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White House Aide Says Miss Woods Heard All the Tapes and Typed Transcripts

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—Rose Mary Woods, President Nixon's personal secretary for more than 20 years, was summoned today to testify in the Federal court investigation into White House tape recordings and two missing conversations.

One White House aide, Stephen B. Bull, testified today that Miss Woods had heard all the tapes being sought by the special prosecution force for the Watergate grand jury and typed up either full or partial transcripts of them late last September.

Another White House official told Judge John J. Sirica that Miss Woods presently had 14 recordings of Presidential conversations in her desk, eight of which had been in her possession for more than a month rather than locked in the secret vault in the Executive Office Building.

Six of the tapes that Miss Woods has, according to John C. Bennett, deputy assistant to the President, relate to a conversation between Mr. Nixon and John W. Dean 3d, then his

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counsel, on April 16, the day after a similar meeting that the White House now says went unrecorded after the tape ran out.

According to Mr. Dean's testimony before the Senate Watergate committee, on April 16 he refused to sign two letters of resignation given him by the President and told Mr. Nixon he was unwilling to become "The White House scapegoat for Watergate."

Judge Sirica, who summoned Miss Woods, has been holding informal fact-finding hearings in his court for the last week to explore the sudden White House announcement that part of the evidence the President had agreed to submit to the judge and the Watergate grand jury could not be delivered

pursuant to his order.

Douglas Parker, who was the principal White House lawyer at today's hearing, indicated that Miss Woods would appear voluntarily later this week. So far, all current White House aides have testified at the fact-finding sessions without attempting to invoke executive

privilege to justify remaining silent.

At the White House this evening, the deputy press secretary, Gerald L. Warren, had no comment when asked whether Miss Woods would be allowed to testify.

Judge Sirica held a one-hour closed meeting with the White House lawyers and prosecutors after the hearing adjourned. He said later that he "didn't hear any objection" to the possibility of Miss Woods' testifying.

For the first time today, Leonard Garment, counsel to the President, and J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., special counsel, did not attend the open hearing, leading to speculation that the White House was working on a new approach to resolving the tapes controversy. The two lawyers showed up for the closed session with Judge Sirica, however.

Ties Back to 1947

Miss Woods has known Mr. Nixon since he entered the House of Representatives in 1947. She has been his personal secretary since he became a Senator in 1951, serving through three Presidential campaigns, one for Governor of California and a half-dozen years as a lawyer and private citizen.

Mr. Bennett, a retired general who is deputy to former Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.,

Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, told the court today that he assumed responsibility for the full library of White House tapes last July 18, when the sound system was turned off and the Secret Service surrendered custody of the recordings.

The White House aide said he had not been given any instructions about who should be permitted access to the tapes and had not been ordered to keep any records on who drew the tapes out and returned them. He did keep a log, however, which showed that Miss Woods got six more tapes only yesterday.

Five of these, he testified, covered conversations in the President's Oval Office and the sixth an exchange in his hideaway in the Executive Office Building. All of them related to the April 16 meeting between the President and Mr. Dean, he added.

Until today, the hearing had focused on a conversation between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Dean in the Executive Office Building on the evening of the previous day, Palm Sunday. The White House maintains that the recorder installed there ran out of tape after a long active day and never picked up the talk at all.

According to his Senate committee testimony, Mr. Dean heard the President admit at that meeting that it had been

"foolish" of him to discuss clemency for one of the Watergate burglars.

After the closed meeting, Judge Sirica said in response to a question that he "didn't think there was any question" that seven of the nine tapes subpoenaed by the Watergate prosecutors were still in existence, even if two of the conversations had gone unrecorded.

Earlier, Mr. Bull, a special assistant to the President, told the court how he took a dozen of the tapes to Camp David, the President's Maryland Mountain retreat, on the weekend of Sept. 28-29, for Miss Woods to review.

When Mr. Bull described how Miss Woods typed up part or all of the subpoenaed conversations in a cabin separate from the President's residence, Judge Sirica stopped his testimony briefly to interject an order that Mr. Nixon's personal secretary be summoned as a witness.

Mr. Bull recalled that when one of the Navy enlisted men who staff Camp David entered the cabin Mr. Bull attempted to hide the tapes and playback equipment because "I thought it in the best interests of all that we not advertise what was going on."

Mr. Bennett said that of the dozen tapes that were taken to Camp David, Miss Woods had never returned eight.