

CBS Opposes Skolnick Plea for LBJ Tapes

The Columbia Broadcasting system yesterday asked a federal judge to suppress a subpoena issued for the tape recordings of interviews with former President Johnson.

The subpoena was obtained by Sherman H. Skolnick, a legal researcher, in connection with his suit against the National Archives and Records service, which, he contends, is withholding information about the assassination of President Kennedy.

13 Hours of Interview

The tapes contain 13 hours of interviews with President Johnson regarding his terms as President. The 13 hours of tapes were edited down to create three one-hour programs.

CBS said some of the interviews was deleted from the tapes at Johnson's request "because of national security."

Newton N. Minow, a former Federal Communications commission chairman and now an attorney for C. B. S., opposed the subpoena, saying it violates freedoms of speech and press. He said if C. B. S. is forced to produce the tapes, public officials will decline to submit to interviews in the future.

Pertains to Suit

Skolnick maintained that the deleted material in the tapes is relevant to his lawsuit.

The subpoena was issued by Judge Hubert L. Will. The C. B. S. motion was heard by Judge Julius J. Hoffman, who continued the case to Thursday so that Judge Will could be present to hear the arguments.