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Dear Colleague:

On Monday, December 8, it is my intention to file in the House a Report, adopted in a 10-2 vote by the House Select Committee on Intelligence, citing Henry A. Kissinger in contempt of Congress for failure to supply subpoenaed documents to the Committee.

Contrary to widely published rumors, neither the filing of such a report nor its adoption by the House will cause the earth to tremble nor the sun to stop in its tracks. No one is seeking to place Mr. Kissinger in jail, and the worst that can happen to him is that he might have to provide the documents subpoenaed to Congress.

The particular documents requested are those addressed by the State Department to the National Security Council recommending covert actions during the period from 1961 to 1975. No one has questioned the authority of the Committee to issue the subpoena, the manner in which it was issued, or its form. On October 14th Mr. Kissinger had assured the Committee in writing that he would:

"Authorize any policy level officer of the Department or the Foreign Service to testify before the Select Committee on... any recommendations he forwarded to his superiors."

The documents subpoenaed cover such recommendations. They do not cover recommendations to the President, they cover recommendations to the National Security Council, a statutory body created by act of Congress in the National Security Act of 1947. No committee of Congress can ever exercise oversight as long as the Executive branch alone determines what facts it may have.

I request only that you read the report, hear the argument, and exercise your own judgment and conscience.

Very truly yours,



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Ltr, Rep Otis Pike (Comm, HSC) - Congressional colleagues
notifying his intention to file charges against Sec State Kissinger

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