

Buzhardt Opposed Any Criminal Action On Military Spying

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WASHINGTON, April 25 — J. Fred Buzhardt, general counsel of the Pentagon, told the Senate Armed Services Committee in testimony taken nearly two months ago that he had recommended against any criminal prosecutions in the military spying incident involving the White House and Pentagon in late 1971.

Mr. Buzhardt told the Senators that he had urged Melvin R. Laird, then Secretary of Defense, not to seek charges either against Yeoman 1st Cl. Charles E. Radford, a clerk assigned to the White House who was suspected of leaking highly classified documents to Jack Anderson, the columnist, or against Rear Adm. Robert O. Welander, named by the yeoman in subsequent interrogation as a participant in the funneling of National Security Council documents from the office of Henry A. Kissinger to the Pentagon.

The attorney told the Senate that he had made those recommendations although he con-

sidered Admiral Welander to be guilty of "a rather serious error of judgment" and Yeoman Radford to have provided the White House documents on the India-Pakistan War that Mr. Anderson began publishing in mid-December, 1971.