

Rodino Seeks Delay on TV

Washington

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter J. Rodino (Dem.N.J.) fears that televising the committee's impeachment sessions would damage the inquiry, and is trying to prevent the opening of the hearings to the public as long as possible.

Rodino is worried that television will turn the committee members into actors in a political stage show before they have been fully briefed on the complicated facts of the case.

Democratic and Republican committee sources told Newsday that the chairman would like to keep the television cameras turned off for several weeks — until Rodino and his 37 colleagues have completed a cram course on the allegations

against President Nixon being taught in secret by the committee's impeachment inquiry staff.

It is that course that television and reporters would like to cover in open session. Last week, Rodino said that the hearings might be open after the Watergate evidence

— which included a secret grand jury report and Central Intelligence Agency material — had been presented to the members.

But now it appears that he wants to keep the hearings closed through the presentation of the inquiry,

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