

Committee criticizes way CIA handled spy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new round of criticism of the CIA, a House committee said Wednesday the agency was guilty of "a negligent attitude" in its handling of the Aldrich Ames spy case. The panel also complained the FBI was "inexplicably passive" during the early stages of the biggest spy case in U.S. history.

Issuing the report, Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said the CIA handling of the Ames affair "was a case of sloppiness in big capital letters."

The panel also expressed particular displeasure at the CIA's failure to tell Congress when it first suspected that a Soviet mole in the agency was betraying

U.S. spies in Moscow.

As for the FBI, the committee recommended that it conduct an internal investigation of its handling of the case.

CIA Director R. James Woolsey issued a brief statement saying the report "reflects a careful and professional examination of the issues raised by the Ames case."

The FBI said in an unsigned statement that it has taken significant steps to improve counterintelligence and that it "will continue to work closely with Congress on any new efforts that must be made."

The House panel was easier on Woolsey than its Senate counterpart,

which issued its report on the Ames case on Nov. 1. The Senate report said Woolsey's reprimands of 11 senior managers for their handling of the Ames matter were "seriously inadequate" for a "disaster of unprecedented proportions."

Arrested last February, Ames admitted to selling U.S. national security secrets to Moscow for more than eight years, starting in 1985. A 31-year veteran of the CIA, Ames was sentenced last April to life in prison.

The House report said the CIA failed to keep Congress "fully and currently informed" of the intelligence losses and of the efforts to determine the cause.

"This was despite several instances of

pointed questioning by committee members," it said.

Rep. Larry Combest of Texas, ranking Republican on the committee, said that had the CIA kept the committee informed about intelligence losses, "we would have been relentless" in making sure the CIA and FBI were pursuing the investigation at the highest levels.

Combest said he was one of those who had asked the agency about possible problems.

Asked if he was lied to by the CIA, Combest replied, "I would not go so far as to say that. ... It could have been ignorance."

NBC says FCC waiver of rules favored Fox

WASHINGTON (AP) — NBC, seeking what it describes as the same regulatory footing as rival Fox, wants federal regulators to make it easier for media companies to get financing from foreign investors.

NBC filed a petition Wednesday to the Federal Communications Commission, asking the agency to "either enforce the rules on the books or change them to allow everyone the benefit." NBC senior vice president and general counsel Richard Cotton said in an interview.

The rules NBC is referring to limit a foreign company or individual from owning more than 25 percent of a broadcast station.

If the agency decides to give Fox a waiver from such restrictions, Cotton said, all broadcast companies should be allowed waivers.

A proceeding under way at the FCC will determine whether Fox's acquisition of six TV stations that made up the foundation of the network violated foreign ownership limits.

The FCC approved the acquisition of those stations from Metro-media Inc. in 1986. The stations are in Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas and Houston.

The NBC petition builds on a complaint filed earlier this year by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which asserted that Fox violated federal foreign ownership restrictions.

The NAACP claimed that Fox masked its true corporate structure and that its foreign ownership denied opportunities to U.S. minorities. The FCC has said since May that a ruling is imminent.

According to Fox disclosures to the FCC this summer, all but one percent of the \$600 million used to purchase the stations was put up by News Corp., which is based in Australia.

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plan for a reduction of 3 percent, or \$4.9 million.

Proposed for possible elimination in the college of arts and sciences are the communications school, and the departments of applied mathematics, Slavic languages and literature, speech communications, fiber arts in the School of Art and Systematic Musicology in the School of Music.

Other programs that could be eliminated include radiological sciences in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, and the previously announced proposal to cut the Institute for Environmental Studies in the Graduate School.

Under university rules, the programs will be reviewed by faculty and student committees, and a final list of programs to be eliminated will be issued in late spring.

Meanwhile, no students will be allowed into programs that may be eliminated or reorganized. Students in programs identified as being eliminated will be given "reasonable opportunity to complete their current programs of study in a timely manner."

The university said tenured faculty in terminated programs will retain their positions and will be reassigned to other academic units.

In addition to cutting the \$12 million from its budget, the school said it would set aside \$6.4 million to meet commitments and cover other costs in the two-year budget period that begins July 1, 1995.

Universities and community colleges had been told to plan for budget reductions of 2.4 percent for the biennium.

The UW said that if the reduction planned for is fully implemented, the school's total state funded budget reductions since 1992 will total \$65 million, or about 10 percent of its state budget.

In that time, 600 jobs will have been eliminated.

The UW said the round of budget cuts is comparable to budget reductions of a decade ago.

The cuts in the 1980s were generally felt across all programs. Gerberding said the \$53 million in budget cuts since 1992 were handled the same way, but now it is time to eliminate or reorganize whole programs rather than let quality deteriorate across campus.

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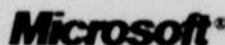
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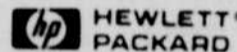
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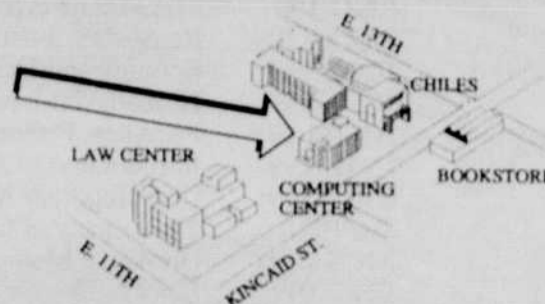
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Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force will meet today at 1 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A. For more information, call the Office of the Dean of Students at 346-1144.

MISCELLANEOUS

ROTC will sponsor an information table today from 1 to 4 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. Scholarship and curriculum information will be available. For more information, call 346-3102.

Southeast Asian Studies will show and discuss two videos about the AIDS epidemic in Thailand today at noon in the Yamada Language Center Lounge in Pacific Hall. For more information, call 346-1521.