

Pike Says the Administration Withholds Data on Intelligence

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—Representative Otis G. Pike, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said today that the Ford Administration had failed to comply with three of the seven subpoenas issued by the committee last week for a broad range of classified materials.

One of the subpoenas to which the response had been incomplete, Mr. Pike said, asked for the production of documents provided to the White House since May of 1972 by several components of the intelligence community concerning the strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union.

That subpoena was voted by the House committee after the panel's staff director, A. Searle Field, told the committee that he had obtained "substantial information" of a Government effort to distort in some manner estimates of Soviet nuclear weapons strength and deployment.

A White House spokesman said, however, he believed "we are in substantial compliance on six of the subpoenas," including the one concerning information on the arms limitation talks.

State Department officials and those of some other agencies as well have said since then, however, that they have found no indication of any intentional distortions of figures

relating to the nuclear force levels of either nation by American analysts or negotiators.

One White House official, asked about the Administration's response to the committee subpoenas, said today that some factual data and "periodic reports" relating to the arms-limitation talks had been provided to the Pike panel that he thought would convince the committee that its suspicions were in error.

However, Mr. Pike, a Democrat from Suffolk County, L.I., said that the only documents provided in response to that subpoena were "finished" reports prepared by the United States Intelligence Board and not the "inputs" from various Federal intelligence agencies that the committee had demanded.

The other two subpoenas that Mr. Pike said the Administration had not complied with asked for minutes of all meetings held over the past 10 years by the National Security Council's 40 Committee, and for copies of all recommendations for covert intelligence actions sent to the committee by the State Department.

The 40 Committee has the responsibility for approving covert intelligence operations. Mr. Pike said that the minutes of its meetings that had been provided to his panel were "so heavily censored as to be meaningless."