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Stern GOP**Warning to
Nixon Aide**

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House Republican leaders bluntly warned President Nixon yesterday that they would not "go to the wall" with him in blocking impeachment proceedings unless he made his Watergate tapes available to the court. They also urged him to continue the office of Watergate special prosecutor.

Soon after this message was carried back to Mr. Nixon by counsellor Bryce N. Harlow, the President reversed himself and decided to turn over the tapes to Federal Judge John Sirica.

"Damn all this executive privilege," Representative Jack Edwards of Alabama told Harlow. "People are saying the tapes have to be turned over."

White House officials, gave a variety of reasons for the President's change of heart. Among them was the threat of impeachment, the strongly negative reaction from Republican congressmen and the public to Mr. Nixon's firing of Watergate

special prosecutor Archibald Cox and the press conference yesterday by Elliot L. Richardson, who resigned as attorney general rather than dismiss Cox.

When Harlow met with the GOP congressmen, he found a hostile group.

Representative John Anderson of Illinois, leader of the House Republican Conference, told Harlow that it was necessary for the President to turn over the tapes if he wanted Republicans to defend him in the House. He was strongly supported.

According to congressional sources, Harlow promised to carry back the message about the tapes from the Republican leaders to the President but did not give any indication that Mr. Nixon might change his mind.

Harlow, accompanied by White House special counsel J. Fred Buzhardt, returned for an afternoon meeting with the congressmen and told them of the tapes decision. He also said that the President did not intend to name a special prosecutor. This was denounced as "idiotcy" by Anderson, who said the result would be Senate Judiciary Committee hearings into the dismissal of Cox and the failure of the President even to win Senate confirmation of a new attorney general.

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