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The Pentagon Papers and Politics '72

Daniel Ellsberg said here yesterday that his disclosure of the Pentagon Papers helped to create a public attitude in America that made the presidential nomination of Senator George McGovern possible.

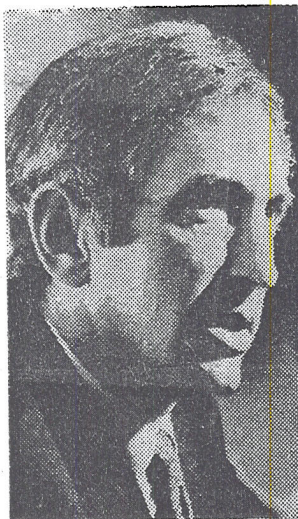
Ellsberg, the former government adviser who is awaiting trial for leaking to the press a confidential history of Vietnam war policy, was in San Francisco to promote his new book, "Papers on the War."

DISCUSSION

He told a press conference the controversy over the Pentagon Papers a year ago enlarged public discussion of the futility of the war and persuaded many Americans to be less quick to dismiss critics of United States policy in Vietnam.

"The candidacy of Senator McGovern reflected the disillusionment of many Americans with their government and the Pentagon Papers contributed to that attitude," he said.

As to the practical effect of the disclosures on Ameri-



DANIEL ELLSBERG
'Many disillusioned'

can military policy in Vietnam, Ellsberg said that since the Pentagon Papers controversy U.S. planes have dropped on Vietnam explosives equal to half the total bombs dropped on the enemy in World War II.

MISSIONS

Ellsberg said that during the coming months before the election he expects to see many more missions such as the one currently being conducted by President Nixon's adviser Henry Kissinger in Saigon.

To defuse the Vietnam issue, Ellsberg said Mr. Nixon's strategy will be: "Hush everyone, Kissinger is negotiating."