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HELMS AFFAIR IS CLOSED

MORT KRIM: "The Richard Helms affair is closed. CIA Director Richard Helms has apologized to the U.S. Senate. And ABC microphones were in Washington today as Helms walked out of the Senate committee room."

HELMS: "I'm just simply saying that it was a mistake to sign this letter. I realize it was a mistake, which I regret, and I've apologized."

KRIM: "That letter Helms signed was to St. Louis newspaper editor. Congratulated the editor for an editorial critical of Senator William Fulbright."

CPYRGHT "After Helms' apology, Senator Fulbright told ABC."

FULBRIGHT: "I thought his statement was a very forthright and honest statement and he acknowledged that he'd made a mistake signing this letter, that he explained the circumstances, which I think are understandable. On the whole I think he did an excellent job of explaining a mistake which any of us might make."

KRIM: "Senator Fulbright, willing to forgive and forget."