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British Journalist Was Spy Suspect

LONDON, March 11—The Times of London reported from Washington today that former President Richard Nixon was warned by J. Edgar Hoover that a British journalist Nixon knew was suspected of working for British intelligence.

The story by Fred Emery, The Times' chief Washington correspondent, was based on a sworn deposition Nixon submitted in a wire-tap suit. Nixon said Hoover had told him that the suspected British journalist was under electronic surveillance, Emery reported.

The Times correspondent then noted that Henry Brandon of The Sunday Times, a

separate paper owned by the same family, has been frequently identified as a British journalist whose phone had been tapped.

The Times played Emery's seven-paragraph story at the bottom of page 8.

Two months ago, the paper's deputy and foreign editor, Louis Heren, wrote an essay at the top of the opposite-editorial page accusing The Washington Post and its London correspondent, Bernard D. Nossiter of "a sloppy piece of misreporting" and playing a "dangerous game that puts a gun at the head of British reporters abroad."

Heren attacked Nossiter's

saying, in a long article on British intelligence services, that the services sometimes employ British newsmen.

In a related development, The Guardian newspaper also recalled links between British journalists and intelligence services, in this case foreign agencies. A story today says that Keith Wallace, a South African who worked as the London Daily Mail's motoring correspondent in the late 1960s, was an agent for the Bureau of State Security (BOSS), South Africa's equivalent of the CIA. The paper said Wallace died in a mysterious fall from his apartment and African nationalists later claimed re-

sponsibility for his death.

Yesterday The Guardian reported that Jonathan Winter, a British newsman now in South Africa, worked for seven years for Forum World Features. This was a CIA-run news service directed by Brian Crozier, a contributor to The Times of London. The service disbanded a year ago because the CIA feared that it was about to be exposed.

Winter has also been accused of working for BOSS and taking part in a campaign to discredit Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal Party leader. Winter, now at the Johannesburg Sunday Express, has denied the charge.