

Ervin Wants More Data From Nixon

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Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.), chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, said yesterday that President Nixon still has not provided an adequate answer to the questions of Watergate.

Ervin rejected Mr. Nixon's argument that Congress should wind up the investigation of the scandal and get on to the "people's business." He said he could think of "no more important business" than to get at the truth about Watergate.

"We have received evidence indicating men entrusted with political power undertook to destroy the process by which the President of the United States is elected," Ervin told a news conference.

"The President's statements so far have consisted of rhetoric and denials. They have not been helpful to the investigation."

Ervin said however, that he did not think Congress should adopt delaying tactics or refuse to confirm presidential appointees in an attempt to pressure the President into releasing the tape recordings and other evidence.

Ervin obviously enjoyed the lengthy press conference. At one point he ignored a newsman's, "Thank you Senator Ervin," intended to conclude the conference and kept right on talking.

He said he thought Mr. Nixon had been "well interrogated" during Wednesday's presidential news conference.

He said, however, that he would have liked to have seen someone ask the President "what his reaction was when five burglars were caught in the Democratic offices in the Watergate and they had in their possession money from his re-election committee." *United Press*