

Milk Price Case Judge Waits for Tapes Ruling

Washington

U.S. District Judge William B. Jones granted an administration request yesterday to delay giving him information about a controversial 1971 increase in milk price supports.

Last month Jones rejected a broad White House claim of executive privilege for 67 memos dealing with the case. He ordered the government to turn them over so he could examine them in private.

Both the Justice Department and special prosecutor Archibald Cox asked the judge last week to delay enforcement of that ruling while the government seeks a reversal in higher courts.

They argued that Cox's "direct confrontation" with

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Julie's Warning

Indianapolis

Julie Nixon Eisenhower said yesterday that Americans are "tired of hearing about Watergate."

President Nixon's daughter told an Indiana State Fair audience that while she believes Watergate was a tragedy, "The tragedy will become even bigger if you accept or disregard it as typical of politics."

Associated Press

President Nixon over his refusal to release nine tape-

recorded White House conversations about the Watergate scandal should be decided first as the best test of the executive privilege issue.

Jones agreed, yesterday saying he was taking "the most responsible course of action," in permitting the appeal of his milk case ruling to proceed with, and not ahead of, the expected appeal in the Cox case.

"Rarely have such complex and important legal issues ever commanded the attention and concern of the public as has executive privilege," Jones said. Final resolution of the issue can only come from the Supreme Court, he declared.

Neither the Justice Department nor Cox nor William A. Dobrovir, attorney for the plaintiffs seeking the milk memos, had any comment on Jones' decision.

Dobrovir had asked Jones to require the Justice Department to expedite its appeal in the milk case, but the judge's order yesterday did not do so. It is doubtful that the Justice Department will rush the case.

PLAINTIFFS

The plaintiffs — several consumer groups led by Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, Inc. — have charged that the government's 1971 milk price support increase was a payoff for \$422,500 in early contributions from the dairy industry to Mr. Nixon's 1972 campaign.

Jones insisted that granting the delay yesterday did not mean he was retreating from his earlier view that his own private inspection of the documents is required under present law.

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