

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1973

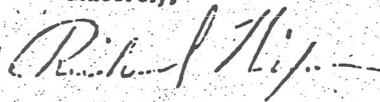
Dear Secretary Shultz:

I hereby direct that no officer or agent of the Secret Service shall give testimony to Congressional committees concerning matters observed or learned while performing protective functions for the President or in their duties at the White House.

This applies to the Senate Select Committee which is investigating matters relating to the Watergate break-in and the current efforts which I am informed are being made to subpoena present or former members of the White House detail of the Secret Service.

You will please communicate this information to the Director of the Secret Service promptly and either you or he should then personally notify the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee. You should further advise the Chairman that requests for information on procedures in the White House will be given prompt consideration when received by me.

Sincerely,



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## Nixon's Ruling, Ervin's Reply

In a letter to Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz, who has jurisdiction over the Secret Service, President Nixon ordered Monday that no Secret Service agent may give testimony "concerning matters observed or learned while performing protective functions" for Mr. Nixon or at the White House. Later, in executive session, Senator

Sam Ervin, chairman of the Watergate committee, discussed the President's decision with Samuel Dash, chief counsel (above). Ervin sent a letter to Mr. Nixon asking that he provide the committee with all relevant documents and tapes. More details about the President's order and the committee's reaction appear on Page 1.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES  
(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 60, 93d CONGRESS)  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 17, 1973

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Today the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities met and unanimously voted that I request that you provide the Committee with all relevant documents and tapes under control of the White House that relate to the matters the Select Committee is authorized to investigate under S. Res. 60. I refer to the documents mentioned in my letter to Mr. Leonard Garment of June 21, 1973, and the relevant portions of the tapes alluded to by Mr. Alexander Butterfield before the Committee on July 16, 1973.

If your illness prevents our meeting to discuss these issues in the next day or two, I should like to suggest that you designate members of your staff to meet with members of the Select Committee staff to make arrangements for our access to White House documents and tapes pertinent to the Committee's investigation.

I should like respectfully to relate that the Committee's investigation is on-going and that access to relevant documents should not be delayed if the Committee is to perform its mission. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

The Committee deeply regrets your illness and hopes for you a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.  
Chairman

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