

Senator Blocks Five Promotions

Washington

Promotions for four top Air Force officers and a Navy captain involved in three separate Pentagon scandals have been held up by Senator Harold E. Hughes (Dem-Iowa), Senate sources said yesterday.

There was some concern that Hughes' action could stall the promotions of several hundred officers.

The officers include two direct subordinates of Admiral Thomas E. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — Navy captain Arthur Knoizen and Air Force Colonel Bennie Davis.

Both have been named in testimony on the military spying scandal in which Moorer's staff is alleged to have arranged for clandestine access to secret White House documents.

Two others were involved in the unauthorized bombing of North Vietnam in 1972 and the subsequent falsification of records.

They are Major General Alton D. Slay, who was then operations officer in Saigon, and Brigadier General Charles A. Gabriel, who

commanded the fighter wing that flew the missions.

The fifth man is Air Force Colonel Hans Driesnack. He was involved in actions that led to the firing of A. Ernest Fitzgerald, who revealed excess costs of the C-5A jet transport built by Lockheed.

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