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AN IN-PERSON EXPLANATION

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NEIL BOGGS: "The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today got an in-person explanation and apology from CIA Director Richard Helms. His letter to a newspaper praising its editorial critical of Committee Chairman Fulbright, Helms conceded, was a mistake.

"Fulbright himself said he considered the matter closed, and as if to demonstrate all is forgiven, struck an amiable pose with Helms when the closed hearing on the matter ended. Fulbright said Helms told the Committee an aide drafted the letter, but that he signed it along with other letters handed to him without a careful enough examination."