Rep. David C. Treen (R-La.) argued that revealing the figure should be delayed until the House and Senate intelligence committees have time to report at the end of the month. Giaimo told the House he could simply have come to the House floor with an amendment stating the amount of the CIA budget and proposing to knock it out as a way of revealing it. But he said he wanted to give the House the chance to decide whether to reveal it or not.

The CIA had no immediate comment. A spokesman said it was doubtful any would be forthcoming in light of CIA Director William E. Colby's insistence that the agency's budget should not be made public even as a lump-sum item.