

Presidential Attorney Agrees To Surrender Requested Tapes

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential attorney James St. Clair agreed Friday to surrender by Tuesday tapes of 20 White House conversations subpoenaed in the Watergate cover-up trial and to turn over all others as soon as possible.

The timetable was part of a compromise worked out between St. Clair and special prosecutor Leon Jaworski at the prodding of U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica.

It calls for the 20 tapes to be turned over to the court by 4 p.m. Tuesday and for St. Clair to report back by next Friday on progress in preparing the tapes and documents relating to the remaining 44 conversations.

St. Clair said he could not estimate how long it might be before the final tape is surrendered, in part because Presi-

dent Nixon "feels quite strongly he should know what he is turning over" and plans to listen to all of the conversations.

The judge said prompt production of the material, which the Supreme Court ordered Nixon to surrender on Wednesday, will enable the Watergate cover-up trial of six former presidential and campaign aides to begin as scheduled Sept. 9.

The President has promised to comply with the high court's ruling "in all respects."

The first 20 tapes include conversations that have already been partially disclosed in White House-edited transcripts released in late April.

All but one of the tapes also have been subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee in its impeachment probe, but St. Clair said the Supreme Court's decision made clear they were

to be turned over only to the court.

Asked by newsmen if the White House would voluntarily surrender the tapes and documents to the committee it approved by Sirica, Nixon's lawyer said that was a hypothetical question and has not been considered.

Sirica is to review the tapes to determine whether any of the material is relevant to the cover-up trial. Any relevant material will be turned over to

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