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7 Warnings To the CIA Disclosed

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The Central Intelligence Agency received seven sets of notes and letters expressing concern that there were attempts to blame the CIA for the Watergate bugging, it was revealed yesterday.

The CIA delivered copies of the notes and letters to the Senate Armed Services Committee, acting chairman Stuart Symington (Dem-Mo.) said.

Except for one letter signed "Jim," all the communications were anonymous, but Symington said there was reasons to believe all were sent by James W. McCord, a former CIA employee who has been convicted in the Watergate case.

"The subject of the notes and letters is a concern that

there were attempts, following the Watergate burglary, to blame the CIA for the Watergate bugging incident," Symington said in a statement.

There was no reference to the source of this purported attempt and Symington said he "does not wish to release raw data without cross-examination."

"This is necessary in order for all pertinent facts to be collected and for all to be given an opportunity to be heard," Symington said.

Symington said the committee will review the documents soon in an executive session of the Armed Services Committee and plan "any further investigation into intelligence-related aspects of this case and connected matters."

The committee also is sending copies of the documents to the U.S. attorney's office and also to the Senate Select Committee headed by Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.), now holding hearings on Watergate.

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