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Anti-War Spy Group Admitted

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The White House confirmed yesterday that a special intelligence unit was set up in 1970 by the Justice Department to collect and evaluate information about radical and anti-war groups.

The New York Times reported yesterday that sources close to the Watergate investigation said the unit — known as the Intelligence Evaluation Committee — was set up at the request of John D. Ehrlichman, Mr. Nixon's former chief adviser on domestic affairs, and reported directly to Dean and Caulfield.

A Justice Department spokesman said the committee was organized during a series of meetings held in the White House in late 1970 as a result of a request by Mr. Nixon, and did not become operational until early 1971.

He confirmed that all of the intelligence agencies in the government had been assigned to report on domestic activities.

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