

Senators Get Access To 'Plumbers' Report

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The Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday disclosed that it has finally obtained a copy of a voluminous secret report by a member of the so-called "plumbers" group on the alleged 1970 and 1971 military spy ring in the White House.

The report, described by committee sources as more than 1,000 pages, was prepared by David Young, a former White House aide who investigated leaks of National Security Council information after some material was leaked to columnist Jack Anderson in December, 1971.

Young, who originally joined the White House as an aide to Henry A. Kissinger when the Secretary of State was full-time head of the NSC, was working for John D. Ehrlichman, a former top White House aide, at the time he investigated the national security leaks.

Young had interviewed a Navy petty officer, Yeoman Charles Radford, who had been accused of leaking material while serving in the Pentagon's liaison office to the NSC.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, announced he has assigned two committee members, Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) and Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) to review the Young report, which was provided to the panel on a confidential basis, and then give their findings to the full committee some time after the Senate returns April 22 from an Easter recess.

Stennis indicated the panel obtained access to the report only after the committee last week worked out the procedure under which two members, plus two staff aides, would have access to the report.

"This review procedure, approved by the committee, was the result of extensive negotiations with the White House," Stennis said in a statement.