

# Reactions in the Street: Mixture



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The honking of automobile horns continued yesterday in front of the White House even as the news spread that President Nixon had decided to surrender the Watergate tapes to the chief judge of District Court here.

The sound of the horns filtered during late afternoon into the room in the White House where reporters were being briefed on the latest action in the case of the controversial tapes.

But even the most vocal supporters of the "Honk for Impeachment" drive conceded that the latest action by the President probably

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would dampen their calls for his ouster.

Persons queried by The Washington Post in the streets of downtown Washington reacted with a mixture of skepticism and relief at news of the President's decision to turn over the tapes.

"It's about time it should be done," said Robert Mead, 28, a foreign service trainee with the U.S. Information Agency. He said Mr. Nixon's announcement should "end the talking" about impeachment and had changed his own stance on that issue from favoring to opposing impeachment.

"It's one of those things—I don't feel he is in violation

of the court order any more." Mead said.

Others said impeachment talks should be set aside until it is determined whether the President was involved in the planning of Watergate or its coverup.

"He should have turned those tapes over a long, long time ago," said Mrs. Kenneth Koenker, of Minneapolis, who was touring Washington yesterday with her husband.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Koenker said they had voted for Mr. Nixon last November, but would have favored his impeachment had he not released the tapes to Judge John J. Sirica and would ad-

vocate his ouster "if the tapes show he is in on it."

Gordon Swartz, an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service, said yesterday's developments "change the whole picture."

"Impeachment procedures stem from the fact that he wouldn't go along with the court," he said. "Probably there won't be any impeachment move now unless the tapes revealed something that could raise the question."

Others were skeptical about the validity of the tapes.

"The thing I wonder about is—why all of a sudden he wants to give up the tapes," said Rudolph Wes-

tray, 27, a computer specialist for the Department of Justice.

He said the President should be impeached regardless of yesterday's decision.

Paul A. Miller, an employee of the U.S. Office of Education, said he felt talks about impeachment were "premature," whether or not the tapes were released.

"The tapes are the property of the President, and it is up to him to decide what to do with them," he said.

In front of the White House Paul Thennes, a 24-year-old student at Eastern Illinois University, said between waves of a "Honk for Impeach" sign aimed at passing motorists:

"I'm glad he has turned over the tapes. Now I'm waiting to see him turn his office over to the American people. It's more than the tapes, and I think the people realize what's happened already and what has to be done to stop Nixon."