

Quashed CIA Report — 'Embarrassment' Cited

Washington

Representative Otis Pike (Dem.-N.Y.) said yesterday the White House blocked his House intelligence committee report to prevent embarrassing unnamed administration officials.

"There is no question in my mind that Mr. Kissinger approved and participated in a great many covert operations," Pike said in a television interview.

He later emphasized to reporters he did not say the committee's controversial report was being withheld to protect Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

But he did say that during the latter part of the Nixon administration, when the President was preoccupied with the Watergate scandal,

Kissinger was "virtually in charge of foreign policy and as such he had to be in on key decisions on covert operations."

The Pike committee's 336-page report was blocked from publication Friday by a 246-to-124 vote of the House, which resolved that the document would remain frozen until it had been "certified by the President as not containing information which would adversely affect the intelligence activities of the CIA" or other federal agencies in foreign countries.

Pike said yesterday "we have submitted our uncensored report" to House clerk Theodore Henshaw. "We no longer have jurisdiction."

He said that the committee will resume work, probably today, on drafting its recommendations.

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