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# CBS News spokesman denies financing invasion of Haiti

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A congressional subcommittee investigating complaints of slanted news has been investigating for nearly a year allegations that the Columbia Broadcasting System bargained finance Haitian rebels in exchange of film rights. A committee official said Monday.

No conclusions have been reached as a result of the inquiry, which was described as extremely preliminary.

Robert Robinson, counsel to the House of Representatives in interstate and foreign commerce and communications, said the investigation against CBS was only one item in the inquiry.

He said the committee had received complaints—he did not say from whom—to the effect that CBS had paid Haitians opposed to the government of President Francois Duvalier in exchange for exclusive rights to film their activities.

Robinson said the complaint could have arisen from an incident in January, 1967. A CBS broadcast was then among Haitian cables seized by American authorities during what was described by an electrician at the time as an attempt to invade Haiti and overthrow the government. The cables, which were sent from France, were seized in U.S. waters, Robinson said after

day: "Any suggestion that CBS News 'financed' an attempt to invade Haiti in 1966 or deliberately encouraged such an invasion, is false."

"Such allegations apparently relate to a CBS News investigative reporting project in 1966." The spokesman said the project concerned the activities of Caribbean exiles living in Florida.

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