

6 Experts Named To Examine Tapes Submitted by Nixon

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—Chief Federal Judge John J. Sirica announced today the names of a six-man "advisory panel of technical experts" selected by the Watergate prosecution force and the White House to "study the authenticity and integrity of the tapes that the White House has furnished to the court."

Members of the panel are Richard H. Bolt, chairman of the board of Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc., Franklin Cooper, president and engineering director of Haskins Laboratories; James L. Flanagan, head of the

acoustics research department of Bell Laboratories.

Also named were John G. McKnight, an audio and magnetic recording consultant; Thomas G. Stockham Jr., a professor in the computer science department of the University of Utah; and Mark R. Weiss, vice president for acoustics research of the Federal Scientific Corporation.

Judge Sirica also announced that the panel, at its first meeting last Sunday, developed "a draft proposal for a series of pilot tests to explore possible ways to validate the recordings."

Results of these preliminary tests, to be completed in January, the judge said, "will provide a scientific basis for conducting detailed analyses as appropriate to uncover further information about the recordings."

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