

# New Report On Effort to Involve CIA

## Washington

Senator Stuart Symington said yesterday that new data just given the Senate Armed Services Committee makes it "even more difficult for me to visualize that the President" knew nothing about White House attempts to use the CIA to cover up the Watergate affair.

The new information consists of 11 memorandums of conversations that General Vernon A. Walters, deputy director of the CIA, said that he made following conversations with White House aides last June, shortly after the break-in at the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex.

Symington declined to disclose the exact contents of the memorandums but termed them "highly significant."

He said that he had sent copies to the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, which opened a full-scale inquiry into the Watergate case Thursday, and to the U.S. attorney, who is also investigating that case.

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Testifying Thursday before the Senate Armed Services committee, Walters disclosed that he had recently visited the White House to talk with J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., who was named recently by President Nixon as special counsel for the Watergate investigation.

Walters told the committee that, at the suggestion of Buzhardt, he had turned over to the White House some memorandums that he had made last June of his recollections of conversations with presidential aides.

# Hearings Resume Tuesday

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The Senate's special investigating committee on the Watergate affair will resume its televised hearings at 7 a.m. (PDT) Tuesday with further testimony by convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr.

Also expected to testify is former White House aide John Caulfield, said by McCord to have relayed from the White House an offer of executive clemency if McCord would be silent about what he knew of the Watergate case.

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At the direction of the Armed Services Committee, Walters retrieved the memorandums from the White House Thursday and delivered them to Symington.

The memorandums are said to recount, in far more extensive details, a series of meetings that Walters had told about in an affidavit presented earlier this week to several congressional committees.

In that affidavit, Walters told of meetings at which three top White House aides—H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and John W. Dean III—attempted to persuade the CIA to cover up the Watergate affair.

In his statement yesterday, Symington hinted — but he did not actually say — that there may have been material in the Walters memorandums indicating that White House aides had specifically said that their requests for CIA help were being made with full knowledge of the President.

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