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The house ethics committee has concluded that the secret House intelligence report was leaked to newsman Daniel Schorr last January by "someone on or very close to" the staff of the select committee that prepared it.

But the ethics committee has no proof and its final report names no one.

The committee's report also recommends that the House hire professional security officers to control all classified material in the possession of the House and to investigate leaks.

Rep. Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.) filed a dissent disputing the conclusion and the recommendation.

"I do not think this committee has a sufficient evidentiary basis for concluding that the source of the leak was someone on or very close to the select committee staff," Foley wrote. "We simply do not know who provided the report to Mr. Schorr."

Foley disagreed strongly with the proposal to hire and give security officers "wide-ranging and discretionary authority over the handling, disposition and access to . . . sensitive information by the House, its members, committees or employees.

"To repose in a group of professional security officers the responsibility to judge the trustworthiness and reliability of the members . . . and to remove all of these judgments and powers from members and committees is an unprecedented and startling proposal whose dangerous implications for the House should be obvious."

The report approved last week by seven of the committee's 12 members and made available in printed form yesterday ends the \$200,000, six-month investigation ordered by the House into the leak of the report which the House had voted not to release.

The ethics committee staff interviewed 396 persons, including all 13 members and 40 staff workers of the select intelligence committee. The intelligence committee, under House directive, investigated and prepared a report on illicit activities by the CIA and other intelligence agencies. After the House ordered that the report not be released until the administration had removed classified information from it, portions of the report were published in the New York weekly, The Village Voice.

Schorr, a CBS correspondent who has since resigned, admitted giving the report to The Voice but refused to tell the committee who gave it to him. He also refused to surrender his copies of the report.

The text, as published, did not exactly match any intelligence commit-

tee version that the ethics committee has been able to find, its report said. The report evidently was given to Schorr between Jan. 23, when the intelligence committee approved a draft, and Jan. 25, when Schorr broadcast an account of it.

The ethics committee majority apparently decided that the leak was "on or very close to" the intelligence committee staff because the version published by The Village Voice omitted some changes the intelligence committee made in the draft report on Jan. 23. These changes were not inserted by the staff in the committee's copies of the report until after the leak.

The final report approved by the intelligence committee on Jan. 23 was also given to the CIA, which made a number of copies. The CIA had been considered a possible source of the leak, but the ethics committee report assumed that the CIA would have inserted the changes which would have appeared in The Village Voice if the CIA were the source.

Schorr appeared before the ethics committee Sept. 15 and refused to reveal his source. Later, the committee refused by a series of close votes to try to hold him in contempt of Congress. The committee majority stated that while it did not seek contempt action "it does consider his actions in causing publication of the report to be reprehensible."

Schorr contended he was protected by the First Amendment's free press guarantees from revealing his source. He also contended that the report contained no information that would damage national security and that the American people were entitled to know about CIA activities.

Final House Report Blames Schorr Leak On Intelligence Staff

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