

# Suit Over Nixon Tapes Access

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A group of writers, lawyers, filmmakers and historians — including such well-known names as playwright and author Lillian Hellman, author John Hersey and historian-writer Arthur Schlesinger Jr. — filed suit in U.S. District Court

yesterday in an attempt to gain access to at least 147 tape recordings from the Nixon White House years.

The suit, filed under the Freedom of Information Act, specifies those tapes that were subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee during its impeachment

hearings this summer. All 147 tapes were never turned over, but then-President Nixon did make public transcripts of about 41 of the tapes, according to the suit.

The plaintiffs, who are members of a New York organization called the Committee for Public Justice,

previously asked for disclosure of the material from the General Service Administration.

The GSA denied that request earlier this month, saying it doesn't have custody of the tapes.

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