

Plea for Recall of Woods' Subpoena

Washington

A lawyer representing Rose Mary Woods, President Nixon's personal secretary, asked the Senate Watergate committee yesterday to withdraw a subpoena seeking her testimony under oath.

Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), the committee chairman, refused the request.

Attorney Charles S. Rhyne had appealed to the committee within hours after a White House spokesman said Miss Woods was not "dodging or ducking or taking refuge" from the subpoena.

Sources close to the committee have said investigators wish to question Miss Woods formally about her knowledge of a \$100,000 payment made to C. G. (Bebe)

Rebozo, one of the President's close personal friends, by agents of billionaire Howard Hughes.

Rhyne said Miss Woods had been questioned previously by committee lawyers but those questions and answers were not taken under oath. However, Rhyne said his client has completed an affidavit attesting to the truthfulness of her answers as recorded in an 80-page transcript.

He said a further appearance to answer similar questions under oath "would harass Miss Woods without useful purpose."

"Such harassment, I am confident, is not the desire of the members of the committee so I repeat my request that the issuance of the subpoena be reconsidered and recalled," Rhyne said.

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