

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1976

**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

**THE HONORABLE DONALD S. RUMSFELD  
THE HONORABLE EDWARD H. LEVI**

**I have been advised of the subpoenas of February 4, 1976, from the House Committee on Government Operations requiring officials of your respective agencies, as well as private corporations, to produce records relating to interception or examination by the United States of information concerning interstate or foreign communications by wire, cable, radio or otherwise, and information as to users of communications common carriers.**

**Upon review of the subpoenas, I have concluded that the scope of the records sought is so extremely broad as to encompass records containing the most sensitive national security information and that the public interest requires that the records not be disclosed to the Committee. As President of the United States, I am therefore instructing you to decline to comply with the subpoenas.**

*Gerald R. Ford*

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