

# Nixon and Watergate

## Washington

President Nixon will turn down a request from the Senate Watergate committee for a personal meeting, his chief spokesman said yesterday.

"As we have said before, I don't anticipate that a meeting between the President and the Watergate committee will take place," said presidential press secretary Ronald Zeigler. "The President's position has not changed."

The committee voted in private session <sup>23 JAN</sup> Wednesday to seek a meeting with Mr. Nixon to question him about the Watergate scandal. Failing this, the committee said it would send the President

a written questionnaire.

Although ruling out a meeting, Ziegler declined to say specifically whether Mr. Nixon would answer written questions. His remarks, however, indicated that the White House is continuing its hard line attitude toward the Senate investigation which Mr. Nixon has publicly urged be terminated.

"The committee can send any request it likes to the (White House) counsel's office and get a response," Ziegler said. "I don't want to state a response before we get a request."

Ziegler also was silent on the question of whether Mr. Nixon would cooperate with the House Judiciary Com-

mittee's inquiry into whether he should be impeached. Ziegler said the committee, headed by Representative Peter W. Rodino (Dem-N.J.) has "not in any way communicated with us how they intend to proceed" and a response would be premature.

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