

Klein Talks of 'Libel' on Kissinger

Washington

President Nixon's communications director, Herbert G. Klein, accused some news reporters yesterday of libeling Henry Kissinger in accounts of Kissinger's role in strategy sessions in the India-Pakistan war.

Klein said he has read some news reports which "I consider to be libels against Dr. Henry Kissinger, accusing him of lying." He did not name the publications.

Klein was asked to comment on columnist Jack Anderson's disclosure of secret papers said to be minutes of White House strategy sessions on the India-Pakistan conflict.

The papers quoted Kissinger, the President's national

security adviser, as saying at one point that Mr. Nixon wanted a "tilt in favor of Pakistan." At the same time the Administration was denying that it was anti-India.

Klein said those who conclude that Kissinger "was lying or distorting the facts" are mistaken.

He said the United States may disagree on specific policies with any nation, "but that doesn't make us anti that nation."

Klein was interviewed on the CBS radio - television program, "Face the Nation."

The Anderson papers also quoted Kissinger as saying that the Indian ambassador "is not to be treated at too high a level."

An interpretation of that