

Yeoman Tells His Story to Sen. Stennis

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A Navy yeoman who acknowledged secretly removing documents from Henry A. Kissinger's files and delivering them to the Pentagon told his story yesterday to Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.). But Yeoman 1C Charles Radford refused to comment publicly about the meeting.

"He was cooperative fully and I have no complaints about him," said Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, following the 2½-hour private session in his Capitol Hill Office.

Radford flew from Salem, Ore., to Washington Friday. He was subpoenaed yesterday to testify before the entire committee when the Senate reconvenes the week of Feb. 18.

Radford's attorney, William J. Claussen of Salem, told newsmen that Radford would make no comment because of the subpoena. He said it was Radford's personal wish not to say anything more until he testifies before the full Senate panel.

"He answered all questions freely, and his wish is to remain silent and make no further comment," Claussen said to reporters.

"I'm sure we fully understood each other," said Stennis. "All of Radford's constitutional rights have been preserved."

Radford, for the most part, stood silently, hat in hand as Stennis and his attorney spoke.

But, asked if he was sure he would not make any comment, Radford replied, "Quite sure." (It was understood that Stennis had asked Radford not to make further comments.

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Sen. John Stennis talks with newsmen after a private meeting with Yeoman 1C Charles Radford, right, concerning the delivery of documents from the files of Henry A. Kissinger to the Pentagon. With them is attorney William J. Claussen.