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A Report Kissinger Gave Wiretap List to FBI

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Henry A. Kissinger personally provided the FBI with the names of a number of his aides on the National Security Council whom he wanted wiretapped, Justice Department sources said yesterday.

Among those bugged at Kissinger's request, the sources said, was Helmut Sonnenfeldt, a top council official who was nominated last month to be undersecretary of the Treasury Department.

The sources said Kissinger's role in the wiretapping was far more extensive than previously reported. It was Kissinger, they said, who initially forwarded the formal request for e bugging to FBI

director J. Edgar Hoover after being authorized to do so by President Nixon.

The White House formally acknowledged that the President provided such authorization in May, 1969, after an article in the New York Times disclosing that American B-52s were bombing Cambodia.

"The request came from Kissinger," one Justice Department source said. "Henry wanted some of those guys bugged himself."

"If Henry didn't approve of all this," the official added, "he could have said so."

Another source, explaining Kissinger's decision to authorize the bugging of Sonnenfeldt, said it was designed to clear him. He said,

"Henry had a high regard for Sonnenfeldt."

This source noted that Sonnenfeldt "prides himself on the brilliance and his intellectual capability" and added, "in a very innocent way, a man like that can let things slip."

The FBI wiretap cleared Sonnenfeldt, the source said.

Kissinger flew to Paris yesterday for further talks on Vietnam and was not available for comment.

In an interview published in the New York Times Tuesday, Kissinger acknowledged that he saw summaries from several wiretaps in 1969 and 1970, but said that he had not asked that they be installed nor had he specifically approved them in advance. *N.Y. Times Service*