

September 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.

SUBJECT:

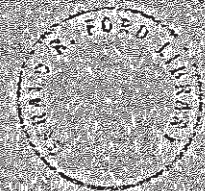
Comments of Republican Members  
House Select Committee on Intelligence

Contacted Rep. Bob Kasten on Saturday, September 20. He is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will return to Washington, D. C. at approximately 10:30 a. m. on Monday, September 22. Kasten can be reached in Milwaukee over the weekend at (414) 352 - 7995 if necessary.

Kasten states that he thinks that the Republican members of the Committee, generally speaking, are in close agreement on most issues before the Committee. He feels that the Administration made a serious mistake in selecting the "four words" which has precipitated the present controversy because those four words do not, in the judgment of most members of the Committee, reveal the source or method of intelligence gathering.

Kasten also mentioned a memo allegedly written by Rod Hills which says that since the authority to declassify and release to the public previously classified information is not expressly granted by statute to the Congress or its Committees then the House Select Committee does not have the authority to take such action unilaterally, is not the view being accepted by the members of the Committee.

cc: Friedersdorf  
Loen



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WH: Memo Charles Leppert (Spec asst for Cong Affairs House) - John O. Marsh - (Counselor to prez)

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re consultation w/ Rep Robert Kasten (R WI) over  
admin - HSC dispute re classified information

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