

White House Gives Judge A 2nd Tape

New York

Government lawyers have turned over a second White House tape to a federal judge presiding in the John Mitchell conspiracy trial and have promised to produce a third tape, it was revealed yesterday.

The tapes were subpoenaed by the defense for possible use as evidence, along with record conversations between President Nixon and former White House counsel John W. Dean III.

U.S. District Judge Lee P. Gagliardi, at a pretrial hearing, he said he had received a tape of a March 20, 1973, conversation between Mr. Nixon and Dean concerning financier Robert L. Vesco, a codefendant in the case.

The judge earlier received a Feb. 28, 1973, recording of a conversation between Mr. Nixon and Dean. The third tape was said to involve a March 13 discussion about fund-raising.

Mitchell, the former attorney general, is scheduled to go on trial February 19 with Vesco and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans on charges stemming from a \$200,000 gift by Vesco to the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign. Vesco is a fugitive.

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