Prime-Time Coverage On Watergate Slated

The Public Broadcasting

The Public Broadcasting Service announced yesterday it would make available in prime time its "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of the Senate Select Committee's Watergate hearings, which are expected to begin May 15.

P.B.S. said that it would record the hearings in their entirety and transmit them to public television stations during the prime evening hours, but that it would also transmit its regular programming schedule so that slations would have the option of showing the hearings or regular programs.

The broadcasting the hearings has been the subject of much debate between P.B.S. and its parent body, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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