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10 in Watergate Case Win a
Delay in Fight on Summons
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WASHINGTON, March 6.—
Judge Charles R. Richey of the
United States District Court
here gave attorneys for 10
journalists today until next Tues-
day to file motions to get sub-
poenas quashed that have been
served on them by President
Nixon's campaign organization.

The lawyers, acting for rep-
resentatives of The New York
Times, The Washington Post,
The Washington Star-News,
and Time magazine, had asked
to delay the effective date of
the subpoenas until March 16.

"I understand the issues,"
Judge Richey remarked, saying
he wanted to delay the case as
little as possible. "I know the
state of the law. I know what
my view of the law is."

"When I saw the notices [for

the subpoenas] come in," the
judge explained at another
point. "I immediately sensed
that something like this was
going to happen. I've already
done some independent study."

The Committee for the Re-
election of the President served
the subpoenas in connection
with three civil lawsuits be-
tween it and other Republicans
on the hand and the Democra-
tic National Committee on the
other.

The Democratic suit grew out
of the bugging of its offices at
the Watergate building last
year. The Republicans re-
sponded with libel and mal-
icious abuse of process charges.

An attorney for the Republi-
cans, Kennedy W. Parkinson,
told Judge Richey today that he
wanted to question the 10
journalists about the cases in
depositions, or pretrial sessions
out of the presence of the
court.

The lawyer said they had
been asked to bring their notes
and a large amount of other
material in order to refresh
their memories. An attorney for
the newspapers said this would
not prevent examination of the

documents at the depositions.

The journalists named in the
subpoenas are John Crewdson,
a reporter with The New York
Times; Carl Bernstein and Rob-
ert Woodward, reporters for
The Washington Post; The
Post's managing editor, How-
ard Simons, and its publisher,
Katherine Graham; Jeremiah
O'Leary, Patrick Collins, Joseph
Volz, and James Polk of The
Washington Star-News, and
Dean Fischer of Time.

Also subpoenaed was Walter
Sheridan, a former correspond-
ent for the National Broadcast-
ing Company who investigated
the Watergate case as an em-
ployee of Senator George Mc-
Govern.

Mr. Sheridan, who was in-
correctly identified in yester-
day's New York Times as a
reporter for Time, said today
that he had complied with the
subpoena because he "was not
a newsman at the time."

*Correction refers to
mention in story by
E.W. Kenworthy on
immunity for news-
men, filed Press
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