

Tape Subpoenas' Status

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WASHINGTON, May 6—Following is the status of subpoenas and requests for evidence made to the White House by the special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, the House impeachment inquiry, and the Senate Watergate committee:

Special Prosecutor

After the former special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, subpoenaed tape recordings of nine of President Nixon's Watergate-related conversations last October, he was dismissed, but the tapes of seven of the conversations were eventually turned over to his successor, Mr. Jaworski. The two other conversations, the White House said, were

Mr. Jaworski sought evidence last March about political contributions to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign, and this information was relinquished. According to the White House, other relevant tapes and documents have also been delivered to Mr. Jaworski without a subpoena.

On April 16, after repeated requests had gone unanswered, Mr. Jaworski asked Judge John J. Sirica to approve a subpoena of 64 more tapes dealing with the Watergate cover-up, and Judge Sirica issued a subpoena two days later.

The tapes involve, among others, conversations between Mr. Nixon and various aides during the week following the Watergate burglary in June, 1972; a number of discussions between the President and Charles W. Colson, former White House special counsel, in March and April, 1973, and two conversations between Mr. Nixon and H. R. Haldeman, his former chief of staff, on June 4, 1973, more than a month after Mr. Haldeman resigned from the White House staff.

Impeachment Inquiry

Judge Sirica ruled in March that grand jury evidence concerning the President should be turned over to the House Judiciary Committee. Thus, the committee presumably possesses the original five tapes sought by the special prosecutor.

The committee issued on April 11 a subpoena for 42 tapes and other documents concerning the Watergate cover-up. The President refused to release the tapes, but turned over to the committee and made public last week the edited transcripts of most of these conversations.

The Judiciary Committee asked the White House on April 19 for the tapes of 141 more conversations. Seventy-five of the conversations involve the Watergate cover-up, and the others involve the relations between the Administration and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and milk producers.

Senate Watergate Committee

The United States District Court here refused the Senate committee access to five Watergate tapes that the committee subpoenaed last July. The issue is now before the Court of Appeals.

A second committee subpoena for more than 500 tapes and documents is not being pursued, while the question of the original five tapes is before the courts.