Halperin: Taps Followed Access End

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Halperin's telephone in an at. ernment employee. tempt to investigate news leaks according to a sworn affidavit by Helperin.

Morton Halperin to sensitive ficials on grounds that the tap regarding national security information was cut off on was illegal. The tap remained matters," Halperin continued. Henry A. Kissinger's orders on Halperin's phone for 21 "That way, he stated, if any incontinued to gather political three days before President months, during most of which formation leaked I could not intelligence on a possible Dem-Nixon authorized a wiretap on Halperin no longer was a gov- be blamed."

the case could be ordered to Fla., the government placed a day. pay \$100 a day to Halperin for tap on Halperin's home tele- The attorneys also cited Halperin is suing Kissinger, the length of the tap if the the length of the tap if the phone in Bethesda without what they called eight in-wiretap is determined to have Halperin's knowledge. A total stances in which the handling been illegal. Under the terms of 17 persons-including four of Halperin wiretaps varied of a wiretap statute in the newsmen—were tapped in an from normal 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, that the President considered leaks discovered by the plaintiffs in could amount to \$75,000 per defendant, or a total of \$825,-

According to the affidavit filed yesterday in U.S. District rin's resignation from the Na-Court here, Kissinger contional Security Council staff requires that authorization for fronted Halperin on May 9, in September, 1969, his "access 1969, with an accusation that was limited to information renewed every 90 days, but ad-

According to Halperin, Kissinger said that "a number of high-level figures in the Nixon Halperin said in his affidavit, administration were suspi- he "engaged in a number of cious of my political views and activities reflecting my politi- such original recordings must considered me disloyal to the cal beliefs." administration."

then Mr. Nixon's main foreign | "Kissinger informed me that | Halperin said, was campaign

Three days after that con-Each of the 11 defendants in versation in Key Biscayne, attempt to track down what of national security information, and Kissinger has said he supplied many of their names.

From that time until Halpe-Halperin was suspected of leaking information on the secret U.S. bombing of Cambothe department of the execution was given during the 21the department of the execution was given during the 21the department of the execution was given during the 21the department of the executhe department of the execution was given during the 21the execution was given branch," Halperin tive claimed.

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policy adviser and now Secre- for a period of time he would work in connection with the The access of former Na. tary of state, and several not give me access to any of presidential bid of Sen. Editional Security Council aide other Nixon administration of the more sensitive information mund S. Muskie (D-Maine).

"These facts raise the inference that the wiretaps were ocratic candidate for President," Halperin's attorneys said in motions filed yester-

Many of these instances were a lengthy deposition taken in July of then acting FBI Director William D. Ruckelshaus.

For example, said the attorneys, the Justice Department national security wiretaps be

Another alleged was the erasure and re-use of the tapes used in recording the Halperin conversations. According to wiretap statutes, be kept for 10 years, the attoractivities, neys claimed.