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WHEN ERVIN ENTERED THE SENATE: Sam J. Ervin Jr. was sworn in on the Senate floor by Richard M. Nixon, then Vice President, on June 11, 1954. Here, they are shown the same day, re-enacting the ceremony for

photographers, as Senator Alton A. Lennon, Mr. Ervin's colleague from North Carolina, stood between them. Mr. Ervin was appointed by Gov. William B. Umstead to replace Clyde R. Hoey, who had died recently.

Texts of Ervin Letter to Nixon and Panel Resolution

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WASHINGTON, July 12—
Following are the texts of a letter from Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee, to President Nixon, and of two Watergate committee resolutions on access to Presidential papers:

Ervin's Letter

Dear Mr. President:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6, addressed to me with a copy to Senator Baker.

The committee feels that your position as stated in the letter, measured against the committee's responsibility to

ascertain the facts related to the matters set out in Senate Resolution 60, presents the very grave possibility of a fundamental constitutional confrontation between the Congress and the Presidency. We wish to avoid that, if possible. Consequently, we request an opportunity for representatives of this committee and its staff to meet with you and your staff to try to find ways to avoid such a confrontation.

We stand ready to discuss the matter with you at your convenience. We would point out that the hearings are on-going and that time is of the

essence. We trust that this may be done very promptly.

Very Truly Yours,

Sam J. Ervin Jr.
Chairman

Resolutions

[1]

The committee is of the unanimous opinion that the committee is entitled to have access to every document in the possession of the White House or any department or agency of the executive branch of the Federal Government which is relevant to prove or disprove any of the matters the committee is authorized by Senate Resolution 60 to investigate.

[2]

The committee is anxious to avoid any confrontation with the White House in respect to this matter and for this reason authorizes the chairman to meet with the President to ascertain whether there is any reasonable possibility of working out any reconciliation between the position of the committee in this respect and that announced by the President in his letter to the chairman bearing date July 6, 1973, which will enable the committee to gain access to documents necessary to enable it to make the inquiry which it is authorized by Senate Resolution 60 to make.

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