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Rep. Bow Shocked

'Half Truths' Bared in Some Reports

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Hillsman said some of his bureau's reports were written by persons who did not have complete security clearance, and then added:

WASHINGTON, July 14—Testimony of Roger Hillsman, State Department director of Intelligence and Research, that some of his reports to policymakers contain "a half truth" or "a partial truth" may get an indignant airing on the House floor soon. Such "truths" make "people sit up and think," he said.

"Of course, some of the statements you have read are not completely valid. On the other hand, there may be a half truth here or a partial truth which will make people sit up and think."

Rep. Frank Bow (R., O.) whose questioning of Hillsman yielded this testimony, said he intended to discuss the Intelligence and Research operations of the Department when State's appropriations bill is debated.

"If I am sitting down in the State Department," Bow remarked, "and this is given me as a research study from the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, I should think that I would have a right to believe this is not half truth or partial truth, and be able to rely upon it."

Bow's questioning of Hillsman is reported in the transcript of Appropriations Committee hearings, but up to now has received only meager attention.

'Makes You Think'
"Is our foreign policy made on reports with half truths or partial truths? That is pretty dangerous."

Hillsman said his bureau, which wants about \$3,000,000 for this fiscal year, "develops and implements a comprehensive coordinated program of policy-relevant research and analysis for the Department and for other Federal agencies." Hillsman himself serves on the U.S. Intelligence Board, whose chairman is Director John McCone of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Hillsman said, "It should make you think and it should have some findings which are useful," but he was not allowed to finish this statement, for Bow interrupted:

To See Prisoners

Among other ways of gathering material for the usually secret reports he makes to policymakers (and some of which apparently the President sees), Hillsman explained he was sending agents to Vietnam to interview Viet Cong prisoners. "If we are to succeed there," he told the committee, "we have to know a great deal about the method of Viet Cong operations and their appeals and attempts to recruit."

"Do you mean to tell me in order to get the people in the State Department to think, we have to feed them half truths? I do not agree with that. I would hope they are much more intelligent than that down there."

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