

A Waldie Warning of Impeachment

Washington

A member of the House Judiciary Committee said yesterday he will call for immediate impeachment of President Nixon attempts to use a separation of powers argument to block the committee's impeachment inquiry.

Representative Jerome R. Waldie (Dem-Calif.) made his intentions known in a letter to Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (Dem-N.J.).

"I have been greatly disturbed by recent reports emanating from White House sources that the President may well choose to assert a separation of powers rationale and refuse to cooperate with the House Judiciary Committee's inquiry into impeachment by withholding materials necessary and relevant to our investigation," said Waldie.

He said there is the possibility that if the President asserts this particular defense, then the entire matter of impeachment might be tied up in litigation for the remainder of his term in the White House.

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