

Ex-Aide Sues Kissinger Over His Tapped Phone

Washington

Henry Kissinger and the new White House staff chief Alexander Haig were named yesterday as defendants in a civil damage suit filed by a former member of Kissinger's staff whose phone was tapped.

Dr. Morton H. Halperin, who denies he was the source of any of the news leaks that touched off the surveillance, asked for \$100 a day damages for each day his home telephone was tapped.

The suit alleged Halperin's telephone was tapped for between eight and 25 months in 1969 and 1970.

From Jan. 21, 1969, to Sept. 19, 1969, Halperin served under Kissinger on the National Security Council staff. The White House declined comment on the suit.

It alleged that sometime in the spring of 1969 Kissin-

ger, and then White House aides, H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, decided to order the FBI to tap the telephones of several members of the Kissinger's staff to determine if any were leaking material to the news media.

The existence of the taps wasn't publicly disclosed until May 10, 1973, when the government informed the judge at the Pentagon Papers trial that defendant Daniel Ellsberg had been overheard in tapped conversation on Halperin's telephone.

Halperin's damage suit also listed his wife, Ina, and three sons as plaintiffs and asked that damages be

awarded to each defendant, in addition to Kissinger and Haig in the suit. Haldeman, Ehrlichman, former attorney general John N. Mitchell, William D. Ruckelshaus, acting FBI director, William C. Sullivan,

van, former assistant FBI director, and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.

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