

# Senators to Seek 200 Nixon Tapes

## Washington

The Senate Watergate committee, backed by new legislative authority, voted yesterday to subpoena President Nixon for documents and tapes of no fewer than 200 of his Watergate-related conversations with White House and campaign advisers.

After a private committee meeting, chief counsel Samuel Dash told reporters the subpoenas probably will be served today. He said the committee will attempt to serve Mr. Nixon personally if his lawyers refuse to accept the papers.

Dash said the subpoena will cover the tapes of "at least 200" of Mr. Nixon's meetings and conversations with an estimated 30 persons whose names have been linked to the Watergate scandal in all its aspects, as well as "all documents related" to the committee's inquiry.

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mittee met, Dash said, White House lawyer J. Fred Buzhardt advised him the White House was not certain whether it would accept the subpoenas.

The committee voted one day after Mr. Nixon refused to sign — and thus permitted to become law — legislation conferring on the federal courts legal jurisdiction to handle the Senate committee's demands for White House evidence in its Watergate investigation.

Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), the committee chairman, said the panel's vote was unanimous, and he added he "hoped the President would comply" with the subpoenas.

It was learned later that three of the nine committee members did not attend the brief meeting. They were Senator Howard H. Baker (Rep-Tenn.), the vice chairman and ranking Republi-

can, and Senators Edward J. Gurney (Rep-Fla.) and Joseph Montoya (Dem-N.M.).

Ervin said the tapes are "related to the matters the committee is authorized to investigate, including the burglary of the Watergate, the bugging of the Watergate, dirty tricks, the sabotaging of the campaigns of Democrats running for President and campaign funds."

Ervin did not identify any of the tapes or documents specifically except to say one was a June 4 tape reportedly made as Mr. Nixon listened to a number of recordings of meetings on the Watergate scandal.

Earlier, Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott told newsmen he expects the President to release a number of Watergate-related documents this week before Congress adjourns.

But White House spokesman Gerald L. Warren said he had increasing doubts that Mr. Nixon would be able to produce promised "white papers" on the ITT affair, political contributions from the dairy industry and other controversies before the congressional holiday recess.

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