

News Group to Reject Leaked Report Proceeds

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A reporters' organization announced yesterday that it has decided to refuse any money from the publication of the House intelligence committee report that was released by Daniel Schorr.

CBS Correspondent Schorr had specified that any payment for publication of the report by The Village Voice in New York should go to the group, The Reporters Committee for Freedom

Village Voice publisher Clay Felker has never said if he is paying anyone or any group for the report. He did not immediately return telephone calls Tuesday on that question.

The Village Voice published excerpts of the report in two issues although the House had voted to keep it secret on grounds that it contains classified information.

Jack Landau, the reporters committee's chief trustee, said the group decided to accept no money "to avoid any suggestion the committee was involved in commercialization or check-book journalism."

Meanwhile, the House ethics committee met in closed session for two hours yesterday as it opened an investigation of Schorr's role in the leak of the report.

Chairman John J. Flynt Jr. (D-Ga.) said the panel

discussed hiring a staff and explored the "substance and directive" of the House resolution ordering an investigation of the leak. The committee meets again today.