

Ehrlichman

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LOS ANGELES — John Ehrlichman's lawyer in the Ellsberg break-in case says he will seek all presidential tape recordings dealing with the White House "plumbers" squad.

Attorney Joseph Ball, who represents the former presidential aide, commented yesterday after President Nixon announced he would release the tapes sought in the Watergate investigation.

Ball said he wanted to listen to all tapes pertaining to the case in which Ehrlichman; Egil "Bud" Krogh, David Young and G. Gordon Liddy are charged. They were indicted in the break-in at the Beverly Hills office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Ball said he would ask for the tapes at a hearing Friday in Superior Court here.

Ball and other defense attorneys contend that the four should not be prosecuted because they were acting for the government to protect national security.

"I want these tapes to establish a direct line of presidential authority and our defense of national sovereignty," Ball said.

He said he wanted to hear any tape of a conversation between former White House aide Krogh and the President that he believed occurred in Nixon's White House office.