



John McLaughlin

Robert Drinan

Jesuit 'clash' on Capitol Hill

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WASHINGTON — The only Jesuit priest on President Nixon's staff says the only Jesuit priest in Congress should disqualify himself from deliberations regarding the President's impeachment.

Dr. John McLaughlin, speech writer and deputy special assistant to the President, said Rep. Robert F. Drinan "has fixed in his heart and his mind that the President's guilty."

Drinan, a Democratic member of the House Judiciary Committee, has introduced an impeachment resolution against Nixon.

"For him to sit in a judicial position on this body judging evidence relating ultimately to the guilt or innocence of Richard Nixon is a rape of justice," McLaughlin said. "In fairness he ought to voluntarily disqualify himself."

Contacted on Capitol Hill for comment, Drinan declined to respond to his former seminary classmate.