

Lavelle Inquiry *Post 9-9-72*

The Senate Armed Services Committee will begin a probe of unauthorized bombing attacks against North Vietnam on Monday in a closed session with Air Force Maj. Gen. John D. Lavelle. *810*

Chairman John Stennis (D-Miss.) did not mention whether other witnesses would be called or what role is contemplated for Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Lavelle's superior, whose nomination as Army chief of staff also is before the committee.

"I had hoped that most of these hearings would be conducted in public session in view of the questions of public policy involved. It now appears, however, that almost all of the information supplied to us . . . is highly classified," Stennis said.