
AIM Leaders

Subpoena

Nixon Tapes

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A subpoena issued Friday orders President Nixon to turn over any White House tapes of conversations between himself and any other person about the armed occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., last year.

In Washington, a spokesman for the White House said there would be no comment until the subpoena was delivered.

U.S. District Court Judge Fred J. Nichol signed the subpoena as court session resumed in the trial of two American Indian Movement leaders on charges stemming from the 71-day takeover of the Indian reservation village.

Issued to the President or his authorized representative, the subpoena orders that all tape recordings of conversations related to the occupation between Nixon and any other person, including former White House counsel John W. Dean III, be produced in Nichol's court here on May 28.

The subpoena was prepared by counsel for Russell Means and Dennis Banks, who are on trial on 10 felony counts that include burglary, theft, arson, assault on federal officers and illegal possession of firearms.

Accompanying the subpoena was a transcript of remarks made Thursday by defense counsel William Kunstler. He had told the court that a record of hearings before a Senate committee concerning L. Patrick Gray's appointment as FBI director prompted the defense subpoena.

Kunstler said Gray testified to senators on March 22, 1973, that he had discussed the Wounded Knee case with Dean the previous day.

Kunstler said tape recordings of White House conversations might show, among other things, that Indians negotiating with the government at Wounded Knee were doing so in good faith.