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Memo Ties Jackson
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To Spying Reports

The Nixon administration cited what it said was a recommendation by Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dem-Wash.) as a basis for ordering the FBI to report directly to the President on Soviet Embassy contacts with American political figures, according to sources familiar with a classified FBI memorandum.

The FBI document, now in possession of the Senate intelligence committee, quotes then-presidential chief of staff H.R. Haldeman as stating that Jackson made the recommendation in a 1969 meeting with President Richard Nixon.

Jackson has denied making such a recommendation.

The Senate committee, which has not publicly linked Jackson's name to its inquiry, relied on the secret memorandum in a staff report on "political abuse of the FBI" issued last December. The report said "the FBI passed purely political intelligence about United States senators to the White House" during both the Johnson and Nixon administrations.

The committee is scheduled to release today a volume of testimony that also includes new documents on alleged FBI abuses. But a spokesman said the material would not include the document dealing with Jackson.

Asked about the FBI's reporting on contacts by American politicians with the Soviet Embassy, the spokesman said: "This one is very classified. Even the FBI's summary is sensitive."

Jackson, interviewed in Tampa, where he was campaigning in the Florida presidential primary, denied he recommended reporting on Soviet Embassy contacts to Mr. Nixon. But Jackson said he did warn Mr. Nixon in a 1969 White House meeting of stepped-up Soviet intelligence activities on Capitol Hill.

Jackson said he never had heard of the FBI memorandum until he was asked about it by Los Angeles Times reporters. He said the memorandum was "taking license with something I didn't say."

Government sources familiar with the document said it quoted Haldeman as directing the FBI to resume a "special coverage" that had been discontinued at the end of the Johnson administration.

This special coverage consisted of delivering digests of conversations of congressional members and other political figures recorded by electronic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and other foreign intelligence targets. The sending of digests to the White House was cut off at the end of the Johnson administration, but the electronic surveillance was not, according to sources familiar with the program.

The digests were resumed after Haldeman requested the FBI to provide the coverage early in the first Nixon term.

Los Angeles Times

Parking Rules Eased

Tel Aviv

Downtown Tel Aviv is so crowded with cars that the mayor has legalized parking on sidewalks. Motorists have been doing it for years, but before they risked a \$10 fine.

Associated Press