

# Cambodia Bombing Files Sought

Washington

Senator Harold Hughes (Dem-Iowa) urged the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday to subpoena official documents relating to secret U.S. bombing of Cambodia in 1969 and 1970.

The senator, a member of the committee, said the Defense Department had not yet supplied the documents the committee had requested when it investigated the bombing incidents last year.

The documents, he said, were needed to determine how and why President Nixon decided to begin secret bombing in Cambodia without fully informing Congress.

"I believe the Senate Armed Services Committee should act to subpoena these documents from the President, if necessary, so that it

can evaluate whether the existing laws governing civil-military relations and the conduct of war are adequate to situations of clandestine operations," Hughes said in a statement.

Administration officials testified before the Senate committee last year that the Cambodian bombing was necessary to protect American troops.

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