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125 Questioned by Investigators On Intelligence Study Disclosure

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WASHINGTON, May 13—The ethics committee to investigate the unauthorized disclosure of the report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence have questioned 125 persons but have yet to identify the source, the chairman of the inquiry said today.

Representative John J. Flynt, the Georgia Democrat who heads the ethics committee, said it would probably be a month before his force of 12 retired agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation completed their inquiries.

Mr. Flynt said it was possible that, once the investigation was over, the ethics committee, formally named the House Committee of Standards of Official Conduct, would hold public hearings on the matter.

At issue is who transmitted a copies of the report to newsmen, including Daniel Schorr, a correspondent here for CBS News.

For six weeks, the former F.B.I. agents have been questioning representatives who served on the select committee, headed by Representative Otis G. Pike, Democrat of Suffolk, their staff aides and personnel who served on the committee, now disbanded.

David Bowers, the former F.B.I. inspector who is directing the investigation, gave a two-hour progress report to the ethics committee today in a closed session.

When questioned by newsmen after the meeting, Mr. Flynt said "I am not going to get into a numbers game" when asked how many suspects had

been turned up. He also declined to say whether Mr. Schorr had been questioned.

"The release of the progress report would compromise the remainder of the investigation," the chairman said, adding that he expected the investigation to be completed "well within six weeks."

The intelligence committee prepared a report highly critical of the Central Intelligence Agency and other Federal intelligence-gathering groups after a long investigation. Reports of the document's contents appeared in The New York Times and on CBS News. Last Jan. 29, the House voted not to make the report public.

But in February, Mr. Schorr made a copy of the report available to The Village Voice, a weekly newspaper in New York City. The breach of secrecy enraged many representatives, and the House voted for the investigation that is now being carried out by the ethics committee.

Man Convicted of Murder

TRENTON, May 12 (UPI)—A 38-year-old retired Army sergeant faces a possible life sentence in the fatal beating of a friend with a baseball bat. Kenneth H. Woodson, of Fort Dix, was convicted of second-degree murder yesterday by a Federal jury. He was charged in the death of George W. Dean, 51, in Mr. Woodson's apartment on the Army base on Sept. 4, 1974.

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