

Alioto Says Material for Look Article Came Illegally

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WASHINGTON, March 3 — Mayor Joseph L. Alioto of San Francisco charged today that confidential information for a 1969 Look magazine article alleging that he had connections with organized crime had come illegally from six Federal agencies and two California police departments.

Mayor Alioto told the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights:

"I have documented an irrefutable case based upon evidence that would be admissible in a courtroom proving beyond doubt that there has been a wholesale disclosure of confidential government documents and confidential government information to unauthorized persons in apparent violation of Federal statutes, executive orders and departmental regulations."

He named as sources of the information the Attorney General's office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Bureau of Customs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, California Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mr. Alioto told the subcommittee, "Much of the information collected from these and other agencies is characteristic of what finds its way into investigatory files; that is, it was raw, unverified, unedited, unevaluated, hearsay information."

He further charged: "So widespread is the scope of this illegal disclosure that it permits the reasonable inference, even under strict courtroom rules of evidence, that it is being fostered at a level higher than the immediate agents involved in the disclosures."

But Mayor Alioto, in response to questions from the subcommittee, declined to speculate on which higher officials might have permitted the authors of the Look article to obtain access to the information.

The peppery, nattily dressed Mayor read a long statement to the subcommittee, occasionally departing from his text with a touch of anger or cold sarcasm. The subcommittee, headed by Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, is in the second of three weeks of hearings on the



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Mayor Joseph L. Alioto at Washington hearing.

The Mayor submitted most of the documentation for his allegations on the condition

that it would not be made public.

The Look article, published in September, 1969, said that Mayor Alioto "is enmeshed in a web of alliances with at least six leaders of La Costra Nostra." The Mayor sued the magazine for \$12.5-million, but there was a mistrial. One juror said that all 12 jurors agreed the article had defamed the Mayor but that the jury had split over the magazine's right to print the story. Mayor Alioto is pursuing the suit.

When the article was published, the magazine's editor, William B. Arthur, said: "Much of the material was obtained from records of law enforcement agencies." Lance Brisson, one of the authors, said, "We interviewed scores of responsi-

ble people, including many law enforcement officials at every level of government. Reports were made available and were double-checked."

Mr. Brisson and the other author, Richard Carlson, inserted into the subcommittee record today a statement accusing the Mayor of trying "to discredit us." They did not refer to his charges about the sources of their information.

Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California, said he was "outraged" and Senator Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, said he was "indignant" over the allegations by Mr. Alioto. They promised severe questioning of Department of Justice representatives who are scheduled to testify next week.

A spokesman for the Justice Department, representing the

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Attorney General's office, the F.B.I., the Narcotics Bureau and the Immigration Service, said there would be no comment until officials has seen a transcript of Mayor Alioto's testimony.

A spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service said "We are looking into the matter." A Customs Bureau spokesman said, "We don't make confidential files available to anybody."

From Los Angeles, a spokesman for the police department said: "Our files don't have any information on Mayor Alioto." He said that other information concerning organized crime had "absolutely not" been leaked to the authors.

Similarly, a spokesman for the California Criminal Identification and Investigation

Bureau in the Attorney General's office in San Francisco said that there was nothing in the files on the Mayor and that he doubted that other information had been leaked.

In other testimony, Robert P. Henderson, a vice president of the Honeywell Information System, which designs and manufactures computers, testified that "the speed and efficiency of the computer has raised the processes of data collection, storage, retrieval and dissemination to the point where it will be easier to invade the privacy of our citizenry."

"The computer industry today," he said, "can provide a sophisticated and broad array of devices which go far beyond the superficial degree that is the practice of most users."

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