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White House Reaction to Subpoenas

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The White House yester-day described as "incredible extraordinary" the Senate Watergate Committee's subpoenas for masses of presidential documents and tapes, but would not say whether President Nixon would defy the subpoenas.

Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said the "request is very large and incredible" and asks for "more than 500 documents, conversations, in addition to the President's daily file."

The Senate committee's subpoenas were delivered to the White House after Mr. Nixon allowed to become law without his signature a bill broadening the panel's authority to seek access to presidential files.

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