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WASHINGTON — A federal judge has temporarily blocked White House officials from relinquishing control over Watergate tapes subpoenaed by the Democratic National Committee and one of its employees.

Judge John Pratt issued the order yesterday after a lawyer for committee official R. Spencer Oliver warned that the tapes might be sent to former President Nixon at his San Clemente, Calif., estate.

"I am very concerned that these tapes may leave . . . the White House and may be flying to California," said Oliver's attorney, Joseph Koonz.

Pratt ordered the Justice Department to make sure the tapes remain in the custody of White House Counsel Philip W. Buchen.