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10 in Watergate Case Win a Delay in Fight on Summons

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WASHINGTON, March 6 — Judge Charles R. Richey of the United States District Court here gave attorneys for 10 journalists today until next Tuesday to file motions to get subpoenas quashed that have been served on them by President Nixon's campaign organization.

The lawyers, acting for representatives of The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Washington Star-News, and Time magazine, had asked to delay the effective date of the subpoenas until March 16.

"I understand the issues," Judge Richey remarked, saying he wanted to delay the case as little as possible. "I know the state of the law. I know what my view of the law is."

"When I saw the notices [for the subpoenas] come in," the judge explained at another point, "I immediately sensed that something like this was going to happen. I've already done some independent study."

The Committee for the Re-election of the President served the subpoenas in connection with three civil lawsuits between it and other Republicans on the hand and the Democratic National Committee on the other.

The Democratic suit grew out of the bugging of its offices at the Watergate building last year. The Republicans responded with libel and malicious abuse of process charges.

An attorney for the Republicans, Kennedy W. Parkinson, told Judge Richey today that he wanted to question the 10 journalists about the cases in depositions, or pretrial sessions out of the presence of the court.

The lawyer said they had been asked to bring their notes and a large amount of other material in order to refresh their memories. An attorney for the newspapers said this would not prevent examination of the documents at the depositions.

The journalists named in the subpoenas are John Crewdson, a reporter with The New York Times; Carl Bernstein and Robert Woodward, reporters for The Washington Post; The Post's managing editor, Howard Simons, and its publisher, Katherine Graham; Jeremiah O'Leary, Patrick Collins, Joseph Volz, and James Polk of The Washington Star-News, and Dean Fischer of Time.

Also subpoenaed was Walter Sheridan, a former correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company who investigated the Watergate case as an employe of Senator George McGovern.

Mr. Sheridan, who was incorrectly identified in yesterday's New York Times as a reporter for Time, said today that he had complied with the subpoena because he "was not a newsman at the time."