SFChronicle JAN 2 8 1974 A Report on Moorer and The Leaks

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White House intervention prevented Admiral Thomas Moorer from court-martialing a yeoman suspected of leaking secret documents to columnist Jack Anderson, Newsweek magazine said yesterday.

The magazine said Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was set to charge Yeoman Charles E. Radford in 1971 with supplying Anderson with documents outlining secret U.S. policy in the India-Pakistan war.

"The admiral was dissuaded by Melvin Laird, then defense secretary, who told him that President Nixon opposed legal action," the magazine said.

"Mr. Nixon's stated reason was that evidence against Radford was circumstantial and insufficient to sustain charges," it said.

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