Jaworski to Get 'Plumber' Tapes

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Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski said yesterday that he has been assured of access to President Nixon's tapes and other documents involving the tightly guarded work of the White House "plumbers."

The surprising concession was reported in a memorandum submitted to U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, who will preside over the forthcoming trial of former presidential aide Tgil Krogh, the head of the "plumbers" squad.

Mr. Nixon himself evidently approved the release of the tapes, although Jaworski did not spell that out in his memo.

The turnabout suggested the extent of Mr. Nixon's decision to bow to the demands of Republican congressional leaders and governors that he release evidence touching on every alleged scandal involving the White House.

The tapes and documents involving the "plumbers," organized in 1971 to track down the sources of sensitive news leaks, have been cloaked before this in determined White House assertions that their surrender could jeopardize "national security."

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