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JUSTICE STOPS JURY ON PENTAGON PAPERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UPI) —Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr. blocked Monday until Feb. 10 further testimony before a Federal grand jury in Boston on Senator Mike Gravel's version of the Pentagon papers.

The order stays the effect of a decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, which had allowed the grand jury to call any witness except the Senator or his aides.

Senator Gravel, Democrat of Alaska, read portions of the war study last June before a Senate subcommittee. He later arranged for the publication of a four-volume edition by the Beacon Press in Boston.

If he files his appeal of the appeals court ruling by Feb. 10, the stay will remain in effect pending disposition of the case by the Supreme Court, Justice Brennan said.

The Senator is relying on a clause in the Constitution that says for any speech or debate in either house Senators and Representatives "shall not be questioned in any other place."

The appeals court held that the republication of the Pentagon papers was not protected by the legislative privilege.