

Panel May Subpoena More Tapes

Washington

Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. said yesterday his House impeachment panel may subpoena the tapes it has requested from the White House involving allegations against President Nixon in the ITT and milk price cases.

Rodino (Dem. - N.J.) said Judiciary Committee action would depend on the answer White House lawyer James D. St. Clair had promised to deliver by yesterday on the request.

But last night, Rodino's office said St. Clair had telephoned special impeachment counsel John Doar to say he will meet with him today.

Last week, the committee had decided to vote on whether to subpoena the tapes, but then it was discovered that the White House had never formally replied to a committee request for them.

Rodino's staff told St. Clair it needs 45 taps to determine if the President or his aides acted to gain milk industry political contributions 'in return for influencing official acts' by Mr. Nixon on milk price supports.

The staff said it needs 21 tapes to determine if the President or his aides acted to withhold evidence from the Senate on Nixon's role in a favorable antitrust decision for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Rodino said the House committee also is likely to consider additional steps if the White House does not turn over 11 Watergate tapes it subpoenaed last week.

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