

Sparkman Says Kissinger Clear

Washington

Senator John Sparkman (Dem-Ala.), said yesterday that an FBI summary "completely supports" Secretary of State nominee Henry A. Kissinger's statement that he had no involvement in wiretapping of his staff beyond furnishing names.

Sparkman said after examining the report on the wiretaps that he found nothing which should further delay approval of the Kissinger nomination by the senate foreign relations committee, of which he is a member.

The FBI summary was approved to Sparkman and Senator Clifford P. Case (Rep-N.J.), another committee member, after the panel insisted on access to it before clearing the appointment for Senate floor action.

Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and his acting deputy, William Ruckelshaus, provided the reports to the two senators Tuesday, after which the committee announced it would hear

public witnesses tomorrow, meet privately with Kissinger Monday and vote on the nomination Tuesday.

Case had no immediate comment on the report, but Sparkman said the FBI material "completely supports" Kissinger's testimony to the committee that he had no part in initiating the wiretaps, merely passing along the names of individuals with access to highly classified information after the decision was made to seek the source of news leaks.

The wiretaps on four newsmen and 13 members of Kissinger's National Security staff were carried out by the FBI from 1969 through 1971, at the behest of a White House "plumbers" unit set up to track down leaks.

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