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CIA Director Stansfield Turner said that his agency's ability to collect information would be severely hampered if it were prohibited from recruiting free-lance writers and foreign journalists to work as spies. Turner told a House intelligence subcommittee that the regulation he issued last November prohibiting the CIA from using as paid or unpaid spies journalists accredited to U.S. newspapers, wire services or broadcast media went far enough to prevent covert manipulation of the American press. Turner conceded that occasionally a story planted by the agency in the foreign press might be reprinted in the United States. But he said such a danger was "remote."