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Public Has Its First Close Look
At the Watergate Grand Jurors
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WASHINGTON, July 27 — The public got its first close look yesterday at the Federal grand jury that has been deliberating secretly for months in the Watergate case.

The jury was escorted into the courtroom of Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the United States District Court as part of the proceeding by Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor, to force President Nixon to release his tapes of his confidential conversations.

The foreman, with whom Judge Sirica held a brief colloquy, is Vladimir Nicholas Pregelj, a 46-year-old Yugoslav refugee who has worked for the Library of Congress since 1957. A bachelor, he lives on Capitol Hill and is employed as an analyst of international trade and finance.

Mr. Pregelj, dressed in muted

but mod clothing, including patterned double-knit slacks, spoke with poise and calm. He wears a Van Dyke beard.

Like the population of this city, the grand jury is predominantly black. Of the 23 members, three were absent. Of the 20 others, 14 are black and six white. Thirteen members are women and seven men. The average age appeared to be about 45 years.

In addition to Mr. Pregelj, the members of the panel were identified as Annie Bell Alford, Lila Bard, Ellen Brown, Carolyn Butler, Elayne Edlund, Maurice Glover, Dorothy Gray, George Gross, Wallace Hawkins, Christopher Hopkins, Ruth Loveridge, Arthur McLean, Ethel Peoples, Susie Robinson, Kathryn Smith, George Stockton, Julie White, Naomi Williams and Priscille Woodruff.