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CIA REFUSES COMMENT

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MORGAN: "The new Director of the CIA, Richard Helms, purportedly wrote a letter printed by a St. Louis newspaper praising an editorial which criticized efforts by Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Fulbright to gain a say in CIA activities. Helms was roundly criticized himself today in the Senate when copies of the paper showed up in Washington.

"The CIA refuses to comment, but Helms will testify before Fulbright's Committee tomorrow."