

ELLSBERG PRESSES CONGRESS ON WAR

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He Bids Members Risk Jobs,
Careers to End Conflict
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WASHINGTON, July 28 --

Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, the former Pentagon researcher who says he gave the Pentagon papers to the press, called on members of Congress today to put their jobs, their power and their careers on the line to end the war in Vietnam.

Dr. Ellsberg, who has been indicted by a grand jury on charges of unauthorized possession of the papers, a study of United States involvement in Vietnam classified "top secret," contended that Congressmen should risk all by seeking to cut off appropriations to finance the war, move toward impeachments in the executive branch, file court suits and find other means to stop the conflict.

He told the Representatives attending an informal Capitol Hill conference on the Pentagon study that "no one in this room has been asked to give his life as your sons and brothers have been asked to do."

The conference, held in a hearing room filled mostly with young people, turned from an attack on the Nixon Administration to sharp criticism of Congress on the ground it supported the war.

Dr. Ellsberg, noted that by next December, Congress would have been appropriating money for the Vietnam conflict for 25 years.

He urged the Representative to read the entire 7,000 pages of the Pentagon papers even though they were "very dull, boring and numbing to read." At last count, only 14 members of the House, out of 435, had looked at the volumes, to which they have access.

None of the 17 members of the House antiwar group sponsoring the three-day conference is said to have looked at the 47-volume study, which is now on deposit in the House.

Other participants in the conference suggested ways in which Congress could take the initiative not only in ending the war but also in resuming a more influential role in the making of foreign policy.