

Kissinger Quizzed By Senate Unit

Washington

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee questioned Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for three hours yesterday on documents suggesting that he might have misled the committee last year about his role in the wiretapping of 17 officials and newsmen from 1969 to 1971.

Afterward, Senator Jacob K. Javits (Rep - N.Y.) said he had heard nothing in the closed door hearings so far to lead him to reverse his support of Kissinger.

He said Kissinger's "credibility remains unimpaired."

Chairman J. William Fulbright (Dem - Ark.) refused to make any judgments to newsmen on whether Kissinger's testimony removed all doubt, asserting that this was something the entire committee would have to decide after the final witness, General Alexander M. Haig Jr., formerly Kissinger's deputy, and now the White House chief of staff, testifies Tuesday.

The hearings have been held at Kissinger's request after press reports, based on FBI documents, suggested that he had not been completely candid with the committee last September when he was confirmed as Secretary of State.

The FBI documents, including memos by the late J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI during the period of the wiretaps in question, said that Kissinger and his deputy, Haig, initiated certain of the taps in an effort to stem leaks of national security information to the press.

Kissinger, in testimony to the committee last September, and in several news conferences, has insisted that he did not "initiate" the program of wiretaps, but supplied names of people on his National Security Council staff who either had access to information being leaked or whose names turned up in the course of an investigation of someone else.

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