

# Nixon's Secretary Ordered To Testify In Tapes Case

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Judge John J. Sirica today ordered that Rose Mary Woods, President Nixon's personal secretary, be summoned to testify in the fact-finding hearing into the two phantom White House tape recordings.

Sirica, chief U.S. District Court judge, asked that Miss Woods be notified that she would be a witness after presidential aide Stephen V. Bull testified he saw her listening to tapes and typing at the same time.

"I would deduce it did have obviously something to do with the tapes," Bull said but added he did not know whether the secretary was making a transcript.

Bull testified that on Sept. 28 he was asked by Gen. Alexander Haig Jr., the President's chief of staff, to go to Camp David, Md., to assist the President in reviewing some tape recordings that had been subpoenaed by the special Watergate prosecution force.

Bull said he received about a dozen tapes and returned four or five of them to Gen. John Bennett, a Haig assistant, and left the rest with Miss Woods.

"She kept them at least a week," he said.

"Do you know what happened to the tapes?" asked Richard Ben-Veniste, a Watergate prosecution force lawyer.

A. No sir.

Q. Would you say the purpose is to make a transcript?

A. I could not confirm that sir.

Bull apparently was the first to make an unsuccessful search for the tape recordings of two key conversations in the Watergate investigation.

The Watergate prosecution force now is under the direction of Leon Jaworski.

The White House says the conversations of June 20, 1972, between President Nixon and John N. Mitchell and of April 15, 1973, between the President and John W. Dean III went unrecorded. The two tapes were among nine sought by prosecutors.

As Jaworski took his oath as special prosecutor Monday, Acting Atty. Gen. Robert H. Bork told a House Judiciary subcommittee Jaworski has White House assurance of freedom to go to court for evidence.

"Everybody agreed to it,"

Bork testified. He said White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr., and lawyers J. Fred Buzhardt and Leonard Garment were at the meeting.

Jaworski succeeds Archibald Cox who was fired for refusing to go along with a presidential order to seek no further White House tapes or documents.

He was sworn in by Judge Byron Skelton of the U.S. Court of Claims, a fellow Texan and long-time friend. Jaworski called the oath "more important than any I have taken in my lifetime."

Afterward he met for 30 minutes with the 80-man staff he takes over from Cox and said he knew of no reasons for any personnel changes. He said he had accepted "an awesome and gigantic task," and that he considered it a call to duty.

Cox told a House subcommittee that he believes Jaworski will run into the same conflict with the President that he did — and said that is why Congress should make the prosecutor independent.

Meanwhile, Senate Watergate committee Republicans were set to begin their long-awaited attempt to prove that Democrats also played dirty tricks.