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Inouye's Advice For Nixon

Washington

President Nixon is in trouble with the people over the Watergate scandal and should quickly volunteer to make his papers and himself available to Senate investigators, Senator Daniel K. Inouye (Dem-Hawaii) said yesterday.

Inouye, a member of the Senate Watergate investigating committee, said he will vote to subpoena the papers the committee wants if they are not volunteered.

But he said he agrees with committee chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.) that it would be fruitless for the committee to seek a court battle with the President on the issue if he refuses to honor a subpoena.

"The people of the United

States will make a judgment on the issuance of a subpoena and a refusal to abide with it," Inouye said.

Senator Lowell P. Weicker (Dep-Conn.), another panel member, said in New York he believes the seven Watergate committee senators would go to the White House for a private meeting with the President if that would make it easier for Mr. Nixon to respond to allegations that he knew of the Watergate coverup.

In a separate appearance, meanwhile, Senator James L. Buckley (Rep-N.Y.) said he believes it is important to preserve the doctrine that there is a clear executive privilege that protects internal White House communications from being disclosed publicly.

Inouye was interviewed on the CBS television news program, "Face the Nation." Buckley appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press." Weicker was a guest on the "Newsmakers" program of WCBS-TV in New York City.

The Watergate committee today opens a five-day week of televised testimony with a return appearance of Richard A. Moore, the White

House special counsel who has disputed elements of testimony by former White House counsel John W. Dean III, who implicated Mr. Nixon in the Watergate coverup.

Moore will be followed by Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's former personal lawyer and campaign fund raiser.

Most committee members are on record as supporting a subpoena for presidential documents if that proves necessary.

Among papers sought are files maintained by Dean and by former White House chief of staff H. R. Halde- man and chief domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman.

"I would like to assure the President that we are not on a fishing trip," Inouye said. "We would like to extend him the courtesy of our panel so he can clarify a few things . . . right now its up in the air and if I had to make my guess I'd say the President is in some trouble."

Inouye referred to a recent Gallup Poll showing that 70 per cent of the American people now believe the President knew of efforts to coverup the role of some persons in the Watergate break-in.

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