

# Probe of Spy Report Leak

## Washington

The House Ethics Committee requested \$350,000 yesterday to pay for its investigation of the leaking of the Pike intelligence report and prepared to hire a staff of about 20 outside consultants headed by a former inspector of the FBI to conduct the detective and legal work.

The amount of money, the size of the staff and the committee's request for broadened subpoena power raised the expectation that the committee, which has never formally investigated anyone, is preparing to open a major, detailed and long inquiry.

Representative John Flynt

(Dem-Ga.), who heads the committee, said it will probably spend more than \$350,000, because he plans to use perviously unspent committee funds to hire 25 staff members. The committee has only five staff members and is entitled to 30. Yesterday the House gave the committee \$35,000 previously authorized for the investigation.

The House adopted a resolution on February 19 directing a full and complete investigation of the circumstances surrounding the publication of the report by the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

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