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**Postal Service Defends
Its Nixon Subpoena Role**

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UPI) — The Postal Service has drafted its own "white paper" contending that a West Coast judge's subpoena ordering President Nixon to appear in his court did not get lost in the mail after all.

Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer of Los Angeles was reported to have been "speechless" when he learned that a subpoena he signed Feb. 4—a Monday—did not reach Superior Court in Washington until Feb. 12.

A Postal Service interoffice "situation paper" says, however, that the subpoena was not mailed until Wednesday, two days after Judge Ringer signed it. Further, the subpoena, sent by certified mail, was so bulky it was treated as a parcel. That meant going by ground carrier instead of by air. Finally, delivery was delayed one day after reaching Washington because of the error of a substitute employe.