



Three congressmen with ties to right-wing organizations serve on HISC. They are Rep. Richard Ichord, L., chairman, an editor of the American Security Council's *Washington Report*, Rep. John Schmitz, C., a Birch Society member, and Rep. John Ashbrook, R., former president of the American Conservative Union.

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Our files are searched four days a week, on a full-time basis, by 8 to 15 representatives of certain Federal departments and agencies. Representatives of other agencies do the same type work at the Committee offices on an irregular basis. During 1966, the following departments and agencies sent personnel to search our files, regularly or occasionally:

Central Intelligence Agency.
Civil Service Commission.
Coast Guard Intelligence.
Defense Communications Agency.
Defense Intelligence Agency.
Department of Agriculture.
Department of Defense.
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
Department of Housing and Urban Development.
Department of State.
Department of the Treasury.
Federal Aviation Agency.
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Immigration and Naturalization Service.
Internal Revenue Service.
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
National Agency Checks Center, Department of Defense.
National Security Agency.
Naval Investigative Service.
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army.
Office of the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.
Office of Naval Intelligence.
Office of the Secretary of Defense.
Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.
United States Air Force.
United States Information Agency.
United States Secret Service.
In addition to the above-listed agencies which have their own representatives visit the Committee, the following departments and agencies (as well as various congressional committees) called on our Committee personnel for information:
Department of Justice.
Library of Congress.
National Bureau of Standards.
Department of the Army.
Post Office Department.
Veterans' Administration.
Walter Reed Hospital.
National Armed Forces Museum Advisory Board.
Fort McNair Industrial College.
U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.
Agency for International Development.
Smithsonian Institution.
General Services Administration.
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES.

HISC Budget \$525,000; 102 Congressmen Opposed

By a vote of 302 to 102 the House of Representatives approved a \$525,000 budget for the House Internal Security Committee for the next fiscal year.

Those opposed were generally viewed as favoring the abolition of the Committee. Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D., Mass.), who had sought a substantial budget curtailment, noted 20 more congressmen voted in opposition to HISC than did in 1971.

Last year the House Internal Security Committee had a staff of 54 and a budget of \$570,000. Only three committees had larger staffs*; only seven larger budgets.

By way of comparison, the House Armed Services Committee had a staff of 34 and a budget of \$300,000. While the latter keeps House members posted on matters relating to a near \$80 billion in defense expenditures, there is some mystery about just what the HISC staff does.

Clearly a major portion of the effort goes into maintaining files which are scattered about the Congressional office buildings. The best guesstimate is that there are 750,000 folders, including those on individuals.

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THEY ARE much pawed over. In 1967, Rep. Edwin E. Willis, then chairman of the House UnAmerican Activities Committee (HISC's predecessor), reported "our files are searched four days a week on a full-time basis by 8 to 15 representatives of certain Federal departments."** (For list see next page.)

The same year, John W. Macy, Jr., then chairman of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, reported "approximately 288,000 searches against the HUAC files."**

In 1966, the HUAC Reference Section "answered 1,565 requests for information from members of Congress and 2,806 from the Committee staff.

While more current figures are hard to come by, they may become available as a result of heated discussions known to be going on in HISC executive sessions.

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SOME congressmen doubt the need for any HISC files. Those of the FBI are enormously larger. The major purpose for the HISC dossiers is to give the government a place to turn for information on those whose views or affiliations someone

on the HISC staff concludes may have some bearing on internal security.

Security risks are also a concern of the FBI. While even congressmen find they cannot penetrate the FBI files, those at HISC are much more accessible.

They are the major reference source for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which has its own 26-member staff. Presumably they will be a major source for the Subversive Activities Control Board, newly charged with expanding the Attorney General's lists of organizations in which membership will be grounds for denial of federal employment. (Francis McNamara, SACB's new executive director, was former HUAC staff director.)

With so many having access, information leakage to security buffs outside government seems inevitable.

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BOTH the Church League of America and the American Security Council enjoy a close relationship with HISC. For example, Mrs. Ruth Matthews, widow of the late Dr. J. B. Matthews, was added to the HISC staff last April. She is also a consultant to the Church League of America and to *COMBAT*, a rightwing news letter published by William F. Buckley's *National Review*.

Rep. Richard Ichord (D., Mo.) does double duty as HISC chairman and as legislative editor of the American Security Council's *Washington Report* newsletter and radio program.***

Cong. John Schmitz, the California Bircher, and Cong. John Ashbrook (R., Ohio), past president of the American Conservative Union, are HISC members with immediate links to the two broad segments of the American Right.

Since there is no indication as to the criteria used to establish a file on an individual, the possibility exists that your congressman is keeping a closer watch on you than you are on your congressman.

* Appropriations staff, 121 persons; Education and Labor, 82; House Administration, 60. Compiled by Nat'l. Comm. Against Repressive Legislation.

** *Congressional Record*, March 13, 1968, p. H 1889.

*** One of Representative Ichord's predecessors in this ASC post was the late Sen. Tom Dodd. Since Dodd got paid, there is speculation on Capitol Hill as to whether Ichord also received remuneration. The ASC maintains an active state council in Missouri, Ichord's home state.

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