

Ford Asks Everyone to 'Cool It' In Dispute on White House Data

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HONOLULU, May 17 — Vice President Ford, seeking to head off a possible confrontation over additional White House material sought in the Presidential impeachment inquiry, suggested today that everyone involved "ought to cool it for the time being."

The House Judiciary Committee, he said, should analyze what it already has before pressing its demand for additional evidence that it has subpoenaed from the White House.

The Vice President also echoed White House demands that the Judiciary Committee conduct open hearings in the impeachment inquiry so that Americans can be fully informed of the evidence presented and the President's position.

Mr. Ford flew into Hawaii last night for a long weekend of both work and relaxation.

Nixon Again Defended

In response to questions at a news conference this morning, the Vice President continued to maintain that President Nixon had no involvement in the Watergate scandals or in the subsequent cover-up.

However, he conceded that there were "some discouraging aspects" in the White House conduct of what he called "operation candor."

"The more open the White House can be in this regard," he said, "the more benefit it will be to the American people."

The Vice President took issue with a recent New York Times editorial suggesting that he was speaking with a "rudderless tongue," one day defending the President, the next day criticizing him. Similar criticism was sounded in an editorial that appeared this morning in the Honolulu Advertiser.

"I respectfully disagree with The New York Times that I zigzag," Mr. Ford said, smiling. "Maybe I zigzag differently from the way they would like me to conduct myself. But I speak what I believe to be the truth and what I feel is right to say."

Mr. Ford, a former Eagle Scout, addressed about 2,000 Boy Scout leaders this morning. After touring military facilities, including the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Mr. Ford attended a reception at the home of Mrs. Clare Both Luce and later spoke at a Republican fund-raising dinner.