

Sen. Inouye Hopes Nixon Is Cleared

Honolulu

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who hopes the Senate Watergate committee will "somehow clear the White House," wouldn't vote to subpoena President Nixon to testify.

"It is not our business to shackle the President and drag him to the committee room and force him to testify," said Inouye (Dem-Hawaii), one of the committee's seven members.

"But if he wishes to present his case to us, we would afford him all the courtesies and accommodate him on his terms as to time and place," he told University of Hawaii students Tuesday.

"Deep within us, we're hoping that our proceedings will somehow clear the White House," he added.

"But I must say that, as of this moment, if the testimony of John Dean is permitted to remain unrebutted, then the President looks very bad," the senator said in a question-and-answer period.

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