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taps charge

KEY BISCAVNE (UPI) — The White House declined to comment yesterday on reports that Henry Kissinger ordered telephone taps placed on governmental officials suspected of leaking secret information to newsmen.

In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmations hearings last Sep-

tember, Kissinger said while he had supplied the names of people with access to sensitive information, he had "never recommended the practice of wire tapping."

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren, asked about the apparent conflict, declined to comment on what he described as such "selective leaks" from presidential tape recordings. But he did defend Kissinger's account as "completely consistent with the facts."