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**CIA 'Clean' on Tapes, Says Demo**

Washington

Representative Lucien Nedzi (Dem-Mich.) said yesterday he has concluded that no Watergate-related or presidential conversations were destroyed by the Central Intelligence Agency in a major housecleaning of tape recordings in January, 1973.

Nedzi based his judgment on an examination of a voluminous report, including

logs, notes and memoranda, delivered to him yesterday by the CIA.

The Michigan Democrat is the chairman of a House armed services intelligence subcommittee which conducted extensive hearings last year into alleged CIA involvement in the Watergate scandal. In a report on the inquiry the subcommittee concluded that the CIA had been duped by high White

House aides into providing some assistance for the Watergate coverup but had no substantive involvement in the affair.

CIA officials said that the mass destruction of tapes in mid-January, 1973, was "routine" and prompted by a need to clean out its files. The only prior tape destructions on a comparable scale, according to CIA spokesmen, were carried out in

1971 and 1964.

The tapes were destroyed, by one official account on January 18, one day after the CIA's Office of Congressional Liaison received a letter from Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield (Dem-Mont.) asking the agency to retain all records that might pertain in any way to Watergate.

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