No Recess for Watergate Show

Washington

Samuel Dash, chief counsel of the Senate Watergate committee, predicted yesterday that the panel's public hearings on Watergate and the coverup will continue into the August recess planned by Congress.

Dash said it is "a vain

hope that we could finish" by August 3, when the rest of the Senate's 100 members will adjourn for a one-month vacation.

The seven members of the panel have agreed to set a 20-minute time limit for each Senator's questions. That limit probably will be reduced to ten minutes after the questioning of former top Nixon aides John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, Dash said.

He said the committee will take at least three full days with Ehrlichman and probably the same with Haldeman.

The panel is scheduled to hear former White House special counsel Charles Colson and other witnesses before it completes its first phase of public hearings devoted to the June 17 break-in at Democratic National Headquarters and the ensuing high-level coverup.

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The second and third phases of the inquiry will be devoted to political fundraising and allegations of campaign dirty tricks.

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