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'Unusual'

Contacts by White House

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Representative Lawrence Coughlin, (Rep-Pa.) said yesterday he has received four "unusual" contacts from the White House in the past week which could be viewed as overtures for support of President Nixon when the House votes on impeachment.

Coughlin, who says he has "labored hard" to maintain an impartial attitude on impeachment, was careful not to directly accuse Mr. Nixon of improper activity as he revealed these contacts to reporters.

The first "unusual" occurrence, he said, was a tip on a "newsworthy item relating to Pennsylvania." This was the first time in his six years in Congress "That I received information before anyone else," he said.

The news tip was followed by a telephone call July 10 from the White House congressional liaison office inviting Coughlin and his wife to sit in the "President's box" at the Kennedy Center for a Peter Nero concert. Coughlin turned down the invitation with regrets on July 11, asked for a raincheck and was invited the next day to sit in the "President's box" for another Kennedy Center performance.

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