



Stennis to Probe Military 'Spying'

Washington

Senator John C. Stennis, Democratic chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said yesterday that he plans to begin an informal inquiry this week into alleged military spying inside the White house.

In a telephone interview from his office in DeKalb, Miss., Stennis said, "I certainly want to take a look at this matter and I don't expect them (the White House) to hold anything back."

The New York Times reported over the weekend that David R. Young Jr., a member of the White House "plumbers" group, had submitted a long report to President Nixon early in 1972 in which he concluded that Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had received secret National Security Council documents and information taken from the office of Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's national security adviser.

In the interview, Stennis also said — in apparent contradiction of a Nixon administration statement issued in California late last week — that he was not officially briefed on the alleged military spying until after the first newspaper reports were published.

"Until that story broke, I didn't know anything about it. not a thing," the Mississippi Democrat said.

The administration ^{11 JAN} statement, issued Friday, asserted that "information regarding this case has been provided on a confidential basis" to both Stennis and Representative F. Edward Hebert, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Hebert, in a telephone interview yesterday from New Orleans, said that he also had not been told of the matter until after it had appeared in newspapers.

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