

35-1 for impeachment

WASHINGTON — Letters are pouring into the offices of the House Judiciary Committee at the rate of 5000 to 6000 a day and running better than 35 to 1 in favor of the impeachment of President Nixon.

By ^{9 Nov} Friday, the committee staff had tabulated all the letters, telegrams and petitions received through Nov. 5. The tally showed 76,834 persons favoring impeachment and 2168 against impeachment and backing Nixon.

An aide to the committee, which has been investigating possible grounds for impeachment, said he was impressed that most of the communications appeared spontaneous and unsolicited, unlike the orchestrated letter campaigns which deluged the committee in the past on the busing issue and civil rights.

Most of the appeals were simple and direct like one from a Chicago woman who wrote: "Put impeachment as your first order of business."

Some persons sent newspaper clippings, full-page ads calling for impeachment and impeachment coupons clipped from underground newspapers. But very few of the letters read as if they were copied from a form suggested by some groups which have been organized to advocate or fight impeachment.

One aide who has been opening the letters said that less than one in 20 could be interpreted as part of an orchestrated campaign. He said the daily flow of letters into the office has remained fairly constant, ranging from a low of 5,000 to as many as 17,000.