

Nixon Told to Speed Tapes

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U. S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica ordered White House lawyers yesterday to speed up the delivery of the rest of President Nixon's subpoenaed Watergate tapes and any related documents required by court order.

Mr. Nixon's attorneys surrendered the tapes of 13 more conversations at formal hearing yesterday morning and said they hoped to turn over the 31 still outstanding sometime next week.

The judge told them to hurry up and set 1:30 p.m.

next Wednesday as the deadline for the recordings.

Sirica also expressed impatience over bumbled notations on some of the boxes of tape produced yesterday and over the White House's failure to produce any of President Nixon's notes about taped conversations that have already been surrendered.

Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor Richard Ben-Veniste said the White House has also promised—but has yet to submit—Mr. Nixon's daily logs covering his activities on each subpoenaed meeting date and a report on who has had access to the tapes in question.

Sirica said the White House has had "a lot of time" to get such chores done before this.

"I frankly think you people over in the White House know where these things are," the judge told assistant White House counsel Richard Hauser.

Sirica told Hauser to inform the President's chief defense lawyer, James D. St. Clair, "to see to it that we get this information no later than next week."

St. Clair did not attend the hearing. Hauser, however, declared that "there has been no foot-dragging" at the White House since the Supreme Court's ruling striking down President Nixon's blanket claims of execu-

tive privilege for the recordings.

Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski has subpoenaed the tapes and other records of 64 White House conversations, almost all of them involving Mr. Nixon and one or another of his former top aides, for the Watergate cover-up trial this fall.

The White House produced the first 20 tapes Tuesday and followed up the next day with an eight-page report claiming executive privilege for 23 scattered segments. St. Clair also disclosed that there were more than five minutes missing from the tape of one subpoenaed conversation because a filled reel was replaced while the meeting was still going on.

the Watergate scandal in the Oval Office between the President, former White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and former White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman.

The White House on Thursday gave Judge Sirica sets of notes jotted down by Haldeman, Ehrlichman and White House counsel Charles W. Colson concerning the meetings reflected in the first batch of 20 tapes. St. Clair claimed executive privilege, twice on grounds of national security, for seven sets of notes and for portions of seven others.

Speaking for the White House, Hauser told the court yesterday that he could not say whether any of the 13 new tapes he surrendered contained any gaps or abnormalities. He said the requisite White House report on these conversations should be ready early next week.

Most of the tapes turned over to Judge Sirica yesterday were apparently reviewed by Mr. Nixon in May in connection with an out-of-court settlement of the subpoena dispute that Jaworski had proposed. The President considered the proposal briefly, but then turned it down after listening to what was on at least some of the recordings.

Judge Sirica said he has already listened to a couple of the subpoenaed tapes for any relevant evidence they might contain. He said he expects the review to occupy him for the rest of the month.

The Watergate cover-up trial is scheduled to start Sept. 9. The accused are Haldeman, Ehrlichman, former White House aide Gordon Strachan, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian and Nixon re-election campaign lawyer Kenneth Wells Parkinson. Mr. Nixon has been named an indicted co-conspirator.