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Daniel Schorr

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Newsman Admits Leaking Spy Report

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CBS News correspondent Daniel Schorr confirmed yesterday that he was responsible for newspaper publication of most of the House intelligence committee's still-classified secret report.

"I decided that with much of the contents already known I could not be the one responsible for suppressing the report," Schorr said.

"That decision was entirely mine," he added.

Schorr gave no indication who leaked the report to him.

He said, "The report became available to me — and apparently not to me alone — at a time when its general release was expected within a few days."

He said he reported highlights extensively on CBS, but the situation changed when the House of Representatives ordered the committee to keep the report secret.

Publication of the report in 21 pages of the Village Voice was arranged by an intermediary, who was provided by a Washington organization that provides legal defense in press freedom cases, Schorr said.

He said he made that arrangement to provide additional protection for his source and because "I considered it unthinkable that there would be any personal profit for me."

Schorr accused the organization — the Reporters Committee

for the Freedom of the Press — of breaching confidentiality.

"I am fully aware of the irony

of my complaining about leaks," he said.

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