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# TRIAL TAPE COPIES MAY COST BUT \$88

## Networks Give Estimate on White House Recordings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UPI) —The major broadcasting networks told United States District Judge Charles R. Richey today that the public could purchase complete copies of the White House tapes played at the Watergate cover-up trial for as little as \$88 or perhaps as much as \$160.

The networks asked him to make final his Dec. 5 order allowing the tapes to be copied and played publicly over the objections of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Last week, Mr. Nixon also asked Judge Richey to make his order final so it could be appealed. The networks agreed, but asked the judge to include specific instructions for duplicating the tapes and distributing them to the public.

Judge Richey originally said that he would delay his final order until the end of the Watergate cover-up trial.

The network proposal, submitted to the court late Friday and made public today, calls for contracting with a Cambridge, Mass., company to make a master copy of the tapes. The copy would contain only the conversations played at the cover-up trial.

The master copy could then be duplicated by other concerns for distribution to the public, the networks said, and suggested that at least 100 copies be produced.

They said that the cost per reel "would likely range between \$2.20 and \$4, depending on the total number ordered by all purchasers." They said that as many as 40 seven-inch reels might be needed to record 22 hours of conversation.