

SCHORR INTIMATES TROUBLE WITH CBS

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Says Pendulum Has Swung

Against Exposing Secrets

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)

Daniel Schorr, the CBS correspondent, said today that the pendulum had swung from exposing intelligence improprieties to the act of exposure, and "I got hit by a swinging pendulum."

In his first public speech since confirming that he had arranged the publication of the still classified report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Schorr conceded that he might be in trouble with CBS.

He said that he had read news reports of comments by anonymous CBS executives, and that "if those quotations are accurate, yes, there is trouble."

He also said that the publication had been arranged through an intermediary, and added: "I knew of no money. I was paid no money. I saw no money."

He said that Clay Felker, publisher of The Village Voice, had been quoted as saying that he did not intend to pay any money for being allowed to publish the report.

Mr. Schorr also said that as a tactical matter he had to recognize that a lot of people thought he made a mistake.

"If something is perceived to be a mistake," he said, "that makes it ipso facto a mistake."

Mr. Schorr spoke to the Washington Press Club and answered questions afterward, although he said that he was limited in what he could say because of investigations that were being conducted into the leak.

He said that he felt obligated to have the report published when he found that his copy might be the only one outside of the Government. Not to publish it, he said, "in effect would be the final decisive vote for suppression of the report."

Asked why he had felt obliged to publish the report when both he and The New York Times had extensively reported the substance of it, Mr. Schorr said that he felt the public had the right to read the full text of the report and to make its own decisions on it.

He said that his lawyer had told him not to talk about whether he had offered the report to CBS before arranging to have it published by The Village Voice.

He has been suspended from all reporting duties by CBS while under an investigation ordered by the full House and an investigation by the Justice Department.

Asked if he believed that CBS might dismiss him later, Mr. Schorr said, "I just don't look that far ahead."