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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 — A hearing has been scheduled March 15 in Superior Court here to resolve an attempt by John D. Ehrlichman and two other former White House aides to subpoena President Nixon as a witness at their upcoming trial in Los Angeles.

A request for Mr. Nixon's testimony by attorneys for Mr. Ehrlichman and the two others, David R. Young Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy, was approved earlier this month by Judge Gordon S. Ringer of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The defendants argued, and Judge Ringer agreed, that Mr. Nixon's testimony about the creation of the White House "plumbers" investigating unit was "necessary and material," to their defense of a burglary charge arising from one of the "plumbers" operations.

The court here may either uphold Judge Ringer's finding and issue a subpoena for the President's personal appearance or dismiss the subpoena effort. It would be the first time an incumbent President had been subpoenaed by a state court in connection with a criminal case.