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Sweeping Inquiry Planned In House Spy Report Leak

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WASHINGTON, March 2—The House ethics committee requested \$350,000 today to pay for its investigation of the leaking of the Pike intelligence report. It prepared to hire a staff of about 20 outside consultants headed by a former inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct the detective and legal work.

The amount of money, the size of the staff and the committee's request for broadened subpoena power raised the expectation that the committee, which has never formally investigated anyone, is preparing to open a major detailed and long inquiry.

Representative John J. Flynt, Democrat of Georgia, who heads the committee, said it would probably spend more than \$350,000 because he planned to use previously unspent funds that the committee has to hire more staff members. The committee has only five staff members and is entitled to 30. The House today gave the committee \$35,000 of

money previously authorized for the investigation.

"We were mandated to conduct a full investigation and we intend to do just that," Mr. Flynt said.

Mr. Flynt said the committee had calculated that it would need 1,100 days of investigative work and 1,000 hours of legal work to complete the investigation, although it had not yet determined how many persons would be needed.

He noted that on Feb. 19 the House adopted by a vote of 269 to 115 a resolution directing a full and complete investigation of the circumstances surrounding the publication of the report by the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

In a discussion with newsmen this afternoon, Mr. Flynt said the investigation would not be directed against "any particular person," meaning Daniel Schorr, the CBS news correspondent here who has admitted he was one of the

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ted providing a copy of the intelligence report to The Village Voice, a New York weekly newspaper that published most of the report last month in two installments.

The New York Times had earlier published articles about the main findings and recommendations of the report, which was a detailed investigation and critique of the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Since the House had voted to keep the report secret, its publication provoked a storm of protest on Capitol Hill. A big majority of House members considered publication a betrayal of Congressional intent, although others said the document should be opened to public scrutiny.

At a meeting of the House Rules Committee this afternoon Mr. Flynt and Representative Floyd Spence of South Carolina, the ranking Republican on the committee — officially named the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct—underlined their determination to get to the bottom of the incident.

They appeared before the Rules Committee seeking expanded powers to subpoena anyone who might provide pertinent information. The committee already had power to subpoena "members, officers and employees" of the House, but the new authority—which probably will be voted by the full House this week—would allow the subpoenaing of virtually anyone.

When Mr. Flynt was asked

if Mr. Schorr would be questioned, he replied "I have no idea—that will be up to the investigators and the lawyers."

Asked about the possibility that lie detector tests might be given to Congressional staff aides in an effort to find out who had leaked the report to Mr. Schorr, Mr. Flynt said: "I know nothing about that."

He did announce that the investigation's staff would be directed by David Bowers, who retired last Friday as an inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Last week the committee requested the loan of as many as six F.B.I. agents to work on the investigation. The Justice Department approved the loan, although Mr. Flynt said today that the committee had

not decided if they or agents from another Federal group would conduct the detective work.

Mr. Flynt said the committee intended to start the investigation 10 days after the House approves the request for extra funds, and contracts can be signed with the consultants of the committee.

This probably would mean that the formal investigation would not start until the latter part of this month. Another key person to be hired is a special counsel to the committee.