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House Panel Firm on Kissinger Citation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP) — The House Select Committee on Intelligence voted today to move ahead with at least one contempt citation against Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger despite President Ford's protest that the action "involves grave matters affecting our conduct of foreign policy."

Otis G. Pike, the New York Democrat who is committee chairman, said the committee would not press two other contempt citations if Mr. Ford's advisers delivered promised documents.

The three citations voted by the committee last week must be approved by the full House of Representatives before they can be turned over to a United States attorney for prosecution.

The President sent a letter to each committee member protesting against all three citations. He said he personally invoked executive privilege to prevent Mr. Kissinger's turning over State Department requests for covert intelligence operations abroad.

"Thus, in declining to comply with the subpoena, Secretary of State Kissinger was acting on my instructions as President of the United States," Mr. Ford said.

Mr. Ford said the National Security Council staff has been making "a substantial effort" and will continue to work to provide the committee with the documents it seeks.

"This issue involves grave matters affecting our conduct

of foreign policy and raises questions which go to the ability of our republic to govern itself effectively," he said.

The White House released the letter, dated yesterday, as presidential aides were turning over documents subpoenaed by the panel before it voted to cite Mr. Kissinger for contempt of Congress.

But a committee draft report said new material handed over to the panel was not enough to quash the contempt citation.