

Ford Is Talking Compromise Again

Washington

Vice President Gerald R. Ford said yesterday the White House is willing to negotiate with the Senate Watergate Committee on releasing some of the tapes and documents demanded by that panel.

Ford said in an interview that the top White House officials have accepted the suggestion he made Sunday that the latest Watergate tapes controversy might be ended if the panel is "willing to make some refinement" in its subpoena of more than 500 tapes and documents.

At the time he made the proposal Ford said "I was speaking for myself."

He indicated that he has since talked about it to Alexander M. Haig Jr., President Nixon's chief of staff.

"They're willing to sit down and negotiate as I understand it," the vice president said.

Earlier Ford said "they're willing to sit down I think and release tapes and other material on a selected basis where that information falls within the jurisdiction of that committee."

He said he knew of no plans for any negotiations so far.

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