

Documents Show Nixon Approved Partly 'Illegal' '70 Security Plan

'Risks' Are Noted
President Told May 22 of Voiding Program Hoover Opposed

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In his statement of May 22, President Nixon said only that the intelligence agencies, after having been told on July 23, 1970, that the plan had been approved, "were notified five days later, on July 28, that the approval had been rescinded" because of Mr. Hoover's "opposition."

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On May 4, Mr. Dean put the plan and other documents, which were reliably reported to be a series of memorandums from Mr. Huston to Mr. Haldeman, in the safe deposit box of an area bank.

Ten days later, Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the Federal District Court here, to whom Mr. Dean's lawyers had given the keys to the box, turned copies of the papers over to the Justice Department and the Senate's Watergate investigating committee.

The papers have not been publicly released, but one official with access to the documents has said that the related memorandums, written by Mr. Huston after the President had withdrawn his approval for the plan, contain other intelligence-gathering proposals not included in the original program.

The official said that one memorandum, dated Sept. 21, 1970, contained a proposal by Mr. Huston that the Internal Revenue Service put together a small group of agents to use information gleaned from tax records "to harass or embarrass" certain individuals. He said there was no indication whether the proposal had been acted on, only that "some objection from the I.R.S. had been ironed out."

See Nicholas von Hoffman, WXPost 13 Jul 73, filed Prep.