

Others Allegedly Heard Nixon Watergate Tapes

N. Y. Times News Service Washington — President Nixon asked the White House to fly one of the Watergate tapes to his home in California at midnight on one of the five days that John W. Dean 3d testified before the Senate Watergate committee, congressional investigators have disclosed.

The committee officials said the President discarded the plan and had one of his Watergate lawyers listen to the recording in the White House in the same night, later briefing Mr. Nixon on its contents.

This was after Mr. Nixon was advised that there was not a convenient courier flight to rush the tape to San Clemente.

The Senate sources said this was one of several instances in which Mr. Nixon permitted aides to listen to Watergate tapes or be briefed on their contents.

In refusing to make the tapes available to the Senate panel, to Archibald Cox, special Watergate prosecutor, or to U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, Mr. Nixon has contended that to do so would violate a "principle of confidentiality" essential to the presidency.

The committee and Cox want to hear the tapes in the hope that they will shed light on who has been telling the truth about the burglary of the Democrats' headquarters

in the Watergate complex.

According to the sources, the Senate committee obtained new details concerning the tapes when the committee staff conducted private interviews last month with Stephen B. Bull, a special assistant to the President, and with Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary.

Among the details, they said, were the following:

— On June 27, during testimony by Dean, former White House counsel, Bull was told by Alexander M. Haig Jr., the chief of staff, that Mr. Nixon wanted the tape of his April 15 conversation with Dean flown to California promptly.

Bull, as White House staff administrator, told Haig there was no convenient courier flight from Washington. Bull was then said to have been instructed to make arrangements for the Secret Service to play the April 15 tape at the White House for J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., a special Watergate counsel, so that Buzhardt could brief the President by telephone.

— On June 4, President Nixon was said to have asked Bull to listen to the recording of a March 15 meeting he had had with Dean and Richard A. Moore, a special counsel to the President. Bull made notes on the conversation and then read the notes to Mr. Nixon.