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No Fonda Subpena

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Internal Security Committee refused today to subpena actress Jane Fonda to testify about her antiwar activities while in Hanoi.

Instead, it decided to ask the Justice Department to report to it by Sept. 14 on the progress of its inquiry into her trip.

During an hour-long closed session, the committee set aside a motion that she be subpenead.

Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.) said the committee's action represented a "clear cut victory" for him in his bid to defer the subpena request. "This is the first time within memory that this committee has refused to subpena an unly witness," Drinan told reporters.

Rep. Fletcher Thompson of Georgia, third-ranking GOP member of the nineman panel, had asked the committee to subpena Miss Fonda for questioning.

In Los Angeles, Miss Fonda invited the Justice Department to study the texts of her broadcast from North Vietnam and said she had done nothing wrong.

"I welcomed the committee members studying the texts of my broadcast from North Vietnam," Miss Fonda said, "and after full examination they had seen there is no basis for the charges against me."