Hearing Set On Secret Nixon Report

Washington

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica will hold a hearing tomorrow to determine disposition of a secret grand jury report said to deal with President Nixon's role in Watergate.

The judge set the hearing for open court after a meeting requested by James D. St. Clair, Mr. Nixon's lawyer in Watergate-related matters.

"All interested counsel may state their views regarding the disposition of the report and recommendation filed last Friday by the 1972 grand jury," Sirica said after meeting with St. Clair, assistan prosecutors and lawyers for H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

White House deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren confirmed that St. Clair asked for yesterday's meeting.

Earlier, Warren had said "there is no present intention" on the part of the White House to ask that the grand jury's report be withheld from the House impeachment inquiry.

Asked whether the President's lawyers planned to make any representations to Sirica, he said, "not to my knowledge."

After the Sirica meeting, Warren said he didn't know that St. Clair had planned to request it.

The judge's reference to the "recommendation" was the first public confirmation of reports that the grand jury had accompanied its report with a suggestion of what should become of it.

In a speech at Northwestern Louisiana University yesterday, columnist Jack Anderson said the grand jury report contains information that "implicates and involves the President in the Watergate crime."

Asked how he knew what was contained in the sealed report delivered to Sirica, Anderson said: "Some of the people who were responsible for putting the information in the envelope are sources of mine."

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