

Former U.S. Ambassador to Chile Charges Officials Lied on U.S. Role

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Edward M. Korry, former United States Ambassador to Chile, charged before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that high officials of three administrations and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation had lied to Senate committees about American intervention in Chile.

Appearing at the committee hearings on President-elect Carter's nomination of Cyrus R. Vance as secretary of state, Mr. Korry also charged that in their handling of his testimony about Chile, members and staffs of two Senate committees had exposed him to public attack and violated his civil rights.

Mr. Korry drew a picture of extensive collaboration between the White House and multinational corporations, beginning with President Kennedy's Administration, to bribe foreign officials and to finance political parties friendly to the United States.

One example, he said, was a "massive undertaking" by the Central Intelligence Agency and various private companies to help defeat the Socialist candidate, Salvador Allende Gossens, and elect Eduardo Frei, a Christian Democrat, in the presidential elections in Chile in 1964.

Mr. Korry charged that Mr. Vance, as former Secretary of the Army and Deputy Secretary of Defense, had "played a not

unimportant role" in helping forge links between government and business—the kind of links that he said President Grover Cleveland had called "the cohesive ties of public plunder."

The former Ambassador did not ask the committee to reject Mr. Vance's nomination but said, after his testimony, that he believed putting his account on the public record had reduced "the potential for improper pressures on the Secretary of State by powerful individuals and foreign governments."

Mr. Korry said he had given the Justice Department a sworn deposition containing his charges of perjury and obstruction of justice in the hearings conducted last year by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. A Federal grand jury is "actively pursuing" two of the charges, he said, and he expects indictments "unless the incoming Administration maneuvers to quash prosecution."

The former Ambassador testified at a session provided for public witnesses on the Vance nomination. Presiding in the absence of Chairman John J. Sparkman of Alabama was Senator Frank Church of Idaho, who was chairman of the intelligence investigation. Mr. Church told Mr. Korry he thought he had been fairly treated by that committee and also at a 1973 inquiry on the practices of multinational corporations.