

PLAINS, Ga. — Though President Carter has signed a compromise bill funding 10 disputed water projects, his battle with Congress over the waterways may not be over yet.

"I would be surprised if we've seen the last of the water projects — even this year," a senior White House official said yesterday.

At this point, it is up to the President to take the next step in the controversy over the expensive water projects, ones that Congress wants to have built and that Carter feels are cost ineffective.

There seem to be two options for the President, if he decides to take any action at all. He could seek to defer funding for the 10 projects, and his deferral would take effect automatically unless Congress voted to override it.

Or he could attempt to rescind the funding altogether. Should he choose that option, he would need an affirmative vote in Congress for the projects to die — and such a vote is an unlikely prospect.

"I note that this bill contains funding for 10 projects for which I recommended deletion of funds," he said. "I remain very concerned about these projects."

WHEN HE INITIALLY raised the issue of the waterways several months ago, the President sought to kill 31 of the projects, and he later trimmed the list to 19. He succeeded in halting funds for nine projects and reducing funding for four more.

According to Carter, the elimination of some waterways was "a precedent-setting first step in trimming spending on unnecessary, expensive and environmentally damaging construction projects . . . this is unprecedented progress.

"Much remains to be done to accomplish lasting reform in water resources policy," he said. "My administration is developing water policy reform proposals and will continue to scrutinize carefully all ongoing and proposed water projects."

Whatever broad action he might take to curb the construction of water projects, it is certain to be met with howls in Congress. Many senators and House members appear to regard the waterways as a necessary pork barrel, and thus Carter's first foray against the projects cooled his relations with Congress.

In his statement yesterday, issued as he vacationed in his hometown, Carter noted that the appropriations bill provides \$500 million "for research and development on breeder reactors and other advanced nuclear power technologies."

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Turner Denies CIA Bugging of S. Korea's Park

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner today denied that U.S. intelligence agents bugged the South Korean government's "Blue House" or had tape recordings of the conversations of President Park Chung Hee.

It was the first time the new director of central intelligence has spoken on the record about persistent reports that the CIA at one time bugged the Korean president's residence and found evidence of a scheme to influence U.S. policy.

"There were no tapes," Turner said. "I'm speaking of the entire intelligence community, not just CIA." But he declined to answer when reporters pressed him as to whether the United States had intercepted messages being sent over the airwaves between Seoul and Washington.

TURNER SAID the CIA has no agreement with the Korean Central Intelligence Agency or other foreign governments about how they operate in the United States. There are no deals about what they do here or what U.S. agents do in foreign countries, he said, adding that any U.S. activities of Savak (the Iranian secret police), DINA (the Chilean secret agency) and others are the province of the FBI.

Turner said that the CIA has turned over to Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson, D-Ill., and chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, all documents in the CIA's possession regarding the committee's prospective investigation of Korean influence-peddling. But Turner refused to go beyond the mere acknowledgment that these sensitive documents, which might implicate senators in the scandal, had been handed over to the committee.

The implication of Turner's statement today is that none of these documents is the result of electronic surveillance of the Blue House.

ON OTHER matters, Turner declared:

* He has taken the advice of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and is notifying all involved universities of their unwitting association with the

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information available in response to the committee's blanket request to all federal agencies for any evidence that might suggest involvement of senators.

Among the documents apparently made available was a list containing the names of a number of federal officials who allegedly received payments from Tongsun Park, the fugitive Korean businessman whose activities prompted the Justice Department's investigation.

THE LIST, which also was made available to the House Ethics (Standards of Official Conduct) Committee last week, reportedly was obtained by federal agents from Jay Shin Rye, a former associate of Park.

At his news conference, Stevenson declined to say whether the list contained the names of any current or past members of the Senate. In fact,

obtain Park's testimony in the criminal investigation of the Justice Department. Park left the United States after early press accounts of his activities involving members of Congress and is believed to be living in England.

As part of the effort to obtain Park's testimony, Bell said, high administration officials have sought help from the Korean government in Seoul. He confirmed that President Carter "has had some role" in these communications, as has Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Although the attorney general's statements seemed to underscore Park's importance to both the criminal and congressional investigations, he told reporters that some prosecutions still could be brought without the Korean's testimony.

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secret MK-ULTRA drug-testing project now coming to public attention. But he complained that some universities have been "unacademic" in their treatment of individuals who had even a small association with the CIA in the past.

- He has ordered new moves to reduce the CIA Operations Division by about 800 employes, largely from an overstaffing that grew during the war in Vietnam. He also has ordered new screening and exercise programs so that the agency will get "lean and mean."

- He is not clearing all secret intelligence operations in advance with the Senate Intelligence Committee, although the legislative branch is being notified.

- The Senate committees working on MK-ULTRA were given both com-

plete and "sanitized" versions of all documents related to the drugs-testing project. Turner said the Ford administration's Rockefeller Commission, which investigated allegations of CIA abuses, had all this material, too, well before the recent disclosures of experiments on mind control. Turner said 120 of the 149 projects were the kind "you wouldn't mind having your children involved in." The CIA is trying — so far without success — to find the unwitting victims of the tests.

- All documents on MK-ULTRA also have gone to the Justice Department, which must determine whether anyone connected with the tests should be prosecuted.

Turner said the CIA also had undertaken tests on parapsychology several years ago. The intelligence director said the agency had a man gifted with what he called "visio-perception" of places he had never seen, but added with a smile that the man died two years ago "and we haven't heard from him since."

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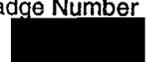
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