

Nixon Tapes-- Court Orders New Hearing

Washington

The U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday cleared the way for the Senate Watergate committee to subpoena more tapes and documents relating to the scandal from President Nixon.

The Senate committee had originally subpoenaed the material — in addition to what already has been obtained — but Mr. Nixon refused to comply. He said that the constitutional doctrine of executive privilege protected him from turning over the items to the committee.

In yesterday's decision, the court of appeals granted the committee's request for a new hearing on its original request.

It ordered chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica to hold a new hearing, in light of recently-passed legislation that supports the original demand for further White House information.

Sirica originally had ruled that he lacked jurisdiction in the dispute between the President and the Senate committee. So Congress earlier this month passed legislation to grant such jurisdiction and Mr. Nixon allowed it to become law without his signature.

When Mr. Nixon allowed the legislation to pass, he called it "bad legislation," adding that he would permit it rather than have the public believe he was trying to conceal facts.

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