

Committee

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Subpoena

Washington

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said yesterday the White House has waited long enough to comply with a request for information, raising the possibility the committee might try to subpoena the material.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (Dem-N.J.) said the White House has not responded to the request sent February 25 and "in my judgment it's been a reasonable time. It's been eight days."

If the White House, through President Nixon's attorney on Watergate matters, James D. St. Clair, has not responded before a major briefing by the staff to the committee today, the matter of whether to issue a subpoena for the documents, tapes and logs requested, and to whom to send the subpoena, is almost certain to come up.

The briefing will be closed.

Some committee members have discussed openly the possibility that if the White House failed to respond promptly and fully with the request, a subpoena might have to be issued for the in-

formation.

Before sending the letter to St. Clair, special counsel John M. Doar said it would take "only a day or two" to assemble the material and deliver it to the committee.

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