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WASHINGTON--THE SENATE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE MET TODAY WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ON THE "BLACK BUDGET"--THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET FOR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AND OTHER COVERT ACTIVITIES.

NAMES OF WITNESSES WERE NOT ANNOUNCED. CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE SESSION RELATED MOSTLY TO APPROPRIATIONS--"THE BLACK BUDGET." THOSE BUDGET ITEMS ARE ROUTINELY CONCEALED IN BUDGET ITEMS OF OTHER AGENCIES--MOSTLY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

RUSSELL SAID ANOTHER SESSION WILL BE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH BUDGET REQUESTS OF THE CIA. THE CIA REQUESTS, HE SAID, AMOUNT TO "LESS THAN HALF" OF OVERALL BLACK BUDGET TOTAL.

THE RECENT SENATE-FLOOR CONTROVERSY, OVER FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION ON THE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE, WAS NOT MENTIONED AT THE SESSION, RUSSELL SAID.

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