

'White Paper' to Rebut Charges

Nixon Readies Counterattack

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The White House prepared yesterday to strike back at its Watergate accusers with a wide-ranging legal and political defense that includes a "white paper" intended as point-by-point refutation of damaging allegations raised in the Senate Select Watergate Committee hearings.

The legal battle will be joined today when Charles Alan Wright, a University of Texas law professor, goes before U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica to oppose a subpoena in which Watergate Special Prosecutor Ar-

chibald Cox seeks documents and tapes relating to nine White House conversations.

The white paper is likely in the middle of next week, when President Nixon is expected to respond to charges raised in nearly two months of Senate hearings.

Administration sources said the President's intended refutation will center on charges made by former White House counsel John W. Dean III, who told Senate investigators that he warned the President of what was going on in the Watergate investigation as early as Sept. 15, 1972.

These sources said the statement has not yet been written but that it is expected to be far more specific than presidential statements of April 30 and May 22 on the Watergate issue.

Soon after he issues his white paper in Washington, it is expected that the President will fly to the Western White House in San Clemente. Some administration officials said it is possible he will stop en route for speeches before friendly audiences in an effort to show that the administration has not been mortally wounded by Watergate.

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