

A Delay in Bid for Tapes By Jaworski

Washington

President Nixon gained a six-day delay yesterday in his fight against a Watergate subpoena.

A sweeping subpoena for 64 more tapes issued against Mr. Nixon by Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski had been due yesterday morning, but U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica gave lawyers additional time to file briefs and set a hearing date after the White House petitioned the court to quash the subpoena.

In a brief session with lawyers in the Watergate coverup case and White House attorneys, Sirica gave them until next Monday to file answers to the White House motion and set a hearing for Wednesday. *GM*

In a similar struggle last fall, Sirica rejected White House claims of executive privilege and ordered Mr. Nixon to turn over several tape recordings of presidential conversations. He was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals here, but Mr. Nixon eventually turned over the tapes without appealing to the Supreme Court.

There were strong indications from both sides, however, that this time the final showdown may come in the high court.

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