

# Pentagon Expose Could Have Sunk China Plans, Paper Says

DETROIT — (AP) — The Detroit News said yesterday a reason the federal government went to court to try to stop publication of the secret Pentagon papers "was a fear that certain disclosures might wreck the secret planning then under way for President Nixon's anticipated trip to Communist China."

"In going to court," the

News said in today's edition, "the government's top lawyers believe they also saved the lives of several Americans, headed off some grave security leaks and preserved the machinery of some of today's most delicate and secret peace moves of many countries of the East and West."

The News said while the government lost 6-3 in the Su-

preme Court, it feels it won more than it lost by at least temporarily halting publication of the papers.

Besides the two week delay in resumption of publication of the study, the News said government officials also determined that items considered "ultra supersensitive stuff" would not surface.

... now in the Supreme Court's vault, is a single-

space typewritten list of '10 items' contained in the 47-volume Pentagon study." The News said. "The government contends these items would cause 'grave international harm' if disclosed at any time."

An unnamed government source is quoted as saying that neither the Times nor the Post has "surfaced any of the ultrasensitive stuff on

the 10-item list" after resuming publication of the papers.

The News also quoted unnamed American officials as saying disclosure of some spy activities carried out by the U. S. would have forced the spied-upon countries to respond publicly in "a most bellicose fashion," thus undercutting "current U. S. efforts to improve relations with these countries."

"One can assume," the News said, "that a long initiative that would have been jeopardized, if not destroyed, is Mr. Nixon's scheduled trip to mainland China."

The two-week injunctive period, the News said, gave the Central Intelligence Agency time "to extract" key agents from "dangerous assignments abroad in which they almost certainly would have been killed..."