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Tapes Ruling By Sirica Due Monday

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica said yesterday he has finished listening to 27 of the subpoenaed White House tape-recorded conversations and will issue rulings Monday on former President Nixon's claims of executive privilege.

Sirica said he had decided the privilege questions on all of the 27 conversations, but he declined to say which way he had decided. Court sources said, however, that 10 of the conversations have already been sent to the Watergate Special Prosecution Force, leaving 17 presidential discussions still in question.

The 10 taped discussions sent to the prosecutor include five in which there was no dispute with the White House over privilege.

In all, 64 conversations are included in the U.S. Supreme Court order. The White House has said that nine of those were never recorded because recording equipment was not connected at the times the conversations occurred.

Sirica said in some instances he had ruled in favor of the former President's privilege claims, and in some instances against.

"Usually we worked it out by agreement. It worked out very well," said Sirica, who spent most of the weekend listening to the tapes and part of yesterday in negotiations with the attorneys involved.