A spy’s been found in the PM’s office. Murphy told peers

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In 1971 Labor attorney-general Lionel Murphy told the cabinet that a paid spy, working as a journalist, had been found lurking in Gough Whitlam’s office. The Whitlam government’s cabinet notebooks — the handwritten record of meetings — often left blank.

Mr Murphy gave a briefing about the spy incident on January 26, 1971. “ASIO — or is it,” Mr Murphy said. Journalist in Gough’s room when Gough L

Lawler in his cabinet notebook, produced “unfortunate results”. Murphy had met with Peter Barbour, the director-general of ASIO, on December 22, 1972, when he may have been briefed on the matter.

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