

# SIRICA SUMMONS NIXON SECRETARY

## White House Aide Says Miss Woods Heard All the Tapes and Typed Transcripts

11/17/73  
By WARREN WEAVER Jr.  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—  
Rose Mary Woods, President  
Nixon's personal secretary for  
more than 20 years, was sum-  
moned today to testify in the  
Federal court investigation into  
White House tape recordings  
and two missing conversations.

One White House aide,  
Stephen B. Bull, testified today  
that Miss Woods had heard  
all the tapes being sought  
by the special prosecution force  
for the Watergate grand jury  
and typed up either full or partial  
transcripts of them late  
last September.

Another White House official  
told Judge John J. Sirica that  
Miss Woods presently had 14  
recordings of Presidential con-  
versations in her desk, eight of  
which had been in her possession  
for more than a month  
rather than locked in the secret  
vault in the Executive Office  
Building.

Six of the tapes that Miss  
Woods has, according to John  
C. Bennett, deputy assistant to  
the President, relate to a con-  
versation between Mr. Nixon  
and John W. Dean 3d, then his

Continued on Page 32, Column 5

Continued From Page 1, Col. 7

counsel, on April 16, the day  
after a similar meeting that the  
White House now says went  
unrecorded after the tape ran  
out.

According to Mr. Dean's tes-  
timony before the Senate Wa-  
tergate committee, on April 16  
he refused to sign two letters  
of resignation given him by the  
President and told Mr. Nixon  
he was unwilling to become  
"The White House scapegoat  
for Watergate."

Judge Sirica, who summoned  
Miss Woods, has been holding  
informal fact-finding hearings  
in his court for the last week  
to explore the sudden White  
House announcement that part  
of the evidence the President  
had agreed to submit to the  
judge and the Watergate grand  
jury could not be delivered  
pursuant to his order.

Douglas Parker, who was the  
principal White House lawyer  
at today's hearing, indicated  
that Miss Woods would appear  
voluntarily later this week. So  
far, all current White House  
aides have testified at the fact-  
finding sessions without at-  
tempting to invoke executive

privilege to justify remaining  
silent.

At the White House this eve-  
ning, the deputy press secre-  
tary, Gerald L. Warren, had no  
comment when asked whether  
Miss Woods would be allowed  
to testify.

Judge Sirica held a one-hour  
closed meeting with the White  
House lawyers and prosecutors  
after the hearing adjourned. He  
said later that he "didn't hear  
any objection" to the possibili-  
ty of Miss Woods' testifying.

For the first time today,  
Leonard Garment, counsel to  
the President, and J. Fred Buz-  
hardt Jr., special counsel, did  
not attend the open hearing,  
leading to speculation that the  
White House was working on  
a new approach to resolving  
the tapes controversy. The two  
lawyers showed up for the  
closed session with Judge Si-  
rica, however.

### Ties Back to 1947

Miss Woods has known Mr.  
Nixon since he entered the  
House of Representatives in  
1947. She has been his personal  
secretary since he became a  
Senator in 1951, serving  
through three Presidential cam-  
paigns, one for Governor of  
California and a half-dozen  
years as a lawyer and private  
citizen.

Mr. Bennett, a retired gen-  
eral who is deputy to former  
Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.,

Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, told  
the court today that he as-  
sumed responsibility for the full  
library of White House tapes  
last July 18, when the sound  
system was turned off and the  
Secret Service surrendered cus-  
tody of the recordings.

The White House aide said  
he had not been given any  
instructions about who should  
be permitted access to the  
tapes and had not been ordered  
to keep any records on who  
drew the tapes out and returned  
them. He did keep a log, how-  
ever, which showed that Miss  
Woods got six more tapes only  
yesterday.

Five of these, he testified,  
covered conversations in the  
President's Oval Office and the  
sixth an exchange in his hide-  
away in the Executive Office  
Building. All of them related  
to the April 16 meeting be-  
tween the President and Mr.  
Dean, he added.

Until today, the hearing had  
focused on a conversation be-  
tween Mr. Nixon and Mr. Dean  
in the Executive Office Build-  
ing on the evening of the previ-  
ous day, Palm Sunday. The  
White House maintains that the  
recorder installed there ran out  
of tape after a long active day  
and never picked up the talk  
at all.

According to his Senate com-  
mittee testimony, Mr. Dean  
heard the President admit at  
that meeting that it had been

"foolish" of him to discuss  
clemency for one of the Wa-  
tergate burglars.

After the closed meeting,  
Judge Sirica said in response  
to a question that he "didn't  
think there was any question"  
that seven of the nine tapes  
subpoenaed by the Watergate  
prosecutors were still in  
existence, even if two of the  
conversations had gone un-  
recorded.

Earlier, Mr. Bull, a special  
assistant to the President, told  
the court how he took a dozen  
of the tapes to Camp David,  
the President's Maryland Moun-  
tain retreat, on the weekend  
of Sept. 28-29, for Miss Woods  
to review.

When Mr. Bull described

how Miss Woods typed up part  
or all of the subpoenaed con-  
versations in a cabin separate  
from the President's residence,  
Judge Sirica stopped his testi-  
mony briefly to interject an  
order that Mr. Nixon's per-  
sonal secretary be summoned  
as a witness.

Mr. Bull recalled that when  
one of the Navy enlisted men  
who staff Camp David entered  
the cabin Mr. Bull attempted  
to hide the tapes and playback  
equipment because "I thought  
it in the best interests of all  
that we not advertise what was  
going on."

Mr. Bennett said that of the  
dozen tapes that were taken  
to Camp David, Miss Woods  
had never returned eight.