

# HARRINGTON CALLS FILES CURB 'PETTY'

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Says House Unit Holds Data

From Him to Shield C.I.A.

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WASHINGTON, June 19— Representative Michael J. Harrington charged today that the action by the House Armed Services Committee to deny him access to classified information was "a petty and unconscionable attempt to silence criticism and perpetuate the cover-up of [central intelligence agency] misdeeds."

The Massachusetts Democrat contended that such a cover-up "has been acquiesced in through the years by the Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence."

Mr. Harrington made his remarks in a statement to be inserted in the Congressional Record. He said in the statement that he would seek to have the full House of Representatives in the near future "pass judgment on this extraordinary actio

The Armed Services Committee voted, 16 to 13, last Monday to deny Mr. Harrington access to classified material about C.I.A. operations in Chile available to a reporter from The Washington Post.

Mr. Harrington has contended that the material, which involved secret testimony by William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, should not have been classified in the first place.

"I cannot believe that a majority of my colleagues have come to see an informed electorate as a threat to democracy, or democracy in Chile as a threat to the free world," his statement said.

Mr. Harrington also inserted in the Congressional Record a transcript of his appearance last Sept. 25 before the Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence at which he was questioned about his handling of Mr. Colby's classified information.

The subcommittee is headed by Representative Lucien N. Neidzi, Democrat of Michigan, who has been involved in a dispute with some other Democratic members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, created earlier this year to investigate allegation of illegal and improper intelligence activities.

Mr. Neidzi's resignation as chairman of the select committee was rejected by the House, also last Monday.

Mr. Harrington said that he would take his case to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ultimately to the full House so that "the record can be made clear and my rights as a member preserved."