

House Panel to Ask White House For Documents

Washington

Representative Peter W. Rodino, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said yesterday his committee is about to request certain documents from the White House and already has sought a list of the material compiled by the special Watergate prosecutor.

He said a meeting has been arranged for this week between his committee's counsel and James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's chief Watergate lawyer.

Rodino's committee is conducting an inquiry into the possible impeachment of Mr. Nixon.

The New Jersey Democrat declined to specify what will be requested from St. Clair, but said: "we are going to require and request the necessary documents and whatever may be necessary."

Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski said last week that if the Judi-

ciary Committee seeks material from the prosecutor's office through a subpoena, he would fight the move in court.

Rodino, appearing on the ABC program "Issues and Answers," said: "I think that the material that Mr. Jaworski has would be necessary."

He said one of the committee's lawyers, John Doar, had already been in touch with Jaworski about the matter "and Mr. Doar is going to be requesting once again a list of material that Mr. Jaworski has in his possession."

When reminded that Jaworski has said he would withhold such information because it is a private grand jury matter, Rodino said: "Now that we have the subpoena authority, I think that this is a different matter."

The House voted 410 to 4 last week to give the committee authority to issue subpoenas to back up its request for information.

Rodino said this subpoena power will aid the committee in its search for White House material.

"I think that the subpoena authority goes where it must and therefore executive privilege, I think, cannot be asserted," he said.

Thus, he said, President

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Nixon could be called to testify.

"If we find that there is evidence before us and if we are able to determine what an impeachable offense is, so that the committee can all agree, then I am sure that the matter that we will have before us will be determined in a way that there may not be any necessity" to call Mr. Nixon before the committee, he said.

"If however, there is a necessity to call in the President in order that we have a complete, thorough and careful inquiry, in order to settle this question once and for always, then it will be our responsibility to have to call the President," he said.

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