

# No Accord on the Tapes

Washington

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica was formally notified yesterday that he will have to preside at another showdown in the courts over President Nixon's Watergate tapes.

Mr. Nixon's chief defense lawyer, White House special counsel James D. St. Clair, and Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski met with Sirica in a closed conference to report that attempts to reach a settlement had been dropped.

St. Clair said that the President would not surrender any more Watergate tapes. Jaworski said that he would continue to press for enforcement of his subpoena for recordings of the 64 White House conversations that he demanded last month.

The battle was temporarily shelved Monday when the two lawyers said they were trying to work out an "accommodation." The next day, however, St. Clair announced that Mr. Nixon had turned down the approach

on the grounds that he had already "made available to the public what he believes is the full Watergate story."

Sirica issued a short statement after yesterday's meeting saying that he will conduct a hearing on the dispute Monday at 2 p.m.

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