

Nixon Subpoenaed By the Prosecutor

Washington

Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski yesterday subpoenaed former President Richard M. Nixon to appear as a witness for the government in the Watergate coverup trial.

An FBI agent served the subpoena on Mr. Nixon at his San Clemente estate at 5:50 p.m. PDT.

Sources said the prosecutors issued the subpoena for the former President as the only means of getting more than 30 presidential tape recordings introduced as evidence in the trial beginning October 1.

The new subpoena is sure to focus further attention on Mr. Nixon's health as an issue in the trial. If he is unwilling or too ill to authenti-

cate the tapes, the prosecution may lose a major block of evidence.

The subpoena is the third to be issued for the testimony of the former President. His lawyers are seeking to have one — a subpoena in a civil suit — quashed. They contend Mr. Nixon is too ill to testify.

The first is from lawyers for former White House assistant John D. Ehrlichman, one of six defendants in the Watergate coverup trial. The second orders him to enter a deposition in a civil suit filed in Charlotte, N.C., by 21 persons, contending White House aides and local officials illegally prevented them from attending a rally in honor of the Rev. Billy Graham. Mr. Nixon spoke at the event.

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