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# Senate panel scolds

## Casey

### But forgives his forgetfulness

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Washington (News Bureau)—The Senate Intelligence Committee scolded CIA Director William J. Casey yesterday for being "inattentive to detail" because he forgot to tell the panel about \$250,000 in investments and \$500,000 in debts in his financial disclosure statement.

The committee, closing its investigation of Casey's sometimes controversial business activities before he took over the Central Intelligence Agency, decided that despite his forgetfulness, the former New York lawyer is a suitable CIA director.

For all practical purposes, the Intelligence Committee's investigation of Casey ended last July when the panel, in a statement by Chairman Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), pronounced him "not unfit" for his job. But a small committee investigative staff, headed by a former CIA official, spent the following four months tying up loose ends in the Casey probe, reaching the same conclusion yesterday.

Only Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) continued to express doubts about Casey, charging the CIA director had "displayed a consistent pattern of omissions, misstatements and contradictions...and has lost my confidence."

**AMONG THE** Intelligence Committee's findings in the Casey case:

- His answers to a committee financial disclosure questionnaire during his confirmation hearings last January were "deficient in several respects... (He) omitted at least nine investments valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars and debts of nearly half a million dollars."

- Casey also failed to disclose that



William Casey—rapped on biz deals.

he served on the boards of directors of "a number" of corporations and foundations nor did he mention that he was involved in four civil lawsuits. Among the legal clients he did not disclose were the governments of South Korea and Indonesia, the report said.

- His representation of Indonesia in 1976 raised a question of whether he should have registered as a foreign agent. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), acting chairman of the Intelligence Committee in the absence of the ailing Goldwater, said the Justice Department would be asked for a ruling on this point.

Summing up, the committee said it was "concerned that this pattern... (of omissions) suggests an insufficient appreciation of the obligation to provide complete and accurate information to the oversight committees of Congress."