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# Congressman Faces Disciplinary Action in CIA-Chile Case

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WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee is studying possible disciplinary action against Rep. Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) as a result of the disclosure of CIA political activity in Chile, it was learned Friday.

Asked specifically about such action, Rep. F. Edward Hegert, (D., La.) chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, refused to discuss it. "The matter is before the subcommittee (on intelligence)," he said.

The question of disciplinary action centered on a published story in the New York Times quoting secret subcommittee testimony by CIA Director William E. Colby detailing U. S. political activities before the overthrow of Marxist Chilean President Salvadore Allende last year.

Subcommittee chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) previously had given Harrington, who is not a member of the Armed Services Committee, permission to read the testimony. Harrington then wrote letters to Nedzi and several other congressmen urging an investigation of the CIA operations in Chile.

Harrington denies he leaked any of the letters to the news media. But Nedzi reportedly told him in closed session earlier this week that he apparently violated House rules by writing letters based on secret testimony.

Harrington said he was called before the subcommittee for questioning on how

Colby's testimony came to be publicly released, the accuracy of his recollection of it and "my sanity."

"Illinois Republican Rep. Leslie C. Arends kept shaking his white mane and saying, 'I just can't understand you. I'm trying to understand you, but I can't, Harrington said.

He said "It was consistent that the subcommittee was more interested in its rules than with the substance of whether it maintains adequate oversight over the CIA."

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