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SENATOR MCCARTHY INTERVIEWED

GUEST: Senator Eugene McCarthy, Democrat, Minnesota

PANEL: Wally Bruner, Bill Gill, ABC News Correspondents

BRUNER: "Senator McCarthy, there has been some speculation that the suddenly announced resignation of the Admiral as chief of CIA -- Admiral Rayborn, may have come about as a result of some of his attitudes toward your motion for a place on the CIA Watchdog Committee in the Senate. Do you have any information concerning the retirement?"

MCCARTHY: "No, I don't have any -- well, the information that he has retired is the only information I have. And no indication that his retirement had anything to do with his attitude toward the Foreign Relations Committee as a possibility that the CIA might report somewhat more fully to our committee than it now does. I've always assumed that the position he took was the position which was recommended to him by his principle in the White House, and that there'd be no reason as to why his position with reference to reporting to us would have been a factor in his resignation."

BRUNER: "Would we assume then that the appointment of Richard Helms as his successor would not herald any change in the CIA position?"

MCCARTHY: "Well, I don't know whether it would herald any change in the position of the CIA with reference to the Congress or the Foreign Relations Committee. Helms does have a reputation of being a rather sensitive person and somewhat concerned about not just the objectives of the agency, but also its relationships to Congress and its methods of operation.

"My judgment of any recent directors of the CIA among the recent directors go back as far as Allen Dulles at least. He is -- in advance of his appointment indicated a greater sensitivity on this matter than any of his immediate predecessors."