

Political Results of 'Security' Wiretap

Washington

At least one of the 17 wiretaps authorized by President Nixon for "national security" reasons provided the White House with political intelligence about the Democratic presidential campaign of Senator Edmund Muskie, according to sources who have seen written summaries of the overheard conversations.

The reports containing references to Muskie were reportedly prepared in late 1970 and early 1971 by federal agents monitoring a wiretap on the home telephone of Morton H. Halperin, a former National Security Council official who joined the Muskie campaign after leaving the government in April, 1970.

The disclosures came yesterday as Halperin won from a U.S. district judge an order to the Nixon administration that it turn over to him the records of the wiretap, which ran from May, 1969, until February, 1971.

The order by Judge John Lewis Smith affirmed a request by attorneys for Halperin for the summaries prepared by the FBI agents who monitored the wiretap. Mr. Nixon has said he personally approved the 17 wiretaps as part of an effort to stop leaks of classified information to the press.

Halperin, a Republican, served as an unsalaried adviser on foreign affairs to the senator from Maine after leaving the government.

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