

Colby Defends CIA as Vital To Security

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WASHINGTON — (UPI) —
CIA Director William E.
Colby defended the agency's
secret activities today as es-
sential to insure American
security, lest the nation "risk
subordination to possible ad-
versaries."

In a speech prepared for a
hostile symposium on the CIA,
Colby acknowledged his audi-
ence. "If I said I am happy to
be here, my statement might
be used to challenge the credi-
bility of the intelligence com-
munity," he said.

The meeting, sponsored by
the National Security Studies
Section of the privately-fi-
nanced Fund for Peace, has
castigated covert CIA opera-
tions as illegal, immoral, un-
constitutional and a violation
of international law and the
United Nations.

Former officials of the CIA,
State Dept. and Pentagon in-
telligence groups, authors,
researchers, and journalists
came with new ammunition —
the disclosure, through news
"leaks," that the CIA spent
from \$8 million to \$11 million
trying to "destabilize" the
Marxist government of Presi-
dent Salvador Allende in
Chile. Allende was deposed
and died in a military coup
last year, a victim or a sui-
cide.

Colby, a CIA veteran who
became director last year,
said secrecy was not unique to
the agency.

"Our military forces must
be responsive to our public,
but our public does not de-
mand that our war plans be
published," he said.

"It is even necessary for the
Congress to conduct some of
its business in executive
(closed) session, while re-
maining accountable to the
voters for the legislation it
passes."

Similarly, Colby said, the
CIA maintains "the necessary
secrecy of the sources and
methods of our intelligence."

"There is a final control, of
course, in the fact that some
of our activities, if badly han-



WILLIAM COLBY

... CIA director.
—UPI Telephoto.

in a somewhat clamorous
way." The CIA chief men-
tioned the abortive Bay of
Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961
but made no reference to
Chile.

Colby is proposing legisla-
tion which will penalize ex-
CIA agents and others who re-
veal classified material.

An unexpected panelist
Thursday was Daniel Ells-
berg, who released the Penta-
gon Papers on the Vietnam
war and who came under sur-
veillance by active and former
CIA agents on orders of the
Nixon White House. His psy-
chiatrist's office was broken
into in hopes of stealing ma-
terial potentially damaging to
Ellsberg.

Ellsberg said Thursday an
"invisible government,"
which included the CIA, oper-
ated in Washington outside
congressional control.

Colby said the CIA's prima-
ry function was gathering in-
formation and analyzing it but
the agency carried out covert
activities "only when specifi-
cally authorized by the Nation-
al Security Council — thus
CIA covert actions reflect na-
tional policy."

Colby said the CIA makes
"no attempt to interfere in in-
ternal American domestic ac-

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