

Watergate Material**A Court Delay for Nixon**

Washington

The White House yesterday won nearly a week's delay in surrendering the first of President Nixon's subpoenaed Watergate evidence, pleading the illness of a lawyer made it impossible to meet a court-set deadline of today.

The delay was granted by Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica within hours after the Senate gave final congressional approval to a bill extending the life of the Watergate grand jury — the eventual recipient of the presidential materials — for six months.

^{16 NOV*} Sirica last Friday issued an elaborate timetable for Mr. Nixon's surrender of seven tape recordings and various Watergate-related documents. It was to begin today, when Mr. Nixon was to have given the court a "written descriptive analysis and index" of the sub-

poenaed materials to be provided over the next few weeks.

But a spokesman for Sirica said the White House had asked for and been granted an extension until next Monday to submit the analysis and index because one of its lawyers, Samuel J. Powers, was hospitalized with pneumonia in Miami.

^{20 NOV} "They said they needed more time to finish the job," the Sirica aide said.

Powers, a Miami trial attorney, was hired three weeks ago to handle the courtroom aspects of the case for the White House. He had helped work out the timetable, along with other White House lawyers and Watergate prosecutors, for giving up Mr. Nixon's subpoenaed materials.

Meanwhile, the Senate passed by voice vote without opposition a measure grant-

ing Sirica authority to extend the tenure of the Watergate grand jury — due to run out December 5 after a statutory 18 months — until next June 5. The extension had been requested by former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson on behalf of the 23 grand jurors, who were reported anxious to complete their work.

Mr. Nixon has ten days, not including Sundays, in which to act on the bill.

The delay in the first step of the timetable will not affect the rest of the schedule for handling the seven Nixon tapes and related memoranda.

A panel of technical experts agreed upon by the White House and the prosecution is to be named tomorrow and begin work immediately listening to the tapes.

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*This seems to be an error. ABC, 12 Nov, says it was on on that day Sirica announced the time-table. See also NYT 13 Nov 73.