

THE WASHINGTON STAR (RED LINE)
21 AUGUST 1975

Police Chief Rebuffs Senate CIA Probers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "It will be a cold day in hell when I provide you with the information you have requested," Los Angeles Police Chief Edward M. Davis told the U.S. Senate panel investigating the CIA.

"Your request for information . . . is incredible. I think that the elected politicians in Washington . . . are doing a pretty good job raping the FBI, the CIA and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration)," the Los Angeles Times today quoted Davis as saying in a letter to Frederick Schwartz Jr., the Senate Intelligence Committee's chief counsel.

Davis' angry outburst was in response to Schwartz's letter asking the police chief for "the names of all individuals who engaged in intelligence-gathering activities" for the Los Angeles Police Department since 1965.

THE APPEAL for police intelligence data came as the Senate panel expanded its investigation of the CIA to include intelligence-gathering operations of police departments throughout the country.

Contending the Los Angeles police intelligence operation was "one of the prime reasons" for the reduction of the city's crime rate by 5 percent be-

tween 1970 and 1974, Davis said:

"The attempt to penetrate the appropriate criminal intelligence mechanisms of local government by federal lawmakers is an absolute violation of the 10th Amendment of the Constitution, which reserves to the states all powers not granted to the federal government by the Constitution."

Davis also credited his department's undercover operations with making Los Angeles "the only major city in the country relatively free of any organized crime influence."

"Our intelligence gathering is in absolute conformance with California law and is done under the guidelines set forth by our civilian Board of Police Commissioners," said Davis.

"I would suggest that you stick your nose back in your own tent," he added.

STAT