

# Drinan Says Transcripts Are Illegal

Washington

Representative Robert Drinan (Dem-Mass.), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said yesterday President Nixon apparently violated federal law by taping and releasing private telephone conversations.

Drinan, a former law school dean, said intercepting private calls and then divulging their contents is a criminal violation of the law regulating the Federal Communications Commission.

He said any party injured by such disclosures may have a cause for action against the President. Drinan said the taping and divulging of conversations should be considered by the committee in judging whether Mr. Nixon has committed any impeachable offenses.

Drinan's view that Mr. Nixon may have violated the law in taping and making public private conversations is shared by another committee member, Representative George Danielson (Dem-Calif.), a former FBI agent.

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