

# HOUSE UNIT SEEKS FULL LEAK INQUIRY

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Panel Getting F.B.I. Help  
to Determine How Schorr  
Got Intelligence Report

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—The House ethics committee moved today toward a full-scale investigation of the leaking of the House intelligence committee report in which it would have broadened powers to subpoena witnesses and they would be questioned under oath by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sources close the the committee, which has made a formal request for broader subpoena power, said its members were intent on taking seriously last week's mandate from the full House to make such an investigation and that they planned to pursue it vigorously.

Responding to a request from the committee, the F.B.I. has detailed "half a dozen agents or less" to the committee to assist its efforts.

The committee, officially known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, has neither an investigatory staff nor even a counsel. In its nine years of existence, it has yet to formally investigate anyone.

"This is a whole new game for us," a committee staff aide said.

At issue is the means by which Daniel Schorr, a CBS News correspondent here, obtained a copy of the report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. The report covered a detailed investigation and contained a critique of the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

## Extensive Excerpts

After the House voted last month to keep the report secret, Mr. Schoor made his copy available to The Village Voice, a weekly newspaper in New York City, which printed extensive excerpts early this month. The New York Times had previously published articles concerning the main findings and recommendations of the report.

The printing of excerpts in The Village Voice caused a furor on Capitol Hill. Many Representatives said that publication was a betrayal of Congressional intent, while others said it was wrong to wrap the report in secrecy and keep it from public scrutiny.

Although the House formally demanded the investigation by The Ethics Committee, opposition to it has continued, but for widely varying reasons.

House Speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma, at a news conference today, reiterated his uneasiness about having F.B.I. agents involved in matters of the legislative branch.

But Mr. Albert noted that the ethics committee had been given "the authority to find out what happened" and said that it ought "to investigate everybody" involved with the report, including members of the Ford Administration.

"I'd like to bet \$10 that a Congressman didn't leak it," he said.

## A Delicate Issue

The delicate issue of the use of F.B.I. agents was underscored by a Justice Department spokesman today in announcing that they had been detailed to the committee at its request.

Mark T. Sheehan, the spokesman, emphasized that the agents would not be "working for the F.B.I., or the Justice Department, or on any criminal investigation." He added that the number who would be provided would be "half a dozen agents or less."

Representative Floyd Spence of South Carolina, the ranking Republican member of the ethics committee, said in an interview that he and Representative John J. Flynt, the Georgia Democrat who heads the committee, "requested that the agents be made available to us."

"They will serve on loan under our direction and we will pay for them," Mr. Spence said.

"We must have investigative people."

Mr. Spence said that the committee would meet next week to determine if the agents were needed. Asked if that meant that the agents might in fact not be used, Mr. Spence replied that the committee did intend to have a "vigorous investigation" of the leaking of the report.

Mr. Flynt introduced a resolution yesterday that would give the ethics committee subpoena powers beyond those it already has.

The resolution, which was referred to the Rules Committee, states that, in order to pursue the investigation, the committee "is authorized to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers and documents as it deems necessary. The chairman of the committee, or any member designated by such chairman, may administer oaths to any such witness."

Congressional staff aides explained that such language would clarify the wording of the powers given the committee under the investigation resolution passed last week by a vote of 269 to 115.