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Christopher Glenn, CBS Radio Network:

A report in the New York Post today says the Judiciary Committee members have listened to the tape of a 1971 Presidential conversation in which the President downplays the importance of the Ellsberg case as a national security matter. That has been a basic contention in the administration's public policy statements on the matter.

CBS News got confirmation from a Judiciary Committee member, who heard the tape in question, that the President did compare the Pentagon Papers disclosure with leaks concerning the Salt talks, saying the Salt leaks "were really national security, not like the Ellsberg thing."

But the White House today told CBS News the Ellsberg matter was a national security consideration and called the newspaper report another example of partial leakage from the Judiciary Committee.

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