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CIA chief will keep it 'proper'

WASHINGTON — CIA director William E. Colby said yesterday if he is ever asked to do anything beyond the agency's statutory power "I won't do it. I'll resign."

"I will do the proper and legitimate things under the statute that CIA has been charged to do," he said in a interview with *Parade Magazine*.

The CIA got involved in the Watergate dirty tricks under Colby's predecessor, Richard Helms, by furnishing equipment to E. Howard Hunt Jr. to burglarize the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. It also provided false identity equipment for Hunt when he flew to Denver to try to talk an ITT official into denying she wrote a damaging company memo.

Colby, 54, is trying to burnish the image of the CIA which has 16,000 employees and a budget estimated at \$750 million.

He spelled out the agen-

cy's function:

"We gather information from all over the world in order to learn as much as we can about foreign problems so that we can decide what to do about them.

"We have various ways of gathering information — reading newspapers, taking photographs, listening to electronics noises in the atmosphere and employing clandestine activity where it's essential, we gather the information, analyze it, think about it, come to some judgment or estimate the situation and relay it to the national leadership, executive, legislative, and indirectly, even to the public so that the U.S. can make informed judgments and decisions."

Colby is trying to recruit new people for the CIA, particularly more women and blacks.

"What we're looking for," he said, "are young men and women who are interested in intellectual and technical pursuits. Intelligence is technical these days. We're in the market for something like 130 specialist disciplines, running all the way from nuclear physicists to financial economists. We need every kind of specialty to help our total intelligence process.

"We especially need women and blacks. We don't have enough of them as professional intelligence officers."