

Watergate Investigators Unwelcome

Washington

The governor of New Hampshire and the publisher of the state's largest daily newspaper telegraphed Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.) yesterday protesting the presence of Senate select Watergate committee investigators in New Hampshire.

"Will you kindly get your Gestap boys out of New Hampshire and stop wasting taxpayers' money trying to clear your buddy Senator (Edmund S.) Muskie," William Loeb, publisher of the Manchester Union Leader wired Ervin, chairman of the Senate Watergate committee.

Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr., a Republican wired Ervin that "two of your Watergate investigators descended on Dr. Roberto Alonzo and his family of Orford, N.H., Monday in a fishing expedition of the so-called Canuck letter involving Senator Muskie's presidential campaign."

Thomson described Alonzo as "an outstanding Cuban lawyer who for more than ten years has supervised the Spanish legal publication of

a lawbook company of which I was president until inaugurated as governor of New Hampshire. . . . It is a disgrace that he and his family should be harassed by your Gestapo-like investigators," Thomson said.

Committee sources said that the Alonzo was one of several persons interviewed during several days of investigation by eight committee staff members in New Hampshire in connection with the so-called Canuck letter.

One source said the investigators were trying to determine who wrote the letter, which purported to be written by a Paul Morrison of Deerfield Beach, Fla. and attributed a racial slur on Americans of French-Canadian descent to Muskie. The letter was printed in the Union Leader Feb. 24, 1972, during the presidential primary campaign but its author has never been publicly identified.

Ervin responded to Thomson's telegram "While your telegram contains some threats and much vituperation, it does not set forth a single specific fact to justify your harassment



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charge. If there be any such specific fact I will be glad to have you communicate it to me."

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