

Weicker: Political spying documented

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Lowell Weicker says he has evidence that the White House spied on a dozen major politicians and used the Internal Revenue Service to pry loose data on entertainers such as Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.

Weicker said he also has White House and other Nixon administration documents to show that IRS tax intelligence was used to protect such "White House friends" as evangelist Billy Graham and movie star John Wayne once tax audits on them began.

Weicker, a Republican member of the Senate Watergate Committee, said he has obtained other docu-

ments showing the full extent of more than 50 political investigations conducted for the White House between 1969 and 1972 by its undercover political operative, Anthony Ulasewicz.

Other newly uncovered evidence shows the "blatant," improper and perhaps illegal use of such federal agencies as the IRS to move against so-called political "enemies," Weicker said.

In addition, he said he has received new evidence of the use of intelligence from the Department of Commerce and the Pentagon to embarrass Sens. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) and George McGovern (D-S.D.) and to use U.S. Army intelligence

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operatives to spy on a Democratic party affiliate in Berlin.

Weicker is scheduled to present his evidence tomorrow as he testifies before three Senate subcommittees holding joint hearings into political spying and the use of warrantless wiretaps for "national security" purposes.

Weicker did not say how or where he had obtained the documents but aides said they include records of the Ulasewicz investigations, the White House files of John Caulfield, his immediate superior, White House memos relating to use of the IRS and memos concerning military spying on political groups.

The memos were described as confirming names previously identified as Ulasewicz targets as well as adding names never before listed publicly.

Weicker did not explain why the White House would

be interested in checking the tax records of Sinatra and Davis, both Nixon backers in 1972.

Weicker said the documents show that the White House also made political use of the confidential IRS files on entertainers: Richard Boone, Jerry Lewis, Peter Lawford, Lucille Ball, Gary Morton and Fred MacMurray.

He said Gov. Ronald Reagan of California also was on the list.

Attempts to use the IRS for political purposes, especially in connection with a so-called White House "enemies" list were first surfaced during the Watergate testimony of former White House counsel John W. Dean III.

Ulasewicz acknowledged in sworn testimony before the Watergate committee last summer that he was the bagman for the payments to the arrested Watergate conspirators.

He also acknowledged

doing intensive intelligence work on political figures for the White House. He answered affirmatively when Weicker asked him if he hadn't "dealt in dirt" or allegations of it during his investigations.

Weicker said he has documents to confirm or add these names to the list of Ulasewicz' investigative targets.

Alabama Gov. George Wallace, former New York City Mayor John Lindsay and former Sen. George Murphy (R-Calif.), Sens. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), John Tunney (D-Calif.), Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Edmund Muskie (D-Maine).

Sens. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), Quentin Burdick (D-N.D.) and Vance Hartke (D-Ind.).

In addition, Weicker said there is documentary evidence that Ulasewicz tailed the movements of a secretary to Rose Kennedy, the matriarch of the Kennedy family.