

September 19, 1975

**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

**JACK MARSH**

**FROM:**

**CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.**

**SUBJECT:**

**Comments of Republican Members  
House Select Committee on Intelligence**

The following comments were expressed by Republican Members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence when contacted on Friday, September 19th:

Rep. Bob McClory

Contacted in Waukegan, Ill. He will return to Washington, D. C. at approximately 10 p. m., Sunday, September 21.

McClory states that Pike's Committee staff is doing the legal research on the Committee's position for the purpose of proceeding to litigation on the issue of whether the Committee has the right to receive classified documents with no strings attached and the right to declassify and release such information to the public. McClory feels the Administration should do everything it can to avoid litigation and bend over backwards to resolve the issues other than going to court.

McClory says that the right to declassify and release such information to the public is not exclusively in the Executive branch. Otherwise the Executive branch could do almost anything it wanted or "cover up" anything they wanted to cover up under the guise of it being classified information. No Member of Congress would take the position that the Executive had the exclusive right to classify information, declassify it and release it to the public. That would be downgrading ourselves and the Congress.

McClory further says that the Members of Congress nor the public would stand for a Member or a Committee of the Congress, declassifying and releasing to the public previously classified information that would seriously endanger our national security. He thinks the Congress nor the public would accept such irresponsible action.

McClory can be reached over the weekend at the Waukegan, Ill. Travel Lodge (312) 244-8950. He suggests a meeting with you if necessary, at 9:30 a. m. on Monday, September 22.



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Casey Kittrick Office, Room 4 Leppert Files, 6/14, FBI - House Select Com, General.



Rep. David Treen

He will be in town this weekend and can be reached at his office in the morning, 225 - 4085 (direct line). He is golfing Saturday afternoon.

Treen says he agrees to a meeting of the Republican Members if necessary, on Monday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m. He will make himself available over the weekend, if needed, and can be reached at home on Sunday.

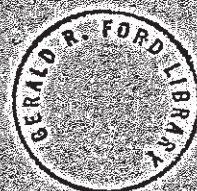
Treen stated that he wrote a letter to Pike on 9/19/75 requesting an opportunity for the people that Sam Adams testified against to appear before the Committee and testify on their own behalf since Adams has alleged and charged them with some outrageous conduct. Treen says if the White House does not want him to pursue that course of action just to let him know.

Rep. James P. Johnson

He will be at home this weekend and can be reached through his home number. He will make himself available to come to a meeting if necessary, but feels the Administration is wrong in trying to furnish the information requested with conditions. Feels there is no way the Committee is going to agree to the conditions.

Rep. Bob Kasten

No contact. I will continue to try and contact.





WA: Charles Leppert (Spec asst for Cong ritus House) - John O. Marsh (Coun seller to prez)

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re consultation w/ Republican members of PRC Committee over  
admin - HSC dispute re classified information

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