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3 Paperback Books
Of the Transcripts
Coming Next Week

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Three publishers are rushing into print with paperback books containing the text of the White House transcripts of secret tapings of President Nixon's conversations with aides relating to Watergate.

All of the editions are promised for "next week," and all will contain the complete text as edited and released by the President and published by the Government Printing Office.

Dell Books and Bantam Books will publish a 700-page editions in the usual paperback format, with pages about 5 by 7 inches, prices at \$2.45 and \$2.50 respectively.

Macmillan Inc. will publish the transcripts in a three-volume "Brentano edition" for \$10.95. The soft-cover volumes will have pages 8½ by 11 inches, the same size as the 1-volume \$12.50 edition published by the Government Printing Office in Washington this week.

All three publishers will include the White House summary and the legal argument by James D. Sinclair, the President's lawyer, which accompanied the transcripts when they were given to the House Judiciary Committee.

Additional material prepared by editors and writers of The New York Times and its book division, Quadrangle, will be included in the Bantam edition,

which will have a first printing of 225,000 copies.

The Bantam edition will be published in a hard-cover edition by Viking Press in June, priced at \$12.50.

The Dell paperback will include additional material written by members of the staff of The Washington Post, and will have a first printing of nearly 500,000 copies.

The Chicago Tribune printed the transcript in a special edition that sells over the counter for 50 cents a copy and by mail for \$1.50. It was included as a special section in Wednesday's final edition of the Tribune for the regular price of 15 cents.