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**MRS. GRAHAM TELLS
OF THREAT TO PAPER**

The publisher of The Washington Post disclosed yesterday that after the Supreme Court decision allowing the publication of the Pentagon papers, the Justice Department had threatened her newspaper with criminal prosecutions if it did not return the top secret documents.

Mrs. Katharine Graham, in an interview with the National Broadcasting Company, reported by United Press International, said that the former Attorney General, Richard G. Kleindienst, had sent a message to The Post threatening "us with a campaign against the press and with criminal prosecution if we did not return the sensitive areas."

Mr. Kleindienst, then a Deputy Attorney General, sent the message to Ken W. Clawson of The Post's national bureau. Mr. Clawson is now a White House communications official.

Mr. Kleindienst's message came during the summer of 1971 after the Supreme Court rejected the Government's request for an injunction prohibiting The Post and The New York Times from publishing the Pentagon papers.

Mrs. Graham, whose newspaper won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for its reporting of the Watergate scandal, said that Mr. Kleindienst had suggested that if the criminal cases against The Post were successful they might jeopardize the licenses of the paper's television stations. The Post owns three television stations.