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PARTIAL RESPONSE**

Ziegler Indicates Some Data  
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WASHINGTON, April 11 — The White House indicated tonight that President Nixon would probably turn over some, but not all, of the materials subpoenaed earlier today by the House Judiciary Committee.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the President's press secretary, said in a question-and-answer session with reporters:

"We will have an answer to the committee regarding today's communication and previous ones by the end of the Easter vacation. And that answer will be comprehensive and conclusive in terms of the President's actions.

"We are confident the answer will allow the committee to draw a prompt and just conclusion, that it will receive the support of the House and bear out the President's statement that he will cooperate, consist-

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ent with his constitutional responsibilities."

Congress will return from its Easter vacation on April 22.

The President and his aides previously said that the President had a "constitutional responsibility" to protect the White House files from a wholesale subpoena of records. There has nothing in today's frantic series of meetings, telephone calls and statements at the White House to indicate that the President was yet ready to give the committee all that it wants.

Mr. Ziegler, in several complicated statements on the subject, seemed to be saying that the President would treat the subpoena as he did an April 4 letter from John M. Doar, the chief committee counsel, requesting the tapes and documents.

He insisted that the White House staff needed more time to review the material to decide what was pertinent to the committee's impeachment inquiry and what should be kept confidential in the White House files in keeping with the President's claim of executive privilege.

### Position Seen Firm

Mr. Ziegler did not indicate at any point that Mr. Nixon was prepared to retreat from his position that he and his staff should determine what materials are pertinent to the committee's investigation.

The subpoena calls for the materials to be turned over by April 24. Mr. Ziegler said the President's reply to the committee would be made "around April 22 or April 25th."

The White House position, repeated at length in news briefings this morning, before

the committee action, and again this afternoon, after the committee vote, is that the committee first asked for the materials in late February, the President's lawyers asked Mr. Doar to be more specific about what he wanted and that it was not until April 4 that he finally specified what he wanted.

"The real question here," Mr. Ziegler said, "is not tapes or gamesmanship but facts. Only five or six days ago did we receive the letter spelling out in more specific terms the specific subject matter sought. We consider all communications from the House Judiciary Committee as serious."

He said that all of the materials specified in the subpoena would be compiled and reviewed in preparation of the President's forthcoming answer.

"All along," he said, the President's lawyers "indicated our desire to proceed quickly with the proceeding and we are ready to present materials in a more specific way."

The White House had promised this much before the subpoena was issued. But Mr. Ziegler would not say today that the President would comply in full with the subpoena.

In his briefing this afternoon, Mr. Ziegler attacked the committee staff, charging that it had distorted the White House position. "It seems the Judiciary staff has distorted the attitude" of the President's lawyers, he said, "perhaps inadvertently in a desire to provoke a confrontation with the committee."

### Staff Inaccuracy Seen

"The actions taken by the committee today and some comments suggest the staff has not been reflecting accurately the attitude of the White House," Mr. Ziegler said.

Asked to be specific, Mr. Ziegler said there had been a "good deal of misunderstanding on the committee that the White House had delayed" turning over materials sought. He said that Mr. Doar had not accurately portrayed to the committee the efforts this morning of James D. St. Clair, the President's chief lawyer, to reach a compromise that would head off the subpoena.

Mr. Ziegler said he understood that Mr. Doar had misrepresented Mr. St. Clair's position in stating that the White House was willing to turn over tapes in four areas. Actually, he said, Mr. St. Clair was willing to go further than that.

### Panel View Differs

Some of the Republicans on the committee, however, said that Mr. St. Clair's position was well-known to the committee as well as to some individual members who have had direct contact with the White House.

Representative William S. Cohen, Maine Republican said: "Had not Mr. Doar been so even-handed, so careful and so many times in the past urged caution and accommodation to the White House point of view, his statements today and his recommendations for the subpoena would not have carried nearly as much weight as it obviously did with Republican members of the committee."

Mr. Ziegler was asked if the White House would fight the subpoena in the courts as it did a subpoena last year from the special prosecutor's office.

"I don't think the courts even have a role in it," he replied, indicating that the White House does not believe the courts have the power to enforce such a subpoena.