

Ervin Says Other Agencies Got Army Data on Civilians

WASHINGTON, May 28 (UPI) —The Senator who forced the Army to stop its surveillance of civilian said today the information that had been gathered could not be completely destroyed because it had been passed around to other agencies.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, chairman of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, led the investigation that resulted in an Army pledge to end surveillance of civilians and to destroy its files.

But, he said in an interview here that "It's going to be impossible" to wipe out all the information that was gathered.

"Our investigations show that while the Army was engaged in spying on civilians that it interchanged information that it collected with the FBI and with local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and there is no way we can run that down and get it out of their files," Senator Ervin said.