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# Albert Brushes Off

Washington

While he favors an internal House probe, House Speaker Carl Albert (Dem.-Okla.) has dismissed President Ford's offer of all-out investigative help to trace leaks of a CIA report as a none-too-subtle political ploy deserving no reply, sources said yesterday.

Albert believes Mr. Ford knew full well, when he made the offer Thursday, that no federal

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laws governing classified material were broken by the leaks because the report was a House document governed solely by House rules, the sources said.

Therefore, Albert ignored the President's offer of "the full resources and services of the Executive Branch" in tracking down whoever leaked the report to various news outlets.

However, the sources said,

## Ford Offer in Leak Probe

Albert believes the report contains sensitive material that should not have been made public. He feels strongly that Representative Otis G. Pike (Dem.-N.Y.), chairman of the House intelligence committee which prepared the report, should try to determine whether any committee member or staff member was the source of the leaks, the sources said.

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Albert that the committee was leak proof, Albert reportedly believes it is plausible that the leaks were sprung there nevertheless.

Pike has speculated that the administration, which had possession of copies of the report, might have done the leaking itself in a CIA-like dirty trick operation to discredit congressional Democrats.

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