

# Proposal on Nixon Tapes Is Studied

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The White House withheld comment yesterday on the compromise suggested by the U.S. Court of Appeals here to resolve the constitutional crisis over release of presidential tapes to a federal grand jury.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said the president's legal advisers are studying the court's proposal and that he would have no comment pending completion of the study.

Despite the silence at the White House, some observers believe that the memorandum might become the basis for a compromise settlement that would avoid a further legal battle over the issue of the tapes.

Special prosecutor Archibald Cox promptly signified his willingness to try to work out a settlement along the lines the court suggested in its memorandum Thursday. 13 SEP

Charles Alan Wright, special counsel to the President, in oral arguments Tuesday urged the court to "suggest what it feels should be done" rather than issue an order to a separate branch of government.

The court Thursday urged Mr. Nixon to allow special prosecutor Cox to listen to Watergate tapes with the President and his lawyers to work out an out-of-court compromise of the dispute over whether the tapes or parts of them should be turned over to the grand jury.

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