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**SENATE UNIT FINDS  
VERY LITTLE BASIS  
FOR 17 WIRETAPS**

**Committee Backs Kissinger  
but Assails 'Infringement  
of Individual Rights'**

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 20—  
The Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee said today that  
"very little, if any, justifica-  
tion, was presented in most  
instances" for the White  
House-sanctioned wiretapping  
of the phones of 13 officials  
and four newsmen from 1969  
to 1971.

In a formal report to the  
Senate recommending the con-  
firmation of Henry A. Kis-  
singer as Secretary of State—  
the vote is set for tomorrow—  
the committee leveled the  
harshest official criticism  
against the wiretapping. Presi-  
dent Nixon has defended it as  
necessary to find the source  
of leaks of sensitive national  
security information.

The report repeated that  
that committee, in examining  
the wiretapping record, had  
found no ground to bar Mr.  
Kissinger as Secretary of State.  
It added:

"The committee was deeply  
concerned, however, over the  
pattern of casual and arbi-  
trary infringement of in-  
dividual rights which this in-  
quiry brought to light."

**Mitchell Gave Approval**

Mr. Kissinger had testified  
before the committee — which  
voted on Tuesday to approve  
his nomination — that his role  
in the wiretapping was to pro-  
vide the names of people who  
had access to information that  
had been leaked to the press.

The actual wiretapping was  
carried out by the Federal Bu-  
reau of Investigation, with the  
approval of John Mitchell, who  
was then Attorney General.

The committee was permitted  
to study an F.B.I. report on the  
wiretaps, but it decided not to  
make public any of the details  
of the wiretapping, such as the  
names of those under surveil-  
lance.

These names, however, have  
appeared in the press, and some

of them seemed to have little  
connection with national secu-  
rity matters.

"Examination of the F.B.I.  
report on these wiretaps re-  
vealed that very little, if any,  
justification was presented in  
most instances, and that the  
Attorney General's review was  
routine," the report said.

"At the time of the surveil-  
lance in question, adequate  
standards of probable cause  
were not applied and adequate  
procedural safeguards with re-  
spect to authorizing and termi-  
nation of the taps were not  
observed," it said.

The committee, noting that  
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it had decided on Tuesday to  
begin a study on wiretapping,  
said that it "intends to keep  
this matter under review to  
insure that neither officers or  
employees of the Department of  
State, the National Security  
Council, or any other agency,  
nor private citizens are sub-  
jected to the treatment to  
which officers of the Depart-  
ment of State and the N.S.C.  
and member of the press were  
exposed during the recent past  
and to see what can be done to  
make sure that under cover of  
'national security,' surveillance  
does not take place which is  
not related to bona fide na-  
tional security situations."

Mr. Kissinger's confirmation  
is scheduled to take place to-  
morrow morning, and he will  
be sworn in by President Nixon  
either tomorrow afternoon or  
Saturday.

He plans to leave for New  
York on Sunday night to  
address the United Nations  
General Assembly on Monday  
and to meet with visiting  
foreign dignitaries through  
Wednesday.

**17 Men Identified**

Following are the names of  
the 17 whose telephones were  
tapped by the Nixon Adminis-  
tration, broken down by their  
place of employment:

**NATIONAL SECURITY  
COUNCIL**—Daniel I. Davidson,  
now a Washington lawyer;  
Morton Halperin, now with  
the Brookings Institution; An-  
thony Lake, now with the Car-  
negie Endowment for Interna-  
tional Peace; Winston Lord;  
Richard M. Moose, now a con-  
sultant to the Senate Foreign  
Relations Committee; and Hel-  
mut Sonnenfeldt, Under Secre-  
tary of Treasury-designate.

**DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
FENSE**—Lieut. Gen. Robert E.  
Pursley, former senior military  
adviser to Defense Secretary  
Melvin R. Laird, now com-  
mander of United States forces  
in Japan.

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**STATE DEPARTMENT** —  
Richard F. Pedersen, former  
counselor of the department,  
now Ambassador to Hungary;  
Richard L. Snider, Deputy  
Assistant Secretary for East  
Asian and Pacific Affairs, for-  
merly on the National Security  
Council staff; and William H.  
Sullivan, former Deputy Assis-  
tant Secretary for East Asian  
and Pacific Affairs, now Am-  
bassador to the Phillipines.

**WHITE HOUSE**—James W.  
McLane, former staff member,  
White House Domestic Coun-  
cil, now deputy director of the  
Cost of Living Council; William  
Safire, former Presidential  
speechwriter, now a columnist  
for The New York Times; and  
John P. Sears, former deputy  
Presidential counsel, now a  
Washington lawyer.

**NEWSMEN**—William Beecher,  
former military affairs corre-  
spondent for The New York  
Times, now Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of Defense for Public  
Affairs; Henry Brandon,  
Washington correspondent for  
The Sunday Times of London,  
Marin Kalb, diplomatic corre-  
spondent for C.B.S. News; and  
Herrick Smith, a former New  
York Times correspondent in  
Washington now Moscow bu-  
reau chief.