

'Gestapo Mentality'

Found by Ervin

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Senator Sam Ervin said yesterday that secret papers of former White House aide John Dean reveal a "Gestapo mentality" in the highest levels of the Nixon administration.

Ervin (Dem-N.C.) chairman of the Senate committee investigating the Watergate case said, "It would be a great shock to the American people" if the contents of the papers were made public.

He added however, that he had not received any evidence directly linking President Nixon to the espionage operation.

Ervin said the Dean pa-

pers which he read ten days ago, detailed White House plans to set up "an inter-agency operation to spy on Americans, especially those who disagreed with the administration."

Ervin referred to documents which Dean took with him when he was fired as counsel to the President. Dean gave the papers to U.S. District Judge John R. Sirica, who gave a copy to Ervin.

The veteran senator, whose comments came at a news conference said he will ask the nation's intelligence agencies to review the papers and make recommendations regarding their release to the public.

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