

# President's Tape Claim Is Disputed

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The Senate Watergate committee, in a new courtroom attempt to wrest Watergate-related tape recordings from the White House, argued yesterday that President Nixon had destroyed his own "claim of confidentiality" for the tapes.

The committee, in a brief filed with U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, said the President had in effect waived his claim of executive privilege by his public accounts of Watergate discussions with aides.

Sirica is to hold a hearing Monday on the committee's suit to obtain the tapes.

In today's brief, the last of several filed by the committee with Sirica, the committee's lawyers argued that the President "may not toy with the committee by picking and choosing among tapes, papers and memory and only allowing revelations of those portions he feels most beneficial to disclose."

In the new brief, the committee argued that "the President has destroyed any claim of confidentiality in this case" by news conference accounts of Watergate conversations with former aides John W. Dean III, John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. (Bob) Haldeman.

The committee said the tapes it wanted deal with the same conversations.