

Justices Postpone Action on Evidence

The Supreme Court postponed action yesterday on President Nixon's request that the high court review grand jury proceedings that led to naming Mr. Nixon an unindicted co-conspirator in the Watergate cover-up.

In an unsigned order, the court said it would consider the matter along with other issues next month when it takes up a case involving Mr. Nixon's claim of executive privilege.

Oral arguments are scheduled for July 8 on Mr. Nixon's refusal to turn over recordings and other evidence of 64 White House conversations that Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski says are needed for the cover-up conspiracy trial.

As part of a companion issue in the case — whether the grand jury had the right to give the President the status of an indicted co-conspirator — presidential lawyer James D. St. Clair has asked that the court called for the grand jury records and disclose them to Mr. Nixon's defense team.

St. Clair said the record will prove his suspicion that the grand jury lacked evidence to name his client an unindicted co-conspirator.

Jaworski opposed the motion. He said the grand jury's action is not open to attack by Mr. Nixon and the record has no bearing on the legal question of whether the jury has the legal power to do what it did.

The court said that after handing down more opinions today and Wednesday it will recess until the July 8 hearing. It has extended its term only half a dozen times in history.