

Jury Access Jeopardized**Sirica Re-Schedules
Inspection of Tapes**

U.S. District Court Chief Judge John J. Sirica yesterday set a new timetable for inspection of President Nixon's subpoenaed Watergate tapes.

The new schedule will make it impossible for the Watergate grand jury to get them unless Congress extends its life. The grand jury's 18-month term expires Dec. 4.

Sirica indicated in a two-page order that the delays are necessary because of the need for expert examination of the tapes to make sure there has been no tampering with them. Sirica does not want to receive the recordings until technicians have satisfied him that the recordings are authentic.

White House lawyers and Watergate prosecutors were still conferring yesterday on the panel of experts to be named and the tests to be conducted. They are to be assigned to machine-check the tapes without actually listening to them.

Judge Sirica prescribed this schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 20—Delivery by the White House of a written analysis and index of the tapes and other related documents, together with any claims of privilege for particular segments.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 — Announcement of the panel of experts and a description of the tests they plan to conduct. These may take "several weeks" to complete, the judge said. A hearing will be conducted on their findings.

Monday, Nov. 26, through Wednesday, Nov. 28 — Court hearings for additional wit-

nesses who may be able to testify about the White House's claims that two of the subpoenaed tapes never existed.

Thursday, Nov. 29—Delivery to Judge Sirica of all subpoenaed documents and material except for the original tapes. Duplicate tapes will be used by the judge in ruling on any White House claims of privilege.

Friday, Nov. 30 — A secret hearing before Judge Sirica on those claims.

Monday, Dec. 3 and thereafter—Examination by Judge Sirica of the duplicate recordings unless the experts are done with the originals.

The judge has apparently not yet decided what course he will take if the tapes are too difficult to hear without technical assistance. He offered no prediction on when any relevant portions might be turned over to the grand jury. The House has approved an extension of the grand jury's life for as much as a year. The Senate has not acted.