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Mr. Dan Schorr
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Dear Mr. Schorr,

What I regard as the rotten things that have happened to you lately remind me of what can be the short distance between hangups and hanging places.

Some of the WxPost 2/14/76 story remind me of some of my experiences and non-experiences with "freedom" of the press and the Reporter's Committee's complete detachment when precedent was being set in courts in FOIA cases. And of the total lack of any reporting. Or any personal reportorial interest.

There is even less I can do about hangups now. I'm in a post-phlebotic condition with possible arterial involvement.

However, I do write because I can foresee what may become a rough situation for you and the possibility that if it eventuates you may want to do some fighting of your own.

Although ^{except} for a couple of ripoffs in the minor media it received no attention at all, I have published Ford's personal record with the Top Secret. He lied about it during his confirmation hearing. I think the lie was also perjury because I think it was material and was deliberate. He didn't just leak. He sold, for money.

He has also lied about whether there was an FBI files on him. I've published his personal responsibility for the existence of one such files and his improper purposes in it. He wanted Hoover to "clear" him of leaking.

He also suppressed and joined in an agreement to destroy records. (JFK case.)

If in the future these off-the-top-of-the head recollections interest you they are, respectively, in my fourth, second and fifth books on the investigation of the JFK assassination.

Good luck!

Harold Weisberg

Schorr Says He Leaked Material

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By Laurence Stern

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CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr yesterday acknowledged he was the source of excerpts from the report of the House intelligence committee published in the Village Voice on Wednesday.

At the same time, CBS News announced that "another correspondent will be assigned to cover the controversy surrounding the House intelligence committee report "since CBS News policy requires that no correspondent may report a story in which he is personally involved."

The network also said that it would have no comment on

Schorr's statement "because of the possibility of a federal investigation of the circumstances surrounding the 'leak' of the report..."

President Ford said Thursday that he would make "all services and resources of the executive branch" available to trace the sources of the leak of the House report. Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) has not accepted that offer.

Schorr, in his personal statement issued from the CBS Washington bureau, said he concluded yesterday it had become "pointless" to conceal his role in the Village Voice leak because the confidentiality of the arrangement had been "breached" by the Reporters

Committee for Freedom of the Press.

"And I am fully aware of the irony of my complaining about leaks," said the veteran CBS broadcaster, who has gotten his share of them in coverage of the Watergate case as well as the intelligence scandals.

Schorr said the Washington-based journalists' organization provided an intermediary who contacted New York Magazine and Village Voice publisher Clay Felker who offered to publish the report.

Felker also promised, said Schorr, to "provide a substantial contribution directly to the reporters committee."

"Baloney," responded Robert Maynard, a trustee of the reporters committee and editorial writer for The Washington Post. "He's trying to make us a partner in his calumny. We provided him only with a lawyer. We are in-

the business of providing lawyers to reporters with First Amendment problems. We were never promised a substantial contribution."

Schorr initially denied his role in transmission of the report, which was reported in Thursday's Washington Post. Yesterday, however, he said, "I deeply regret that the reporters committee has not been able to maintain the confidentiality of the arrangement because there are delicate matters involved that journalists should want to protect in their common interest."

Officially, the reporters committee took a "no comment" position on the Schorr affair. Only one member of the board of trustees, Maynard, was available for comment. At the headquarters of the organization, a staff employee said he was not authorized to speak for the committee.