

Sirica Orders Lawyers To Submit Witness Lists

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (UPI) — United States District Judge John J. Sirica ordered prosecution and defense lawyers today to give him the names of witnesses they planned to call for the Watergate cover-up trial by Sept. 23, a week before the trial begins.

He also ordered Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, to give the court and defense counsel on Sept. 16 transcripts of all White House tapes they planned to introduce as evidence.

The orders summed up agreements reached at a pretrial conference last week and were issued by Judge Sirica "with the consent of all parties."

They also contained the first hint that Mr. Jaworski might call some witnesses who were less than willing to testify. Judge Sirica gave Mr. Jaworski until Sept. 16 to submit a legal brief on the court's authority to call "court witnesses" and to give both the prosecution and defense a chance at cross-examination.

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