

Wright Back On the Nixon Legal Team

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Constitutional lawyer Charles Alan Wright will resume an "active role" in President Nixon's battle with the Senate Watergate committee over the Watergate tapes, the White House said yesterday.

Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said Wright will work with Mr. Nixon's new chief Watergate lawyer, James D. St. Clair, on the reply to the committee's original federal court suit for the tapes of five conversations Mr. Nixon had with then White House counsel John Dean. The White House has ten days to file its response.

Warren was asked whether the return of Wright to Washington from Austin, where he is a constitutional law professor at the University of Texas, signals a White House intention to take the committee's request for the tapes to the Supreme Court.

He said Wright had been summoned to handle the matter and could give no further information on steps that might be taken.

Wright has been serving as a consultant to the White House legal team set up to handle Watergate-related matters.

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