

A Watergate Show BBC Won't Get

Washington

The U.S. Information Agency yesterday denied the British Broadcasting Corp. the use of its facilities for television transmission today of a program on Watergate on grounds such a program is not in the best interests of the U.S.

The chief U.S. correspondent of the BBC, Charles Wheeler, said he deplored the decision by the USIA. He noted that there had been a history of 25 years of cooperation between the two organizations.

The director of USIA's motion picture and television division, Robert Scott, said he rejected the BBC's request chiefly because of Senate criticism of the USIA for the Watergate broadcasts on another of its divisions, the Voice of America.

Wheeler said the BBC had offered to pay USIA for the use of its facilities for the broadcast of an interview with Senator Daniel Inouye (Dem-Hawaii), a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, but the BBC was turned down by Scott.

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