

# 'Important' New Ellsberg Papers

Washington

A House subcommittee chairman said yesterday he believes new Daniel Ellsberg documents will disclose a new instance in which the public was misled during the Vietnam war.

"I think it is going to be a situation where we remember the government telling us one thing while there are documents that say another," said Representative William S. Moorhead, (Dem.-Pa.).

The chairman of the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee said he saw one photocopy of a cable that he believes will contradict what the public was told in a case during the administration of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Moorehead refused to be more specific.

"If it is dated when I think it is," Moorhead said, "I think it will be extremely important."

Moorhead made the comments at a news conference

with three stacks of documents and more than two dozen stenographer notebooks piled on the desk in front of him.

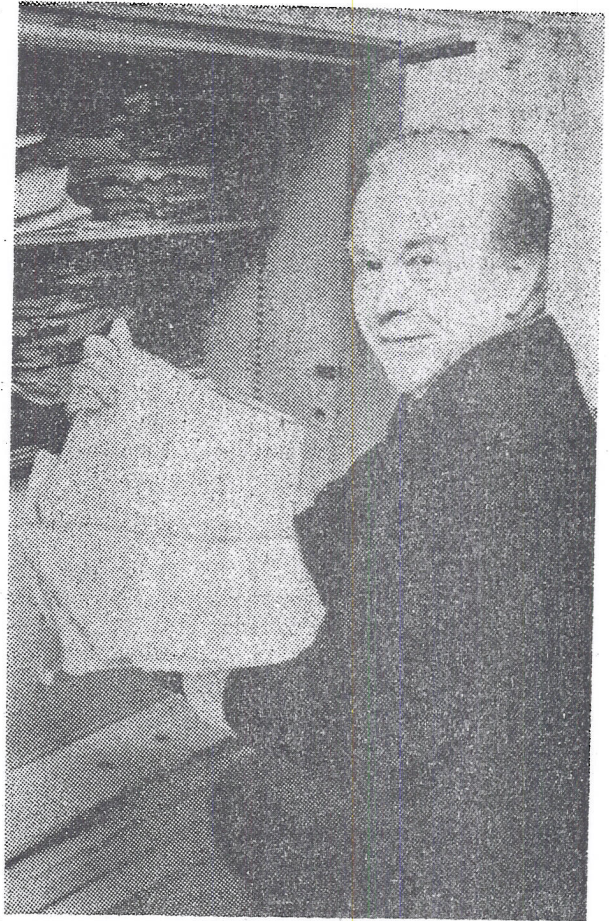
He said the documents, stolen from Ellsberg's home in Mill Valley and subpoenaed by the House subcommittee, arrived yesterday morning from the police station where they had been taken after recovery.

He said he and his staff had been able to only glance through the documents.

But he added: "Dr. Ellsberg says they're as significant as the Pentagon Papers and considering his track record I believe him. I believe there is gold to be mined here."

He said the notes and documents, essentially supporting material for a book Ellsberg is writing, include references to such other events as the Cuban missile crisis and the bombardment of the islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the coast of mainland China in 1958.

When Moorhead was



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**Representative Moorhead placed some of the documents in a safe at his Washington office.**

asked why he was willing to "tantalize" the public with incomplete information and put his own name on Ellsberg's assessment of the importance of the material, the chairman did not dispute either suggestion.

"I think it is right to tantalize you so that when we start these hearings you will know they are important," he said.

He said the documents will be investigated and become the basis of further subcommittee hearings on government misuse of secrecy.

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