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Pike Unit Rejects White House Delay

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The House intelligence committee yesterday rejected White House requests for delay in furnishing subpoenaed documents and indicated it may ask for a contempt citation if the material is not forthcoming.

The response to seven committee subpoenas was due Wednesday but White House

counsel Philip Buchen asked a week's extension. The committee voted 9 to 4 against it, and Chairman Otis Pike (Dem.-N.Y.) said the administration "seems to be delaying for the sake of delaying."

The responses thus far, Pike said, range from inadequate to total non-compliance. Committee sources said four of the seven subpoenas

were considered as having been in compliance. Among the three that were not answered or were answered inadequately were those relating to covert actions and information on Soviet compliance with arms limitation agreements.

Buchen, in a letter to Pike, said a week's delay is needed so the Justice Department can

make a determination on this issue. About 100 covert actions were reported to have been carried out since May, 1971 — the first date covered by the committee subpoenas.

Pike said the committee will meet again today to decide its next step which could include a request for a House citation of contempt.

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