

Kissinger: Schorr 'Got a Bum Rap'

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has told CBS reporter Dan Schorr that he believes Schorr has gotten a bum rap.

Schorr has been suspended with pay from reporting for CBS since it was disclosed that he gave The Village Voice the copy of the House intelligence committee report that the New York weekly printed.

As part of the arrangement, The Village Voice agreed to Schorr's request that it pay an undisclosed sum to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

At the Gridiron Dinner last Saturday night, Schorr asked Kissinger what the secretary thought of his case.

"I think you got a bum rap, especially since the essence of the report had already leaked before the report was published," Kissinger replied, according to quotations the secretary and Schorr's lawyer authorized for publication.

The House ethics committee is investigating how the intelligence report leaked to Schorr.

"The blame should fall on whoever leaked the report, not on the journalist who received it," Kissinger told Schorr.

The secretary added that he was more concerned about the contents of the re-

port than about its publication. Kissinger told Schorr he thinks the report is a distorted document.